

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

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Psalm 118:24-29

- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ **Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!**
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!
- ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.
- ²⁷ **The LORD is God, and he has given us light.**
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.
- ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.
- ²⁹ **O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,**
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River

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- 1) Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?
Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.
- 2) On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*
- 3) Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*
- 4) Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

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Word

Sharing Memories

All the Gathered

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Sermon

Matthew 5-7

Hymn

The Old Rugged Cross

- 1) On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.
Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.
- 2) Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*
- 3) In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see;
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain*
- 4) To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain*

The Apostles' Creed

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Sending

Commendation

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Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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- 1) “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 2) “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
- 3) “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Postlude

Our service concludes with the committal at the Negaunee Cemetery

Those Serving Today

Connie Scanlon, Organist

Steve Solberg, Pastor

Koskey Funeral Home

A Celebration of Jesus Christ in and for
Howard B. Lehto
March 24, 1927 – June 14, 2021



Matthew 5:1-4

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee, MI
Friday, July 2, 2021, 11:00 am

Obituary



Howard B. Lehto, 94, of Negaunee, passed away on June 14, 2021, with his family at his side. He was born in Hancock on March 24, 1927. After graduating from Negaunee High School in 1945, he proudly served in the US Army. Afterwards he became a member of Negaunee's John H. Mitchell Post 66 of the American Legion and served as its commander as well as Commander of the Upper Peninsula Post. During his long tenure on the Negaunee City Council, he twice served as

Mayor. In addition, he was a lifetime member of the Fraternal Order of Elks. Howard faithfully attended Immanuel Lutheran Church in Negaunee and Desert Hills Lutheran Church in Green Valley, Arizona. He also enjoyed golfing as a member of the Wawonowin Golf Club.

Howard married the love of his life, Loraine Lehto (Hampton) in 1949, and together they instilled a life-long love of learning in their children. His mantra from the day they were born was, "You can pick any job you want, but get that piece of sheepskin first!" True to his word, Howard worked two jobs for over thirty years to provide the educational opportunities for his family. First, he encouraged his wife Loraine to get her undergraduate and Master's Degree and then, when his oldest two started their college studies, he began his own college education and graduated with honors from NMU a semester ahead of them. He also encouraged many of his children's friends, neighbors and all of his grandchildren to get their college diplomas as well.

Howard spent his career both in Human Resources at Cleveland Cliffs and as a barber with his father in Lehto's Barber Shop in Negaunee. Upon retirement from the Empire Mine, he and Loraine shared trips in their motor home across the US and Canada with family and friends, and also travelled extensively throughout Europe and China. Later they spent their winters in Green Valley, Arizona.

Howard is survived by his wife of 72 years, Loraine; and his children: Howard P. Lehto (Marc Murphy), Kristine Grunwald (David) and Tom Lehto (Penelope); along with his daughter-in-law, Candie Lehto; and sister-in-law, Virginia Bath. He was loved and cherished by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bruno and Helmi (Holso) Lehto; his son, Dr. James W. Lehto; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Richard Howard; father and mother-in law, William and Lillian Hampton; and brothers-in-law, William D. Hampton and John S. Bath.

For over forty years, the two most important days of the year for Howard were the 4th of July and Christmas when family members would gather at the farm in Aura to celebrate. A private celebration of a life well-lived and a man well-loved will be held by immediate family members gathering over the 4th of July holiday weekend. It would be a great tribute to Howard's love for family if you would gather to make special new memories with your own family this 4th of July.