

Thomas Lem “Wink” Sox, Sr.

**August 14, 1926 -
May 22, 2022**

**This Service and Bulletin are dedicated to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of**

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11:00AM

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

(We Stand)

THE CONGREGATION IS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE BY RESPONDING
WITH THE **BOLD** VERSES AND SINGING THE HYMNS.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our **brother, Wink**, to give thanks for **his** life, to commend **him** to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our **brother, Wink**. We thank you for giving **him** to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(We Sit)

FIRST READING

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? ² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(We stand to welcome the Holy Gospel and say together:)

THE VERSE

**Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and power forever and ever.
Amen.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(We Sit)

SERMON

Pastor Jason Antley

(We Stand)

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

Hear us, Lord.

Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

Hear us, Lord.

Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

Hear us, Lord.

Grant us grace to entrust **Wink** to your never-failing love which sustained **him** in this life. Receive **him** into the arms of your mercy, and remember **him** according to the favor you bear for your people.

Hear us, Lord.

God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend **Wink** to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant **Wink**. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive **him** into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

LBW 509



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
 2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the church of God;
 3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,
 4 On - ward, then, you faith - ful, join our hap - py throng;



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
 let us bold - ly fol - low where the saints have trod.
 but the church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main;
 blend with ours your voic - es in the tri - umph song.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
 We are not di - vid - ed; all one bod - y we;
 gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst the church pre - vail.
 Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or un - to Christ the king.



for - ward in - to bat - tle, see, his ban - ners go!
 one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.
 We through count - less a - ges with the an - gels sing:

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

COMMITTAL

Grace and peace from our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus, your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother, Wink, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

A reading from 1st Corinthians: ⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." ⁵⁵ "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother, Wink, and we commit his body to the ground;

earth to earth,
ashes to ashes,
dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.

The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Rest eternal grant him O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Let us pray,

O Lord, support us all the daylong of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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hallowed be thy name,
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thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Pastor	The Rev. Jason T. Antley	
Organist	Mrs. Juyeon Kim	
Crucifer	Mrs. Shannon Burnett	
Ushers	Pat Caughman Ron Redd Allen Shealy	
Pallbearers	Neil Bickley Alon Cox Bubba Easler Craig McFarland	Chuck Corley Reuben Eargle Vernon Hester
Honorary Pallbearers	St. Stephen's Lutheran Men St. Stephen's Men's Sunday School Class Members	

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THE PASCAL CANDLE is a reminder of the presence of Christ, the Light of the world, who brings His power to the darkness of our hearts, helping us to grieve, not as others do who have no hope, but in the sure and certain hope that is ours through His death and Resurrection.

THE PALL, which covers the **casket**, is a reminder of the baptismal garment God puts on the children of God's Holy Family. It also symbolizes that in Holy Baptism we have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ and given the gift of eternal life through His death and resurrection. In addition, the pall enables all caskets to come equally before the altar, a reminder that God loves everyone, rich and poor alike.

LEXINGTON—Thomas L. “Wink”, Sox, Sr. 95, passed away on May 22, 2022. Born August 14, 1926 in Lexington, SC, he was the son of the late Luke Sox and Mary Sox, and a lifelong member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his sons; Thomas L. Sox Jr. (Ginger) and Joel Sox; brothers, Roy Sox and George Sox; sisters, Joyce Smith and Carol Sox. He was a loving grandparent to two grandchildren, Abby Beard (Tyler) and Jason Sox (DiAnna); and four great grandchildren: Holly Beard, Olivia Beard, Alston Sox, and Anna Katherine Sox.

Wink was predeceased by his wife of 75 years, Bobbie McIver Sox; brothers, John Sox, Bill Sox, Russell Sox, Allen Sox; and sisters, Melba Arnold, Grace Hannon, and Jane Amaker.

Wink served in the army during WWII. He was stationed in the Philippines right before the imminent invasion of Japan. It was while on a ship in the Pacific that he heard that Japan had surrendered. That day happened to be his birthday. He often remarked it was the best birthday present he could have asked for. After serving in the military, he was employed for Sears as manager of the garden shop. After retirement, he enjoyed duck hunting and spending time at the Hunting Lodge.

Wink was a devoted husband and always kind to everyone he met. He grew up in a loving family of 12 brothers and sisters and worked from an early age to help out the family. They enjoyed spending time together and remained a close-knit family through the years. He will be remembered for his honesty, for being a great example for others to follow, always staying busy with his gardening, and finding joy in the simple things in life.

The family extends a special thanks to all the staff at Oakleaf Village; especially Tiffany, who was his main caregiver. We appreciate the kindness and special care he received there.

Memorials may be made to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 119 N. Church St., Lexington, SC 29072.