



A Service of Thanksgiving to God

in memory of

Joe David Stoddard

July 2, 1946 ~ August 22, 2025

*Agnus Dei Lutheran Church
Gig Harbor, Washington*

*October 3, 2025
2:00 PM*

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Gather

Prelude

Words of Comfort

P 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 Joe, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

C **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.

P 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.

C **We glorify you.**

P 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.

C **We praise you.**

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

C **We worship you.**

P To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Joe David Stoddard

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Joe David Stoddard, 79, of Gig Harbor, Washington, passed away suddenly on the morning of August 22, 2025.

Joe served honorably in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. After completing his service, he became a middle school shop teacher, where he took pride in teaching students practical skills and encouraging them to create and build with confidence.

Known as a gentle giant, Joe's smile brought calmness and warmth to those around him. He was a hard worker who gave freely of his time and energy, always ready to help his neighbors. Joe found joy in the outdoors and in life's simple pleasures—woodworking, hiking, and biking. He took many cross-country bicycle trips, and he especially loved sharing his sense of adventure with others. He often cared for the neighborhood kids, leading them on hikes and outdoor explorations that created lasting memories. He would often take a refreshing cold dip in the bay or walk on the beach whenever he had the chance.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Louise Stoddard; his son, Kent Stoddard; his daughter, Lynette Baran; his foster daughter, Michelle; and his sister, Judy. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stacy Stoddard. He also leaves behind many other beloved relatives and close friends who will miss him dearly.

Sending Hymn **On Eagle's Wings**

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Cantor sings the verses, all sing refrain

Dismissal

P Let us go forth in peace,
C **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

*Presiding Minister: Pastor JT Burk
Church Musician: Susan Luebeck
Lectors: Pam Meeker, Gwen Stoddard
Cantor: Marilyn Colyar
Ushers: Dominick Meeker, Beau Sarensen, Sally Baran, Phil Waite
Guest Book: Melody Baran*

Everyone is welcome to stay after the service for refreshments in the Parish Hall

The family requests remembrances in Joe's name may be made to:

*Agnus Dei Lutheran Church
Community Assistance Fund
10511 Peacock Hill Ave NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98332
253-851-6222*

agnusdeilutheran.org

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Joe. 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.
C **Amen.**

Eulogy

Kent Stoddard

Word

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11; 28-31
Word of God. Word of Life. C **Thanks be to God.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Word of God. Word of Life. C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord. **C Thanks be to God**

John 13:12-15

Homily

Pastor JT Burk

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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Prayers of Intercession

A God of Mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Sending

Military Honors

Commendation

P Let us commend Joe to the mercy of God,
our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joe.
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.

C Amen.