



To remember and to thank God for the life of
Carlos Beer

August 13, 1927–October 22, 2021

October 30, 2021 | 3 p.m.

Prelude

David Vogels, organist

Welcome

Gathering

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

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, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn

ELW 629: Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.

ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.

I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Carlos. 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.**

A Life Remembered

Hymn

In the Garden

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the night a -

still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear,
birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy that He gave to me
round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go; through the voice of woe,

Chorus

The Son of God dis - clos - es.
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He
His voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, And the joy we
share as we tar - ry there None oth - er has ev - er known.

WORDS: C. Austin Miles
MUSIC: C. Austin Miles

GARDEN
Irregular meter

Reading

1 Corinthians 13:8–13

A reading from First Corinthians.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

John 10:11, 27–28

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.”

John 3:16–17

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Ann Hultquist

Hymn

ELW 781: Children of the Heavenly Father

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff of each system.

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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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

To each petition the assembly responds:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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 Carlos to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

Into your hands, holy God, we commend our brother Carlos. In this life, through the waters of baptism, you embraced him with your tender love; now bid him to enter eternal rest. Welcome him into your paradise, where there will be no more sorrow, no weeping or pain, but where he will enjoy the fullness of peace and joy in your presence, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Sending

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

Postlude

Committal

Following the service, you are invited downstairs to Fellowship Hall for a reception while the family gathers in the Augustana Memorial Garden for a brief, private committal service of the ashes. The family looks forward to greeting you at the reception while sharing refreshments and stories.

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Carlos Beer

August 13, 1927–October 22, 2021

Carlos W. Beer was born on August 13, 1927, the oldest child of Theodore Beer and Bessy (Carter) Beer in Buckhannon, West Virginia.

He went to the Highland Park Primary School, where his favorite subjects were Arithmetic, Science, Social Studies and Music. After graduating from Kenmore High School in 1945, he enlisted in the Army. He was sent to Japan during the occupation where he served as Public Relations Photographer for three years and was honorably discharged on March 28, 1947. (Note: his address at the time was 1033 McIntosh Avenue in Akron. Maybe this is where he got started on one of his major life-long loves, computing—particularly the Macintosh computer.)

The next year, Carlos began studies at the University of Akron and married his first wife Lois Jean (Atkins) Beer. In 1951, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Carlos worked as an industrial engineer for B.F. Goodrich in Akron from 1952 to 1955, then in 1956 he decided to move out west where he took a job with Gates Rubber Co. in Denver, Colorado. He was happy being close to the mountains, but he wasn't so happy doing engineering work.

He was a life-long learner who always shared his knowledge and believed in the power of teaching, and was searching for something different.

So the field of education became Carlos' new calling in 1957, when he started working with the Denver Public Schools as a science teacher. For most of his 33 years at DPS he was the principal at Phillips and then Swansea Elementary Schools, a job that he truly loved.

In 1962, Carlos received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Colorado.

He and Lois adopted Randal Corey Beer (né Yoon, Chil Sung) from Korea in 1972, when he was 8 years old. Lois died that same year of leukemia, which devastated Carlos. He needed something to take his mind off his grieving, and he thrived on being in nature and simply loved the outdoors, so he and

Randy started to do a lot of hiking and camping.

He married his second wife, Diane Vandagriff Beer (née Patricia Diane Vandagriff) in 1974. Diane had three children of her own: Steven (Steve), Elizabeth (Beth) and Kristine (Kristal). The family had many memorable vacations, from California to Europe. (Just like the Griswolds!) The kids always fought over who got to sit between Diane and Carlos in the front seat.

Sadly, Randy Beer died in 1996. Carlos was again devastated. He spent more time working on his newest passion, the Macintosh computer. In the computing world, Carlos had a unique set of talents, since he was fluent in both the operation of Mac and PC's.

Carlos and Diane were very active members of Augustana Lutheran Church singing with the choir, one of their very favorite things to do in life.

Carlos also taught at the Community College of Aurora in 2001, and took a position at the Apple Store of Cherry Creek in 2013. It seemed fitting, since he had one of the first Apple II's when they came out. He was destined to work there! He was the oldest specialist at the store and had a devoted clientele of senior citizens who would always ask for Carlos. He worked there until he was 88 years old, only leaving to care for his wife, Diane, who developed dementia late in life. Carlos reluctantly helped Diane into a nursing home, a decision that was very difficult for him.

Diane died in 2018 of natural causes. Carlos spent the rest of his time with his family, talking and laughing about old times and family trips. His daughters Beth and Kristal cared for him at the end of his life, so he was able to pass away quietly at home listening to the calming sounds of his outdoor pond with his family on October 22, 2021. He was 94 years old.

He is survived by his brother Ted Beer, his children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Carlos was preceded in death by his brother Gene Beer.

Inurnment

Augustana Memorial Garden
Denver, Colorado

Memorials

may be designated to
Augustana Lutheran Church
(Music Ministry)
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You are invited

to greet the family at a reception
in Fellowship Hall
following the service.

Worship Ministries

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Organist: David Vogels
Ushers: Emmett Cruson, Don Troike

