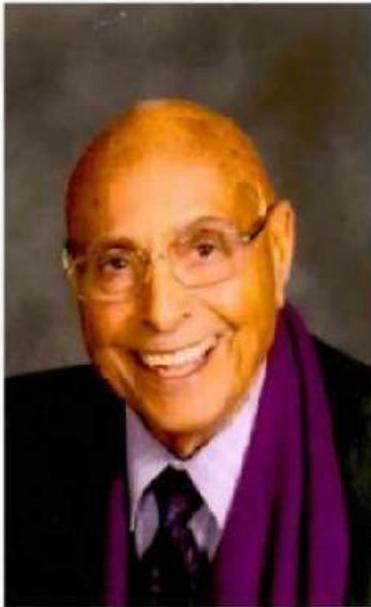


A vertical photograph of a sunset over the ocean. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a golden light across the sky and the water. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the foreground, there are tall, thin grasses or reeds, some of which are in silhouette against the bright light. The ocean waves are visible, with white foam from a wave breaking in the lower right. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

*I will dwell  
in the house of  
the Lord forever*

*Psalm 23:6*

**George H. Treisner, Jr.**  
**February 26, 1936– January 15, 2022**



George H. Treisner, Jr of Bethlehem, passed away January 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 85. He was born to the late George H. and Florence (Reade) Treisner Sr. on February 26, 1936, in New York City.

After graduation from John Adams High School, he came to Bethlehem and enrolled at Lehigh University. He continued his education in various fields including banking, insurance, computer programming, and received permanent certification by Commonwealth of PA in Vocational II Electrical Construction, teaching at B.A.V.T.S. for twenty years. In 1991 he was voted PA Vocational Teacher of the Year. He was active in

PSEA and NEA and served in various positions. He then became a financial planner for Kades-Margolis until his retirement in 2019.

George was a member of Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church. He served on Church Council in various positions and was a Youth Advisor along with his wife, Darlene. George sang on the church choir for over forty years and taught various Sunday School classes including New Members and First Communion. George also served on the Board of Directors at Lutheran Manor, was involved with United Way of the Lehigh Valley, and he was also active in politics.

He is survived by his loving wife, Darlene Treisner; three children George Treisner III, Dorothy Treisner, Rolf Treisner; two stepchildren, Curtis Steidinger (TerryAnn), and Dawn Mickelson; 9 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please direct gifts to Holy Cross Lutheran Church; 2700 Jacksonville Road; Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Due to Covid concerns, a Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Holy Cross Church. Calling hours 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. Service at 11:00 AM.

**HOME-GOING CELEBRATION**  
**“Celebrating Life Overcoming Death”**  
**April 30, 2022**

*To the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

**George H. Treisner, Jr.**  
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The church of Jesus Christ welcomes the new Christian into its fellowship through Holy Baptism. The church helps faith grow through the preaching of the Word of God and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Now the voice of the church is heard as we proclaim our glorious victory in the resurrection of the dead through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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**WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE**

**PRELUDE**

**GREETING**

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, George H. Treisner, Jr, 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.**

P: “When we were baptized into 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.” (*Romans 6:3-5*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** (*please stand*) “*How Great Thou Art*”

(*Maj # 111 - Text: Carl Boberg, tr/adapt Stuart K Hine; Tune: Swedish melody*)

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er  
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad - ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -

thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou  
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to  
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** The Lord be with you. **C:** And also with you.  
 Let us pray together: **C:** Almighty God, those who die  
 in the Lord still live with You in joy and blessedness.  
 We give You heartfelt thanks for the grace You have be-  
 stowed upon Your servants who have finished their  
 course in faith and now rest from their labors. May we,  
 with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect ful-  
 fillment and joy in Your eternal and everlasting glory;  
 through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

(please sit)

**FIRST LESSON** – Psalm 91 .....Pew Bible p. 930

**RESPONSIVE READING**....Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

*(congregation reads indented)*

O LORD, You have searched me

**and You know me.**

You know when I sit and when I rise;

**You perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down;

**You are familiar with all my ways.**

Before a word is on my tongue

**You know it completely, O LORD.**

You hem me in—behind and before;

**You have laid Your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

**too lofty for me to attain.**

Where can I go from Your Spirit?

**Where can I flee from Your presence?**

If I go up to the heavens, You are there;

**if I make my bed in the depths, You are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

**if I settle on the far side of the sea,**

even there Your hand will guide me,

**Your right hand will hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

**and the light become night around me,"**

even the darkness will not be dark to You;

**the night will shine like the day,**

**for darkness is as light to You.**

For You created my inmost being;

**You knit me together in my mother's womb.**

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

**Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

My frame was not hidden from You

**when I was made in the secret place.**

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

**Your eyes saw my unformed body.**

All the days ordained for me were written in Your book

**before one of them came to be.**

How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the sum of them!**

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**When I awake, I am still with You.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**test me and know my anxious thoughts.**  
 See if there is any offensive way in me,  
**and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**SECOND LESSON** – Revelation 21:1-4.....p. 1757

*(please stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL** – John 14:1-6..... p. 1675

**HOMILY** *(please sit)* Pastor David Brown

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

**HYMN** *(please rise)* “A Mighty Fortress” (Maj # 13)



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing; for still our an - cient foe  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great,  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,  
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,  
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805–1890 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS** *(please kneel)*

P: 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. **C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: Grant 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 reunited with those who have gone before us.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: 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.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: Grant to us who are still on our journey, and who walk as yet by faith, pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and that Your Holy Spirit may lead us to holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: 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.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: Grant us to entrust George into Your never failing love which sustained him in this life. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Receive him into Your arms of mercy and remember him according to the favor You bear for Your people.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor and the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the fellowship of Your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in You.. *(silence for remembrance)*... Give us in time our reward with those who have trusted in You and lived to do Your holy will. To Your name, we the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: AMEN.**

# SOLO *"It is Well With my Soul"*

## WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(please stand)*

P: The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of His glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *"Alleluia"* (Michael W. Smith)

Piano Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.**

## COMMUNION *(please sit)*

*Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized! All who are baptized and trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a Communication Card and put it in the offering plate with. Take a regular or rice (blue) wafer and a pre-filled glass of wine (red) or grape juice (white). Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS - *sung while others are receiving.*

### 1. "Just As I Am" (SBH # 370 2nd tune - favorite)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,

3 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871 Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

### 2. "In the Garden" (Maj # 270 - C. Austin Miles)

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is still on the  
 2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so sweet the birds hush their  
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Though the night a-round me be

1 ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, The  
 2 sing-ing, And the mel-o-dy that He gave to me With-  
 3 fall-ing, But He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His

1 Son of God dis-clos-es. And He walks with me, and He  
 2 in my heart is ring-ing. And He walks with me, and He  
 3 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.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(please stand)*

**P:** Let us pray together:      **C:** Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace: Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared

**in the sight of all people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

### COMMENDATION

**P:** Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, George. 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.**

### HYMN “Because He Lives” (Maj # 260 - Gloria & William Gaither)

1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;  
 2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by;  
 3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

he came to love, heal, and for - give;  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives,  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;

he lived and died to buy my par - don,  
 but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance  
 and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
 this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
 I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he reigns.

*Refrain*  
 Be - cause he lives I can face to - mor - row; be - cause he lives  
 all fear is gone; be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,  
 and life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

**C: IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. AMEN.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*FAMILY & FRIENDS*

*The family invites everyone to lunch in Fellowship Hall.*

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR**

**George H. Treisner, Jr.**

**April 30, 2022 11:00 AM**

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### **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 AM & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

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