




Celebrating The Life  
of  
*Keith Sydney Churches*



**11<sup>th</sup> October 1932 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
Zion Lutheran Church  
17 Commercial St. Walla Walla. NSW. 2659  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026, commencing at 1.30pm  
Clergy: Pastor Borchert



# Order of Service

## INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die."

## REMINDER OF BAPTISM

We remember that Keith was baptised into Christ. In baptism, Keith was buried with Christ into his death and raised to new life.

St Paul says:

"If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."

## HYMN: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
"It is well, it is well with my soul"

**It is well,  
With my soul  
it is well with my soul**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

**Chorus**

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

### **Chorus**

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

### **Chorus**

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*Music by Philip P. Bliss (1876)*

## **EULOGY**

### **PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, you are our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble. We thank you for  
your servant, Keith, for all that you gave him  
to make him dear to us. Comfort us in our sorrow,  
strengthen us in hope,  
and keep us in faith, that we may trust your Son  
Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us, and  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN How Great thou art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee:  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wonder,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim: 'My God, how great thou art!'

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## **BIBLE READINGS**

Psalm 23; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## **ADDRESS**



### **HYMN: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch  
like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear the hour I first  
believed.

Through many dangers, toil, and snares I have already  
come:

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead  
me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope  
secures;

he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## **PHOTO TRIBUTE**

### **HYMN A Christmas Blessing**

May the feet of God walk with you,  
and his hand hold you tight.  
May the eye of God rest on you,  
and his ear hear your cry  
May the smile of God be for you,  
and his breath give you life.  
May the child of God grow in you,  
and his love bring you home.

Aubrey Podlich (1946 - 2025)

### **TRANSITIONAL BLESSING**

The Lord watch over you, as you go out and as you come in,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **RECESSION**

In the sure hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of  
the world to come,  
we take the body of our brother in Christ to its last resting  
place.

**In the name of the Lord.**



*Keith's family would like to thank you for your presence here today and for the support and comfort shown to them at this time.*