



Funeral Service

Melvin Orrin Post

Given Life in Time

August 8, 1922

Given Life in Eternity

March 31, 2014

AS WE GATHER

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith—in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

[PRE-SERVICE MUSIC](#)

[WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION](#)

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.
Christ, the royal master, leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, see his banners go!

Refrain:

Onward, Christian soldiers, march as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Let us boldly follow where the saints have trod.
We are not divided; all one body we:
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers, march as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never 'gainst that Church prevail.
We have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail.

Onward, Christian soldiers, march as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

Onward, then, you faithful, join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices in the triumph song.
Glory, laud, and honor unto Christ the king
We through countless ages with the angels sing:

Onward, Christian soldiers, march as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before.

SCRIPTURAL AFFIRMATION

Pastor: There is a time for everything,

People: and a season for every activity under heaven:

Pastor: a time to be born and a time to die.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will live, even though he dies.

John 11:25

People: I am the Good Shepherd, I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me, and I lay down My life for My sheep."

John 10:14

Pastor: He tends His flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart;

People: He gently leads those that have young. *Isaiah 40:11*

Pastor: Jesus said, "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:16

People: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of My hand."

John 10:28

Pastor: Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace.

People: In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 17:33

Pastor: Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: The Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,

Pastor: who comforts us in all our troubles

People: so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Pastor: There is a time for everything,

People: and a season for every activity under heaven:

Pastor: a time to be born and a time to die.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2a

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER

Pastor: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Mel and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd.....he takes care of me.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 28-39

If God is for us, who can be against us?

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;

we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

REMEMBERING MEL

Do to technical difficulties the audio on the first part of the Obituary was lost.

Obituary

Melvin Orrin Post, 91, of Philomath passed away Monday morning at Samaritan Evergreen Hospice House in Albany. He was surrounded by family and friends during the weekend.

He was born to Orrin David and Mabel Post on Aug. 8, 1922, in Falls City.

Melvin described himself as a millwright or a logger, but he also was a Seaman First Class Navy man during World War II. He joined in 1942 and served as a gunner on the light cruiser USS Reno. The Reno supported air strikes throughout the Pacific sector, including Marcus Island, Guam and Formosa.

Melvin always was willing to speak of his times at war because he didn't want people to forget, but rather learn from, the experiences.

On March 23, 1945, while on leave in North Carolina, he married Ethel Quetschke. He returned to Philomath just in time for Christmas that same year.

He would go back to the sawmill for another 12 years and continued to work as a logger in the timber industry. He retired only to continue logging and farming his land on Woods Creek Road outside Philomath. The timber farm continues to be managed by the family.

Melvin was a longstanding member of Peace Lutheran Church, and was beloved by family and friends as a man of faith, loyalty and hard work.

Melvin is survived by his wife; brother, Calvin (Ruth); and six children, Candy (Jim) Koetz, Bernadine Foster (John Lanz), and Henry (Ruth) Post, all of Philomath, and Tami (John) Faasse of Lebanon, Dianna (George) Benton of Amity, and Delia Post (Jim Ross) of Roseville, Calif. He also is survived by his eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and one grandson.

Services will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2540 Applegate St., Philomath.

[Sound track from picture Video](#)

HYMN "Green Book" 448

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, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has bought 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.

MESSAGE

"It's Personal"

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

Prayer

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**People: 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, died and was 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.**

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: There is a time for everything.

People: and a season for every activity under heaven.

Pastor: A time to be born and a time to die.

**People: Through faith in Christ, there is a time to be reborn and live as a resurrected child of God.
This is a day when we behold the beauty of life in Him. Blessed be the name of the Lord.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you † peace.

People: Amen

CLOSING HYMN

God Bless America

GOD BLESS AMERICA,
land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
GOD BLESS AMERICA
My home sweet home.

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POSTLUDE

Post-Service Comments & Music