

Christian Memorial Service
for
Nathaniel Johnson



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“Learning and sharing the gospel of Christ the Prince of Peace.”

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WELCOME IN GOD’S NAME

Welcome to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Though we gather today to mourn the death of a loved one, we also rejoice because we know that our Savior Jesus said, *“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”* May God bless you and comfort all you who are gathered here today!

THANK YOU

The family acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers, sympathy and kindness extended during our bereavement. Special thanks to Pastor Neumann and the congregation of Prince of Prince Church for their help in honoring our brother Nathaniel Johnson.

Order of Service

Stand

Remembrance of Baptism

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In Holy Baptism, Nathaniel was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all *his* sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

The apostle also writes, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his."

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

God's Comfort

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

When Christ, who is our life, appears,

then we also will appear with him in glory.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of Nathaniel, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Nathaniel to faith and giving *him* the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be Seated

Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Knows**I. He knows his sheep****II. He knows what to do for them**

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

²⁵Jesus answered, “I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father’s name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there 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 God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care.

Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

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Nathaniel Johnson

Nathaniel Johnson of New Brunswick, New Jersey passed away peacefully on Monday, March 21, 2022, at the age of 66 years. He was born on September 28th, 1955 as the 8th child out of 13 children born to Geneva and Charles Johnson. Nathaniel affectionately known as "Nate", attended Lord Sterling Elementary School, Roosevelt Middle School, A.C. Redshaw Junior High School and graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1973. He earned his Bachelor Degree of History.



Nathaniel had several jobs. He worked at Rutgers University in NJ he was a IBM Computer supervisor, Marriott Hotel as a airport shuttle driver in Augusta, Ga .He also served in the United States Army.

Nathaniel was soft spoken, a quiet and very easy going person. He loved his family. He loved to read, watch TV, listen to music and loved to watch and play baseball and attend church.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Martinez, Ga.

The Johnson family deeply mourns the loss of their beloved father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend.

Nathaniel also leaves to mourn his loss and to keep his legacy alive are his two adopted sons Aaron Johnson and Mekhi Johnson of Augusta, Ga, three sisters: Patricia Fowler (Walter), Jacquelyn Jones (Gerald), Janet Russell (Paul), two brothers: Robert Johnson, Jerome Johnson (Sheila) and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents: Geneva and Charles Johnson, his sisters: Vivian Johnson and Brenda Johnson, his brothers: Charles Johnson (Gail), Bruce Johnson (Esperanza), Richard Johnson, Darrell Johnson and Andre Johnson.

