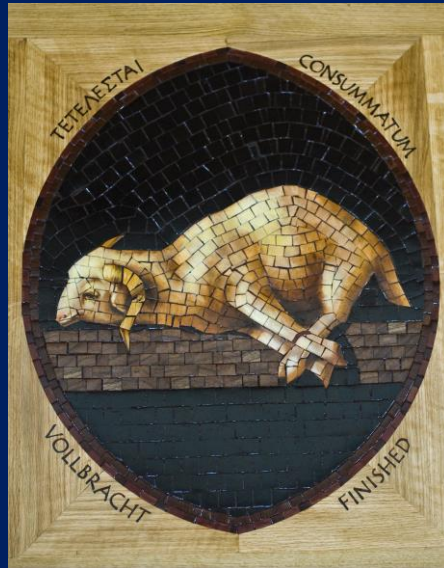




## SERVICE OF VICTORY IN CHRIST



[Artwork from the top of the altar—The Chapel of the Christ]

*Arnold John Koelpin*

May 24, 1931—November 13, 2017

**The Chapel of the Christ  
Martin Luther College – New Ulm, MN  
Saturday, November 18 – 12:30 pm**



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### Entering with God's Comfort

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

*Organ Prelude – J.S. Bach*

Pastor

GREETING and PRAYER

Christian Worship, page 144

Assembly

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Christian Worship 610*

1. Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore!  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## WORDS OF COMFORT from the Sacred Scriptures

### Letter to Christians in Rome [Chapter 8]

**Pastor** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### First Letter to Christians in Corinth [Chapter 15]

**Pastor** *I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."*

**Assembly responds:** *"Where, O death, is your victory?  
Where, O death, is your sting?"*

**Pastor** *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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| <p>1. If God himself be for me,<br/>I may a host defy;<br/>For when I pray, before me<br/>My foes, confounded, fly.<br/>If Christ, my head and master,<br/>Befriend me from above,<br/>What foe or what disaster<br/>Can drive me from his love?</p>  | <p>4. He canceled my offenses,<br/>Delivered me from death;<br/>He is the Lord who cleanses<br/>My soul from sin through faith.<br/>In him I can be cheerful,<br/>Courageous on my way;<br/>In him I am not fearful<br/>Of God's great Judgment Day.</p>         |
| <p>3. I build on this foundation:<br/>That Jesus and his blood<br/>Alone are my salvation,<br/>My true, eternal good.<br/>Without him all that pleases<br/>Is valueless on earth;<br/>The gifts I have from Jesus<br/>Alone have priceless worth.</p> | <p>7. My heart for joy is springing<br/>And can no more be sad,<br/>'Tis full of joy and singing,<br/>Sees only sunshine glad.<br/>The sun that cheers my spirit<br/>Is Jesus Christ, my King;<br/>The heav'n I shall inherit<br/>Makes me rejoice and sing.</p> |

Pastor

**GOD'S WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

Psalm 46: 1-7

*Choir Response*

*The First Song of Isaiah*

*Assembly sings the refrains*

***Assembly Refrain***  
***(CW, page 94)***

**Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

***Refrain***

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

***Refrain***

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

***Refrain***

***“For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed,  
But My kindness shall not depart from you,  
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,”  
Says the LORD, who has mercy on you. [NKJV]***

***Assembly     Lord, You I Love with All My Heart     Christian Worship 434***

1. Lord, you I love with all my heart; I pray you ne'er from me depart;  
With tender mercies cheer me.  
Earth has no pleasure I would share, Heaven itself were void and bare  
If you, Lord, were not near me.  
And should my heart for sorrow break,  
My trust in you no one could shake.  
You are the treasure I have sought;  
Your precious blood my soul has bought.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.
  
2. Lord God, 'twas your rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have  
In this poor life of labor.  
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify your lavish grace  
And serve and help my neighbor.  
Let no false doctrine me beguile;  
Let Satan not my soul defile.  
Give strength and patience unto me  
To bear my crosses willingly.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My God and Lord, my God and Lord,  
Forsake me not! I trust your Word.

Choir sings verse 3

3. Lord let at last thine angels come; To Abram's bosom bear me home  
That I may die unfearing. And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until thy reappearing.  
  
And then from death awaken me That these mine eyes with joy may see  
O Son of God, thy glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
  
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend  
And I will praise Thee without end!

## **WORD of Victory in Christ**

**Revelation of St. John 7: 9-17**

**Pastor** *I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying,*

*“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:*

**Assembly Responds**

***“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”***

**Pastor** *Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?” And I said to him, “Sir, you know.” So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters.*

**Assembly Responds**

***And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”***

## **PRAYERS**

**Gospel Comfort and Thanksgiving**

**Christian Worship pp.146-147**

**The Lord’s Blessing**

**Choir**

***E’en So, Lord Jesus Quickly Come***

**Paul Manz**

**Remarks from WELS Minnesota District President – Rev. Charles Degner**

## Exiting in Peace

Assembly, please stand and join the family in singing before exiting

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

*Christian Worship 219*

Lord, when your glory I shall see  
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,  
Your blood my royal robe shall be,  
My joy beyond all measure!  
When I appear before your throne,  
Your righteousness shall be my crown;  
With these I need not hide me.  
And there, in garments richly wrought,  
As your own bride I shall be brought  
To stand in joy beside you.

Dismissed in peace     *Organ Postlude – Lord, Let At Last Your Angels Come*



**Committal Service, Monday, Nov. 20, 2:00 pm**  
**Burial at Lutheran Cemetery, New Ulm, Minnesota**  
*“For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”*  
*Colossians 3:3*

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Presiding Minister	Rev. Prof. David Scharf ( <i>son-in-law</i> )
Preaching Minister	Pastor Jeffrey Bovee ( <i>St. Johns, NU</i> )
Organist	Professor em. Ronald Shilling

*The family – Ruth, Paul/Becca, Mark/Rachel, John/Beckie, Beth/David and 23 grandchildren – wish to thank our relatives, friends, and all of you for coming. Special appreciation for the services of Prof. David Scharf, Pastor Jeff Bovee, Prof. em. Ron Shilling, Prof. Adrian Smith and the MLC College Choir, John Ring and MLC Graphic Arts, Michelle Gartner and the MLC Event Staff, Pioneer Caterers, and Minnesota Valley Funeral Home. We are grateful to Dr. A.C. Vogel (whose personal care has been invaluable), and also to everyone who has remembered us in your thoughts and prayers as our departed loved one entered the beginning of life everlasting.*

**You are invited to join the family at the MLC Cafeteria for a luncheon served immediately after the service.**

### **Obituary**

Prof. em. Arnold Koelpin departed to his heavenly home on November 13, 2017, at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his dear wife, Ruth, to whom he was married for 57 years. They were blessed with four children, twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Paul (Rebecca) of New Ulm – Kristi (m. Isaiah Horn), Abigail (m. James Hemmelman), Joshua and Joel; Mark (Rachel) of Green Bay, WI – Kayla (m. Stephen Johnson, and son Talon) and Sarah (m. Matthew Proeber); John (Rebecca) of Dallas, TX – Phillip, Micah (m. Hillery Koelpin, and son Ezekiel), Erika, Caleb, Seth, Josiah, Matthew, Noah, Emma, Elijah and Gabrielle; Beth (David) Scharf of New Ulm – Anastasia, Zoe, Isaiah, Dahlia, Evangeline, Nika. He is also survived by an older sister Lois Doine of Surprise, AZ. He was preceded in death by his older sister Ruth Siehr, older brother Winfred and sister-in-law Ruth (Berg) Koelpin, and brothers-in-law William Fulton and Earl Doine.

Arnold John Koelpin was born on May 24, 1931, in Milwaukee, WI, to Rev. Arnold Bernard and Magdalena (Gieschen) Koelpin. He was baptized in the Christian faith on June 14, 1931, at Fairview Ev. Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. He was confirmed in the faith on April 2, 1944, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Caledonia, WI. He attended Concordia Lutheran High School and Junior College in Milwaukee, and graduated from Northwestern College in Watertown, WI, in 1953. He was a 1958 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (Mequon, WI). His post-graduate work included several terms of doctoral study at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany.

He served as a pastor at St. James Ev. Lutheran Church in Cambridge, WI, from 1961-62. In 1962 he accepted a call to teach at Dr. Martin Luther College, where he served as a Professor of Religion and History until his retirement in 2001. He was a prolific writer and frequent guest lecturer, and he was a recognized authority on the life and writings of Martin Luther.

Arnold was very involved in civic affairs as well, and he loved his “adopted city” of New Ulm. He served on the Brown County Historical Society, the Hermann Monument Committee, on the Sister Cities Commission, as a tour guide, and wrote the text for several of New Ulm’s historical markers. From 2000-2003 he was appointed to serve a term as New Ulm’s mayor. His experience and knowledge of New Ulm’s history, in addition to his ability to speak fluent German, made him something of a natural candidate.

He will be remembered as a kind, caring, gentle, intelligent man who was a model of Christian life and faith. He was a capable and well-loved teacher, always genuinely interested in people and fascinated by the stories of the past. He rejoiced to see the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, just commemorated at the end of October. Martin Luther’s motto verse (Psalm 118:17) hung on the wall of his study: “I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.”

**Memorials are preferred to: *MLC Christus Lux Endowment @ Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN 56073.* Or to the donor’s choice.**