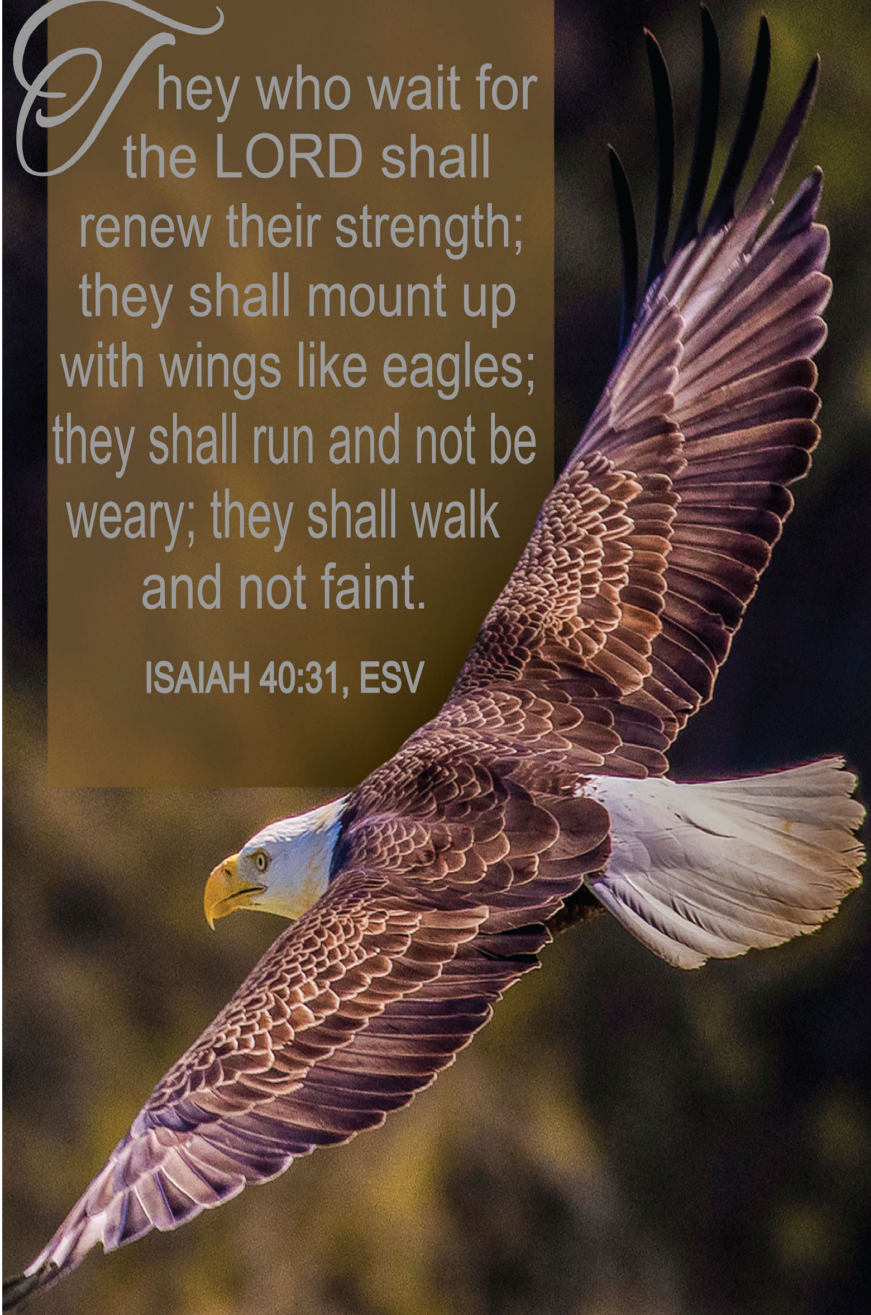


They who wait for
the LORD shall
renew their strength;
they shall mount up
with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be
weary; they shall walk
and not faint.

ISAIAH 40:31, ESV



**A Celebration of Life in Christ
and Victory Over Death
for Walter Oliver Staehle
November 15, 1930 – November 21, 2022**

Memorial Service
December 8, 2022 – 1 p.m.

Resurrection Lutheran Church Cary, North Carolina
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AS WE GATHER** today we celebrate a victory of life over death. We have come to give thanks for a promise made to Walter and to all who lean on the grace of God in Christ Jesus in their time of need. We invite you to lift your voices together to give praise to the Lord for His faithfulness and grace. **To God be the Glory.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation.
He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort
others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves
have received from God.” *2 Corinthians 1:3–4*

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: “Do you not know that 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. If we have been united with Him in His death, we
will certainly also be united with Him in His
resurrection.” *Romans 6:3–4*

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us.
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM READING

Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall lack nothing.
People: **He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.**

Pastor: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
People: **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.**

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

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
People: **And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All: **O God of grace and mercy, we remember before You today our brother Walter. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by Your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:28–31

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God,
 the Creator of the ends of the earth.
 He does not faint or grow weary;
 his understanding is unsearchable.
 He gives power to the faint,
 and to him who has no might he increases strength.
 Even youths shall faint and be weary,
 and young men shall fall exhausted;
 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
 they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
 they shall run and not be weary;
 they shall walk and not faint.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-39

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 6:41-51

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"

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And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm
of His hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

Refrain

4. For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain

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HOMILY

Pastor Zach Sarrault

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: God has made us His own 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.

LITANY OF CELEBRATION

Pastor: For the gift of faith given to our brother, Walter, at his
baptism, faith in which he was confirmed. For the faith
nurtured, strengthened, and sustained until he was called
home to heaven,

People: We thank you gracious Lord.

Pastor: For the love shown us by our friend; for the memories
sustained with his joy in Christ; for the deliverance and life
eternal Walter now enjoys in heaven,

People: We thank you, gracious Lord.

Pastor: For protection and help in Walter's times of need; for safely
guiding Walter through this life into eternal life.

People: We thank You, gracious Lord.

Pastor: For the hope of our salvation and our reunion in heaven with all the saints; for the certain hope given to all who believe in Jesus – that on the last day we will rise from the dead and see with our own eyes...God face to face.

People: We thank You, gracious Lord.

Pastor: Continue to be with us who grieve and sorrow over the separation from those we love. Be with us on our journeys through life. By Your Word and Sacrament sustain our faith, that we too may inherit the sure hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived, suffered, died, and rose again from the dead and now lives in victory for us.

People: Help us all, O Lord, by Your grace to remember our victory in Christ.

Pastor: God of all grace, you sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall also live, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

Pastor: “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

People: **Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every
people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be 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.**

Pastor: “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

BENEDICTION

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

People: **Amen.**

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

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Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
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;

Refrain

3. 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;

Refrain

4. 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!"

Refrain

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POSTLUDE

COMMITTAL

Walter Oliver Staehle

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful Father and Lord of life, with whom live the spirits of those who depart in the faith, we thank You for the blessings of body and soul that You granted our departed brother Walter whose earthly remains we now lay to rest. Above all, we rejoice at Your gracious promise to all Your servants, both living and departed, that we shall be raised from death at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (*John 11:25–26*)

We now commit the remains of our brother, Walter, to its resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

May God the Father, who created this body, may God the ☩ Son, who by His blood redeemed this body, may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

People: Amen

Pastor: Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope.

Pastor: Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all that wait for Him on earth, and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen

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People: Amen

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
✠ give you peace.

People: Amen

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace in the name of the Lord.

People: Amen

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Walter Oliver Staehle

November 15, 1930 –

November 21, 2022

Walter Oliver Staehle, passed peacefully into eternal life with his wife at his side, in Cary, North Carolina on Monday night, November 21, 2022 . He was born November 15, 1930, to Walter Otto and Dorothy (Luhring) Staehle in Hicksville, New York.

Walter is survived by his beloved Frances (Kiesel), wife of 70 years and his three children: Walter (Loran) Staehle of Allentown, PA, Mark (Dori) Staehle of Fuquay-Varina, NC, and Eric (Renee) Staehle of Durham, NC. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Chris (Kelly), Karl, Niki, Evan (Ashley), Matthew and Sarah Staehle; five great-grandchildren: Trent, Phoebe, Samuel, Charlotte and Daniel Staehle; three nephews and nieces Linda (Mike) Andreone, Dave Soave, and Anita (Anthony) Danzo all of Hicksville, NY; and his goddaughter Laura (Kurras) Comer. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Jean Soave.

Walter was raised in Hicksville, NY, where he was active in Sea Scouts and high school athletics. He was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church. He graduated from Hicksville High School.

Walter and Frances were married February 22, 1952, at his family's home at 20 Rave Street, where they then raised their three sons.

He served honorably in the U.S. Army for 2 years at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, reaching the rank of Corporal.

Walter was a land surveyor for Nassau County, NY at the start of his career, and then a New York State Civil Engineering Inspector on Long Island. He spent a good portion of his career working on projects to elevate previously at-grade railroad crossings for improved safety and traffic flow.

In 2018, Walter and Frances moved to Cary, North Carolina.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY.