

# **RAY DAVID REISIG**

September 1, 1948 – February 7, 2025

The Order of Service Affirming the Promise of the Resurrection  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland, Oregon  
May 10, 2025 + 1:00 PM



## **ORGAN PRELUDES**

“Blessed Jesus We Are Here, What a Friend We Have in Jesus  
I Love to Tell the Story, On Eagle's Wings, Amazing Grace”

## **WELCOME – Remembering Ray Reisig**

By the Family – John Reisig, brother

By the Church – Paul Bethke, Trinity Lutheran School Principal,  
1975-1985

By his Students – Katie Lorenz, class of 1992

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, Ray Reisig was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

People: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. (Rom. 6:3-5)**

**HYMN** *"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"* With One Voice 770

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** + Isaiah 40:25-31

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 91** - *Spoken Responsively*

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;

**he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,  
**or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

**no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

**Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

**Glory 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.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL + John 21:15-17**

**Pastor:** The Holy gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

**Pastor:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

**HYMN** “*On Eagle’s Wings*” *With One Voice* 779

## **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **THE PRAYERS and the 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**THE HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” *Lutheran Book of Worship* 551

**A VIDEO FAREWELL** – from Ray and Cathy Reisig

**THE COMMENDATION**

Pastor: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace.

**People: In the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**ORGAN POSTLUDES** “For All The Saints” and “Jesus, Lead Thou On”

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***All worshipers are welcome to a reception in the Trinity Gymnasium***

Pastor: Mark Hoelter + Organist: Walter Krueger

*Gifts in memory of Ray Reisig may be given to the Trinity  
Lutheran School Endowment Fund.*

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Ray David Reisig was born in Portland, Oregon to David Henry Reisig and Evelyn Alta (Hall) Reisig and received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at Second German Congregational Church. Ray and family later transferred to St. Michael's Lutheran Church where Ray was also confirmed.

Ray attended Concordia High School in Portland, playing baseball, basketball and football. He continued at Concordia Junior College, again playing football and baseball, and he also began to enjoy dancing, performance and storytelling. The senior college years took Ray to Concordia Teacher's College, Seward, Nebraska, to major in Elementary Education. His college football career ended due to a broken wrist, but led him to develop a championship intramural flag football team.

After graduation in 1970, Ray began his Lutheran ministry as teacher and coach at St. Peter's Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, IN. During this time Ray developed his classroom and coaching skills, especially watching and learning "Indiana basketball". Ray moved back to Portland, and in February of 1975, he began teaching at Trinity Lutheran School. Bringing Indiana basketball to Portland proved to be a winning combination for Lutheran grade school basketball, LEST, and culminated in a set of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies at the National LBAA Tournament at Valparaiso University, IN. In all, Coach Reisig compiled over 800<sup>th</sup> basketball wins. Ray retired from his teaching ministry in 2011.

As a coach, Ray developed assistant coaches and had a reputation as a friend and mentor. He spent his time maintaining the field and gymnasium, providing extra academic and athletic skill building, working with students to prepare for high school, college, and even professional athletics. As a faculty colleague, Ray loved to direct school plays, musicals and productions.

Beyond coaching and teaching, Ray had a lifelong hobby of model railroading, collecting and running various train sets. Ray has always been a performer, enjoying jokes, storytelling, making up dances, and writing, producing, directing, and starring in his own home movies. Ray's love of dancing led him to the love of his life Cathy Jakes and they

were married on April 26, 2014 at Trinity. Dancing continued to be part of their life together.

Ray is survived by his wife Cathy, sister Gwen E. Maddalena, Emmett, ID, brother John H. Reisig (Janice) Houston, TX, brother Robert L. Reisig (Michelle) Kent, WA, sister-in-law Karen Snow (Jerry) Portland, OR, and nephews and nieces Jenny Cammack (Michael), Julie Yancey (Dino), Jodi Baldys (Matt), John D. Reisig (Shannon), Alex Reisig, Teagan Reisig, Lucas Reisig, and Anna Prosser (Nate) and Jake Prosser (Melissa). Ray was preceded in entry to Heaven by his parents, mother-in-law Phyllis Jakes, and brother-in-law Bill Maddalena.

With appreciation and gratitude, the family would like to thank the students, teachers, administrators, pastors, coaches, care givers, and many friends that shared their faith, lives and talents with Ray and Cathy over these many years.