



*Central Lutheran Church
Yakima, WA*

Saturday, May 22, 2021

*In Remembrance
Onni Jacob Perala*

September 4, 1939 - May 8, 2021

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.

We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Onni, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

In his baptism, Onni was clothed with Christ.

In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

(Please see page 3 of the bulletin)

"Shall We Gather at the River"

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel-o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Onni. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

REMEMBRANCES

Karen Perala McBride

SCRIPTURE READINGS

A reading from Ecclesiastes, the 3rd chapter

¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

²a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

⁸a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace. The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills —
from where will my help come?

²My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³**He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.**

⁴**He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵**The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.**

⁶**The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.**

A reading from 2 Corinthians, the 4th chapter

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹ For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh.

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

GOSPEL READING:

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor G David Lambertson

HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please see page 7 of the bulletin)

"O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



1 O Love that will not let me go, I rest my wea - ry soul in
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my flick-'ring torch to
 3 O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not close my heart to
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not ask to fly from



thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain and
 thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

Text: George Matheson, 1842–1906, alt.

Music: ST. MARGARET, Albert L. Peace, 1844–1912

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.

SENDING HYMN

(Please see page 9 of the bulletin)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Onni to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Onni. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. 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. **Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Let us forth in peace.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918



Onni Jacob Perala slipped away quietly on May 8, 2021 at age 81 after surviving 38 years with heart issues including 2 bypass surgeries & 9 stents. He recently had a 3 month battle with shingles which finally took his life.

He was born in Toivola MI on September 4, 1939 to Jenny Loviisa Myllymaki & Jacob Perala. He had 4 brothers & sisters: Laila Loviisa Perala, Ingrid Johanna Perala, Toivo

Matias Perala, & Elsie Maria Perala who all preceded him in death.

He graduated from Jeffers High School in Painesdale MI 1956 as salutatorian of his class and received a scholarship to attend Michigan Technological University. During the summers when he attended Michigan Tech he traveled to Owatonna MN to work & stay with his brother Toivo. This is when he met Norma, fell in love & married her. He graduated in 1961 with a degree in Civil Engineering. He studied for & received his Professional Engineer license in 1964. Most of his career was spent working for the US Bureau of Reclamation in water resources which he retired from in 1994. He then worked for the Roza Irrigation District as their Chief Engineer retiring again in 2002. In retirement he served on the Yakima Basin Habitat Restoration Projects Board.

Onni married Norma Caroline Kruger on August 22, 1959 and they were married for almost 62 wonderful years. She survives him. He was a loving husband and father. Their marriage was blessed with 3 wonderful children: Karen Dee Perala McBride (Peggy LaRive), Matthew Benjamin Perala (Christina Volckmann) & Sandra Kay Perala Platt (John Platt). He was a loving husband and father. Four grandchildren survive him: Kai Eric Perala, Teo Jacob Perala, Jack Georges Onni Platt & Wilson Platt. Many nieces & nephews also survive him. Onni loved his churches: Central Lutheran Church in Yakima and Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Mesa AZ. He worked at each

church as an usher, liturgist, teacher, working on the property committee and maintaining the irrigation system in Yakima with his friends Jeff Roll & Greg Bainter. The LORD is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1. He never missed the Monday AM bible study with Dave Lambertson. He knew his Bible well and was delighted to teach others. He also enjoyed golf with the church group led by Jean Gunderson.

He was active in Toastmasters International attaining the award of Distinguished Toastmaster; he was a wonderful story teller to many and “was the voice of reason when folks got carried away listening to themselves talk and a classy guy who made us want to raise ourselves to a higher level”. He passed out hugs wherever appropriate always with a smile.

He and Norma traveled extensively in their RV for over 20 years rock hunting, square dancing, and visiting friends and family. They were members of square dancing clubs wherever they stayed for a time exploring the country we live in. Winters were spent in Apache Junction AZ at Apache Estates where they enjoyed the Senior Olympics contest every spring. Summers in WA included attending grandsons baseball and soccer games whenever they could. Passing out more hugs wherever appropriate.



*Onni's family invites you to a reception
at Rosedell Mansion, 1811 West Yakima
Avenue.*

*Onni's ashes will be placed at Lake Kachess, at Misery Bay
on Superior, and at Calvary Columbarium in Yakima.*

*Pastor G David Lambertson, Preaching
Pastor Kathleen Anderson, Presiding Minister
Ardelle Ringhouse, Sound System
Organ, Jane Peterson
Technology, Felicity Pittman*