

A Celebration of the Life of
Daniel Paul Fako
December 25, 1943 - September 4, 2025



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St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Beaverton, Oregon

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GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

PRELUDE

Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Paul Simon
Peaceful Easy Feeling, Jack Tempchin
Blowin' In the Wind, Bob Dylan
The 59th Street Bridge Song, Paul Simon
I Guess That's Why They Call It the Blues,
Elton John, Bernie Taupin & Davey Johnstone
Let It Be, John Lennon & Paul McCartney
If I Had a Hammer, Lee Hays & Pete Seeger

WELCOME

The assembly may stand.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Dan 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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Dan. 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.

The assembly is seated.

REMEMBRANCES

Logan Uecker

WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 29:11-13

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall 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, and my cup is running over.

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 25:34-40

A reading from Matthew.

³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may stand.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

Pr. Allison Bengfort

The assembly may stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Magnificat from Holden Evening Prayer

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
 As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,
 hum - bling the proud of heart.
 kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

MEAL

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 413, st. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to commune without exception! At the direction of an usher, those wishing to commune may proceed down the center aisle. A piece of gluten-free bread will be placed in your hands. You may dip the bread in the wine (red chalice) or the grape juice (light-colored chalice), or you may choose to partake of bread only. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please alert an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Healer of Our Every Ill | ELW 612
What a Friend We Have in Jesus | ELW 742

The assembly may stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Dan. 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 God enfold us and surround us, in our speaking and in our thinking, in our singing and in our silence.

May God protect us when we sleep, in our waking and our watching, in all our hopes and in all our dreams.

In our hearts and in our living, in our deeds and in our rest, and in our ever-living soul, may we find God's eternal grace.

In the name of the Three of Limitless Love: † Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Build a Longer Table | ACS 1062

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in peace,
in the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

If I Had a Hammer (reprise), Lee Hays & Pete Seeger

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to:

Habitat for Humanity
Lutheran Social Services
Lutheran World Relief
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Pr. Allison Bengfort

Assisting Minister: Tom Mehlhorn

Lector: Mary Smith

Musician: Susan Werner Reiser

Ushers: Bill & Sandi Beavers and Tom Lane

Memorial Service Coordinator: Pat Christiansen

Reception Coordinators: Tom & Pam Jelineo

Those who are unable to attend this memorial in-person may access the livestream by visiting: youtube.com/live/s1899sbDWEo

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OBITUARY

Daniel Paul Fako

Daniel Paul Fako passed away on September 4, 2025, in Beaverton, Oregon, at the age of 81. Born on December 25, 1943, in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Fako.

Daniel served his country with honor as a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam Era, stationed in Greenland. Following his military service, he dedicated himself to helping others through a long and varied career. From 1972 to 1984, he worked for the American Red Cross. He then transitioned into the insurance industry, first with New York Life from 1984 to 1987 and later with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans from 1987 until his retirement in 2012.

A passionate volunteer, Daniel devoted over three decades to Habitat for Humanity, serving as both a volunteer from 1990 to 2025 and as a board member from 2008 onward. His commitment to service was a defining aspect of his life.

Daniel is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon E. Fako; his son Mark Fako and daughter-in-law Carla Grabarek Fako; grandsons Connor and Hudson Fako; his daughter Rebecca Fako Uecker and son-in-law AJ Uecker; grandsons Preston Blackburne and Logan Uecker; granddaughter-in-law Kethrie Blackburne; and great-grandson Cassian Blackburne.

He found joy in traveling, indulging in anything chocolate, sharing classic dad jokes, and giving back to his community through volunteer work.

May Daniel's legacy of service and kindness continue to inspire all who knew him.