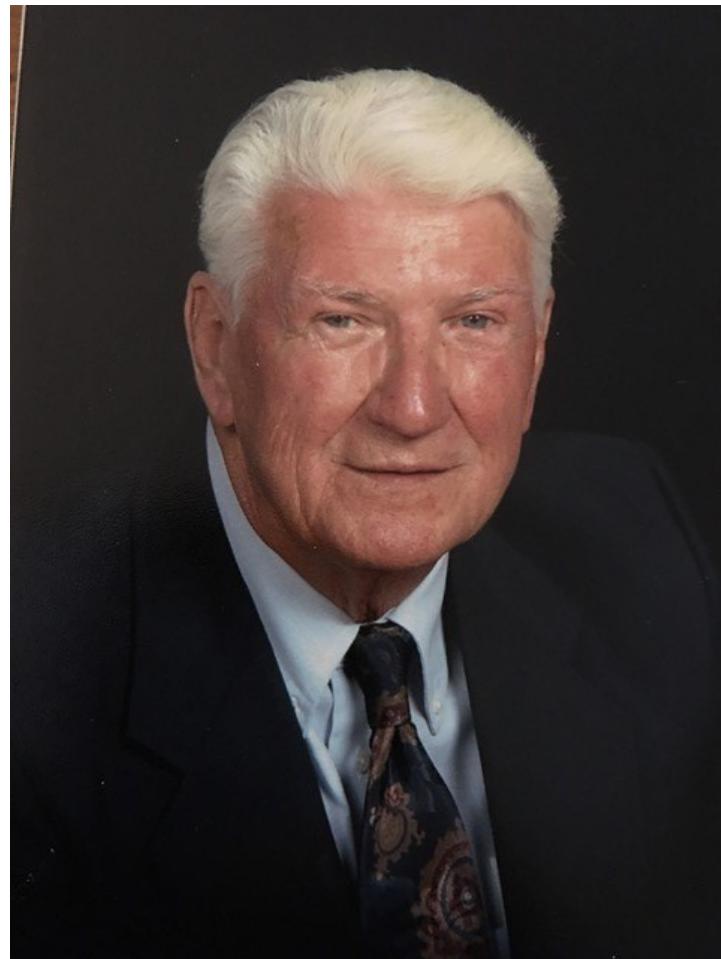


*A Celebration of
Resurrection and Eternal Life for
Joseph Frederick Augustine Jr.*

October 3, 1927 - February 11, 2021



*St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Wilmington, North Carolina
February 20, 2021
1:00 p.m.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WORDS OF COMFORT AND HOPE

P: 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 Joe, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”
Robby Anderson, soloist, Bill Remele, organ

SALUTATION AND PRAYER

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

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Joe. 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.

C: Amen

PSALM 23 (Read in Unison)

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

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

THE READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

P: The reading is from the eighth chapter of Romans.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us every-
thing else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or dis-
tress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

Pastor Mark Opgrand

GOSPEL (*stand*)

John 14:1-6

P: The holy gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Pastor Jonathan Conrad

HYMN

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

APOSTLES CREED

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

C: 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 into hell.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
 he 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.

THE PRAYERS (*kneel or sit*)

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ.

God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead.

God of mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

HYMN

“In The Garden”

COMMENDATION

P: Let us commend Joe to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Joe. 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.

C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father,  Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

Officiants	The Reverend Jonathan Conrad
.....	The Reverend Mark Opgrand
Communion Assistant	Deacon Susan Jackson
Organist	William H. Remele, Jr.
Trumpet	Curtis R. (Robby) Anderson
Livestream Coordinator and Bell Ringer	Mike Berg

Joseph Frederick Augustine Jr.

Joseph Frederick Augustine Jr., age 93, of Wilmington, North Carolina passed away on Thursday, February 11, 2021. Joseph was born October 3, 1927 in Allentown, Pennsylvania to Mary Augustine and Joseph Frederick Augustine. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Ann Augustine, and granddaughter, Rachel Reedy Augustine.

Mr. Augustine is survived by his wife of 71 years, Carolyn Bishop Augustine; son Joseph "J.F." Augustine III and wife of Teresa of Fredericksburg, Virginia; granddaughter, Lindsay Bishop Augustine; step granddaughter, Christine Onidi and step grandsons, Michael Kulikowski and Peter Onidi.

Mr. Augustine was a graduate of Allentown High School, where he was recognized as an outstanding athlete in football, wrestling, track and as an undefeated boxing champion. He achieved the highest award in Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout and later went on to serve as a Counsel Director.

He received a Master's degree in Education from the University of NC, Chapel Hill. While there he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, the Varsity Championship Football team, playing in both the Sugar Bowl and Cotton Bowl and a team player of the Wrestling team.

Mr. Augustine loved his community and had a passion to serve. He was the past President of the Wilmington Rotary Club, the Wilmington Executives Club, Cape Fear Sales and Marketing and the Wilmington Health and Safety School. He served as Emeritus Director of the Salvation Army Advisory Board for 25 years and past Director of the NC Citizens for Business and Industry Committee, the Wilmington Boys' Choir and the Chambers of Easter, NC. He was past chairman of the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, awarded life membership in NC and SC Chamber of Commerce Executives, and awarded outstanding Chamber Executive in NC and SC and past Executive Vice President of Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. He established, with his wife the Joseph F. And Carolyn B. Augustine Endowed Nursing School Scholarship at UNC-Wilmington and served on the UNC-Wilmington School of Nursing Advisory Board.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Joseph's memory may be made to Lower Cape Fear Life Care, or Joseph & Carolyn Augustine's Endowed Scholarship Fund at the UNC-W School of Nursing.