

# *In Loving Memory*



*Jack Kinsner*  
May 29, 1923 - May 12, 2018

*Service of Remembrance*  
*Saturday, May 26*  
*11:00 a.m.*

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
32747 Lake Road, Avon Lake, Ohio  
Rev. Jeff Steeber

## Forever Young

May God bless and keep you always  
May your wishes all come true  
May you always do for others  
Let others do for you  
May you build a ladder to the sky  
Climb on every rung  
May you stay  
Forever young

May you grow up to be righteous  
May you grow up to be true  
May you always know the truth and see the light surrounding you  
May you always be courageous  
Stand upright and be strong  
May you stay

Forever young  
Forever young  
Forever young  
May you stay forever

May your hands always be busy  
May your feet always be swift  
May you have a strong foundation when the winds of changes shift  
May you heart always be joyful, may your song always be sung  
And may you stay forever young

Forever young  
Forever young  
May you stay forever young

And may you stay  
May God bless and keep you always  
May your wishes all come true  
May you stay  
Forever young

## **INTRODUCTION**

*The assembly is invited to stand*

**P:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

## **HERE I AM LORD**

**ELW 574**

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in your eternal and everlasting glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is invited to sit*

## **FIRST LESSON**

## **PSALM 23**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

**SECOND LESSON                      ROMANS 8:31-35, 37-39**

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who 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. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>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    JOHN 14:1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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.

**REMEMBRANCES**

Darrel Bilancini - Avon Lake Municipal Court Judge  
Kathy Kinsner - Jack's NYC daughter  
Lisa Kinsner Scheer - Jack's Avon Lake daughter  
Henry Kowal: North Coast Community Woodshop  
Jack Pepper - Jack's namesake and first born grandson  
Sandy Stack - Avon Lake Kiwanis  
Gregg Wasilko - Realtor and long time family friend

**SERMON**

*The assembly is invited to stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**AMAZING GRACE**

**ELW 779**

## **PRAYERS**

**P:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in one communion, in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant us grace to entrust Jack to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** God, the generations rise and pass away before you. You are the strength of those who labor; you are the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the company of your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in you.... Give us in time our portion with those who have trusted in you and have striven to do your holy will. To your name, with the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, we ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **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**

## **PRAYER OF COMMENDATION**

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

*Silence is kept*

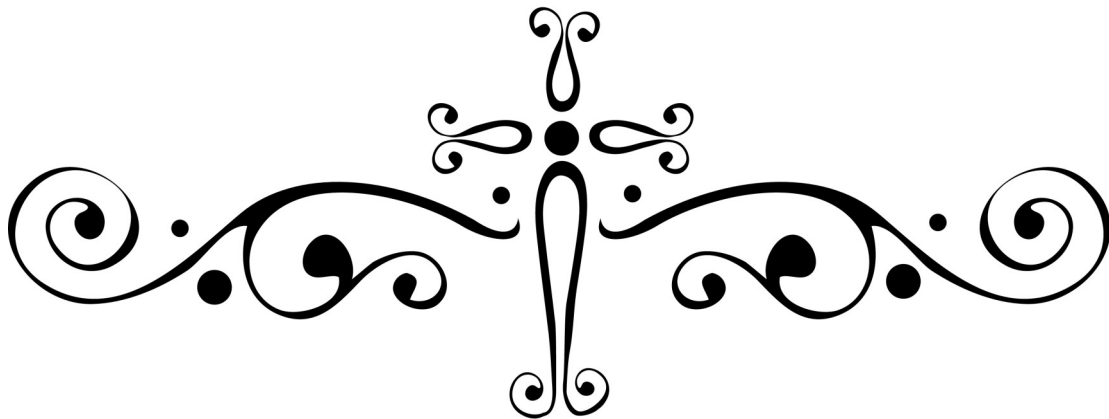
**P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Jack Henry Kinsner. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.**

**C: Amen**

**P: Let us go forth in peace.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING HYMN    MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY    ELW 890**



Thanks so much to all who could be with us today, and to those who are thinking of us from afar. Jack loved the life he lived, the company of family and friends, and the stories and adventures shared together.

Fortunately, he wrote about many of these adventures. We have more than 60 pages of his funny and touching memories, which you can find at [www.tincansandstring.net/Jack\\_Kinsner](http://www.tincansandstring.net/Jack_Kinsner). There are actually a few stories we've never heard before, and we hope they bring you joy and comfort.

For those interested in making a donation in Jack's name, we suggest:

North Coast Community Woodshop  
4214 Ivanhoe Ave., Sheffield Lake, OH 44045  
440.721.1293  
<http://nccwoodshop.org>

Ames Family Hospice House  
30080 Hospice Way, Westlake, OH 44145  
440.414.7349  
[www.hospicewr.org](http://www.hospicewr.org)

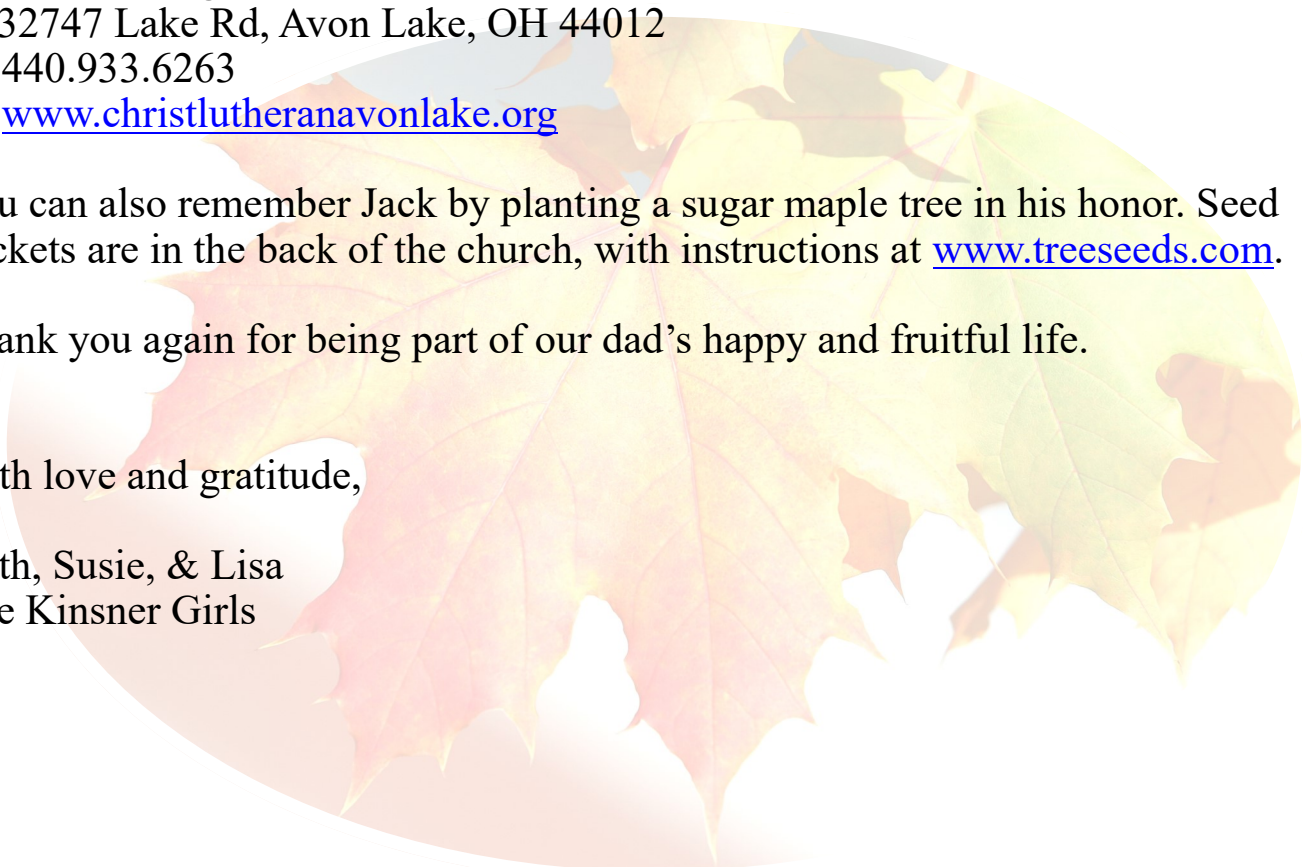
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32747 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH 44012  
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[www.christlutheranavonlake.org](http://www.christlutheranavonlake.org)

You can also remember Jack by planting a sugar maple tree in his honor. Seed packets are in the back of the church, with instructions at [www.treeseeds.com](http://www.treeseeds.com).

Thank you again for being part of our dad's happy and fruitful life.

With love and gratitude,

Kath, Susie, & Lisa  
The Kinsner Girls



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