

## Lamb of God Ev Lutheran Church

# + Rev Curtis Wayne Brooks +

February 7, 1964 to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart...." Jeremiah 29: 11-13*

Rev. Curtis Wayne Brooks of LaVista, NE went to be with our Lord on July 11, 2024. He was surrounded by friends and family in his last days, and peacefully passed.

Curtis was born on February 7, 1964, in Jefferson City, MO. He was raised in Madison, MO, attending and graduating Madison C-3 Schools. After graduation, he attended the University of Missouri, receiving his Bachelors in Forest Management. After six years of service with the Missouri State Forestry Service, he heard his calling to serve the Lord.

He received his Masters of Divinity at seminary in Ft. Wayne, IN, and was ordained a Reverend in the Lutheran Church. After a five-year calling in Red Lake Falls, MN, Curtis was called to serve in Menominee, WI, which was considered home for the next 22 years, serving Faith Lutheran Church. In October 2022, the Lord called Curtis to Nebraska, and the loving family at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, which is where he served to the end.

Curtis is preceded in death by his father, William Brooks. He is survived by his mother, Kay Brooks of West Columbia, TX; uncles, Mike and Tom Brooks; aunt, Patty (Mike) Gosdin; and his brother, Kelly (Sandy) Brooks of Lake Jackson, TX; niece, Sara (Alex) Martinez and children of Rosharon, TX; and nephews, Genaro Ortiz of Austin, TX and Joshua Brooks of Lake Jackson, TX as well as many close friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Lamb of God Lutheran Church, Papillion NE.

***"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"*** Timothy 4:7.

*The above was from Kahler Dolce Mortuary*

This past month has been one of sadness and turmoil and we mourn the loss of Pastor Brooks as our shepherd at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, and yet we can say for certain "there was much **JOY**" when Pastor met our Savior on July 11, 2024.

On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> before the service began, he told us he was not feeling well. When the service was over, he had trouble standing and walking and we suggested calling the squad and he said yes. That was the beginning of a diagnosis that came quickly without hardly any symptoms. Gallstones was first diagnosis, but his primary physician after reviewing the panel of blood test results, had Pastor go to Methodist to see the doctor and surgeon for biopsy. It was not long before the diagnosis news was confirmed as pancreatic cancer. Pastor Brooks wanted to tell the congregation and did so at the Congregational Assembly on June 23, he was also able to lead the worship service. Pastor Brooks confirmed to the congregation that his diagnosis was Pancreatic Cancer and that he has chosen not to have chemotherapy or any treatment. He wanted us to know that he was not afraid to die...he had no fear because he would be with our Lord Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor was hospitalized but then sent home and placed on hospice care. On July 9<sup>th</sup> Pastor Brooks was moved to the hospice house and died peacefully on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

One of the pastors reminded us that he is gone, but will not be forgotten and he takes his place in the history of Lamb of God Ev Lutheran Church. He was a good pastor that was kind and loving, who loved visiting with members whether it was before or after worship, at potlucks and picnics, Bible Studies, being welcomed into members home for a visit and meal and he was faithful in seeing our shut ins. And then there was the whittling:

he was good at this craft and the week before he was diagnosed with cancer, he had a good week at Doane College all centered around whittling with wood. All of the above made our pastor...a kind man.

Then there was Pastor Brooks, the shepherd who tended the flock; steeped in theology, strong in the confessional teachings of the Lutheran faith and faithful catechesis from Luther's Catechism. He preached the pure Word of God, fed us the body and the blood of our Lord and cared for his lambs. He had many joys and one particular was teaching Luther's Catechism to Sandy Rock. Then during a Saturday night service, he was honored to have her confirm her faith and become a member of our congregation. This was our pastor who loved his ministry to us at Lamb of God.

From the pastor in the pulpit during the sermon "Curtis was baptized into Christ Jesus, and therefore no longer was he living for himself, but for his God. He was serving God's people as a Christian, and not as anything else. He was living his life to God and not another. He believed in his triune God of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and Him only did he serve, Him only did he speak, Him only did he love. We may mourn, but we dare not stop; we are no quitter, either. Tell everyone how this man served His God, not just as a Pastor, but in his whole life. Let them know who he is ~ One Redeemed by Christ the Crucified. May everyone remember who he is ~ He is a Christian! In everything he did, God is Glorified through Christ Jesus! We need say no more!"

*Rev. Curtis Wayne Brooks*  
*Concordia Theological Seminary - Ft Wayne ~ Ordained in 1995*  
*Call to Red Lake Falls, MN - 5 years*  
*Call to Faith Lutheran Church in Menominee, WI - 22 years*  
*Call to serve as Pastor August of 2022*  
*Lamb of God Lutheran Church*  
*Installation Service on October 16, 2022*