



Celebration of Life, Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Denzil David Klein**

November 12, 1943 – January 6, 2025

### **Gathering**

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 Denzil David Klein,  
to give thanks for his life,  
to commend him to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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 ELW # 856

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

**Refrain:**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

**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**

O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our brother Denzil David Klein.  
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**

Aaron Matejczik  
Joni (Klein) Thorpe

**READINGS**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Charli Hendrickson

Psalms 121

Lynn Hockenberger

John 3:14-17

Deacon Connie Rose-Kamprath

## HOMILY

Special Music: Everlasting Life ~David Rasback

Pastor Dave Risendal

Promesa de Esperanza

## 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed by thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as 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

*HYMN: Eagles Wings* ELW # 787 v. 1,2,4

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield.  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

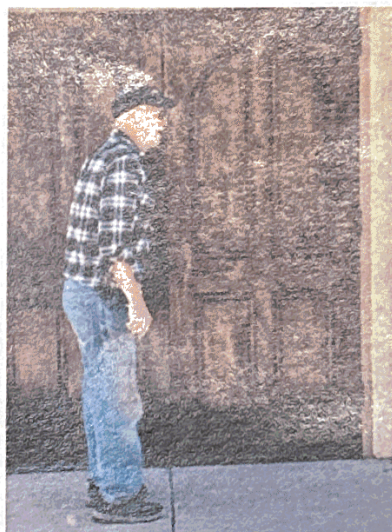


For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Please join the family and share your stories of Denzil at Rudy's "Country Store" and BBQ located at 7300 W Chandler Blvd., Chandler*



Denzil David Klein was born November 12, 1943 in a home near Milroy Minnesota to Howard M. and Martha A. (Pixler) Klein. He graduated from Milroy High School in 1961. He attended Mankato State University and graduated from Mankato Vocational Technical Institute. He married his sweetheart Rebecca A Blank on January 25, 1964. He worked as an autobody technician his entire career. He also repaired sewing machines at Klein's Sewing Center the business he and Becky started in 1971. They sold the business and moved the family to Arizona in 1977. Denzil became a fixture of Esperanza Lutheran Church when Pastor Risendal knocked on his door saying he was starting a new church.

He died Monday, January 6, 2025. Denzil is survived by his wife Becky, his daughter Joni (Steven) Thorpe, and son David L. Klein of Phoenix, his grandchildren Aaron (Jill) Matejcik, Alexander (Elizabeth) Matejcik, Ashley (Richard) Poole, Amber (Nicholas) Robbins and his 4 great-grandsons Paul, Ignatius, Jude, and Oliver. His brothers Darcey (Sharon) and Michael (Bridget) Klein of Minnesota, many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is preceded in death by his parents.