



# Augustana

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To remember and to thank God  
for the life of  
Thomas "Tom" Scott Levy

June 29, 1951–May 21, 2023

June 1, 2023 | 11 a.m.

Prelude ♦ Hymn Selections

Welcome

**Gathering** 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.

## 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.

## 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

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Life Remembered

Tanner Levy

# Hymn ♦ ELW 612: Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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## Readings

Morgan Levy

Romans 8:31–35, 37–19

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though 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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

## Gospel ♦ Luke 8:4–8, 11–15

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

<sup>11</sup>“Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. <sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon ♦ Pastor Caitlin Trussell

## Hymn ♦ ELW 773: Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,  
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993

Music: PRECIOUS LORD, George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey

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## Prayers

*To each petition the assembly responds:*

**God of mercy, hear our prayer.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Commendation

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

*Silence is kept.*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Thomas Scott Levy. 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.**

# Hymn ♦ ELW 581: You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.  
 Come and rest in me.  
 all will know my name.  
 up, now walk and live!



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine.”

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Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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

**Postlude** ♦ “For All the Saints” –Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Committal**

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# Thomas Scott Levy

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Thomas Scott Levy was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 29, 1951, to Arthur and Jean Levy. The youngest of three, Tom grew up in the Chicago suburb of Westchester and attended George F. Nixon Elementary School and graduated from Proviso West High School in 1969. Throughout his schooling he made several friends who he remained in close contact with until his passing. Tom continued his education at Illinois State University and enjoyed his time in the “Delta Tau Fraternity” as he and his college roommates christened themselves. Even after college the group enjoyed reuniting for an annual golf tournament and sometimes vacationing together.

Tom graduated from Illinois State in December 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology. Throughout his career, Tom continuously worked in safety and loss prevention. In fact, his children sometimes referred to him as “Mr. Safety.” He began his career with Continental Insurance Company, working as a Safety Engineer from their office in downtown Chicago. Tom later

worked for The Chubb Group of Insurance Company and transferred from Chicago to their Denver office in December of 1979. He then began working for CNA in 1986. One of the highlights of his career was being selected to receive the CNA CARE award for exemplary service in 1990. In 1999, Tom started working for Pinnacol Assurance and continued with Pinnacol until his retirement in 2019. Tom’s co-workers speak fondly of his dedication to his work, sense of humor, and skill in building relationships with his clients.

After moving to Colorado in 1979, Tom quickly took advantage of all the outdoor activities Colorado has to offer and was an avid skier for many years. He also enjoyed country music and swing dancing, which led to him being introduced to A.J., who had also recently moved to Colorado. They were married in April 1982 and had three children together. Although Tom and A.J. divorced in 2005, they remained friendly through the years. Tom often spent many Sunday afternoons with A.J. and their children playing games, enjoying a meal, going to Rockies

games, or attending events around the city. Tom also loved to grill and was frequently called on to cook steaks or hamburgers for family gatherings.

In his retirement, Tom appreciated the company of friends and family. He served on the property committee at his co-op and helped organize a singles group. He enjoyed a good beer, watching sporting events, going for hikes, attending concerts, and traveling to places like Las Vegas and Hawaii. Although soft spoken, Tom's friends remember him as having a great sense of humor and a kind heart.

Tom is survived by his three children, Morgan, Micah, and Tanner; his ex-wife A.J.; his two siblings Gail and David; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. He is preceded in death by his mother Jean, and his father Arthur.

**Interment**  
**Augustana Memorial Garden**  
Denver, Colorado

**You are invited**  
to greet the family at a reception  
in Fellowship Hall  
following the committal.

**Memorials**  
may be designated to:  
**Special Olympics Colorado**  
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**Pinnacol Assurance Foundation**  
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community-relations](http://pinnacol.com/our-difference/community-relations)  
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## Welcome

- Restrooms are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.

## Worship Leaders

### **Preacher:**

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

### **Presider:**

Pastor Gail Mundt

### **Organ:**

Andrew Peters

### **A Life Remembered:**

Tanner Levy

### **Reader:**

Morgan Levy