

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

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Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *Chorus*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *Chorus*

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore *Chorus 2x*

Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

Prayer

Father of mercy and Lord of Life, the spirits of those who depart in the faith live with You. We thank You for the blessings of body and soul which you gave to Dave. Above all we rejoice in Your gracious promise to all your servants, both living and departed, that we shall be raised from death at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed!

Away in a Manger

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Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

David Lewis Christiansen

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. Let us remember with thanksgiving what God has done through His servant David.

David Lewis Christiansen was given life by his creator and was born in San Benito, Texas on Dec 15, 1960 the child of Kathryn Cooper and Bill Christiansen. He was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. He was also confirmed in the Christian faith and regularly received the life-giving body and blood of Jesus.

On July 26, 1980, he received the gift of a beloved companion in his spouse, Shirley. Together they were blessed with the gift of children, Lindsay and Logan.

David graduated from Bishop High School in 1978. He attended Texas A&I University-Kingsville and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Electronic Data Processing in 1983. He commissioned in the US Air Force in 1985 and served for 20 years as a navigator and instructor on the KC-135. In 2005 he continued using his love of teaching and education in multiple roles until his official retirement in 2022.

David lived in Nogales, Arizona; Kingsville, Bishop, TX; Sacramento, CA; Abilene, TX; Merced, CA; Bordentown, NJ; Altus, OK; and Schertz, Canyon Lake, Cibolo TX; and Cloudcroft, NM.

In all matters of work, faith and family, David was respected for his desire to create and continue learning opportunities. He had a lifelong curiosity and was always finding something to build-up, fix, explore, or learn. He loved following the latest developments from SpaceX, working on cars, tending to his native gardens, and taking on home improvement projects of all sorts, including house flips. He also found joy on the water, sailing, snorkeling, traveling, and experiencing new places, especially the languages and culture.

David loved music, especially jazz and worship. He was a part of worship teams and community bands in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and New Jersey.

David passed away on September 6, 2026 at the age of 65.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Shirley; his mother, Kathryn; and his brother Danny.

He is survived by: his children and their spouses, Lindsay & Jason Roe and Logan & Mollie Christiansen; along with eight grandchildren, Nathaniel, Naomi, Asa, Camille, and Simeon Roe; and Annabelle, Audrey, and Hank Christiansen; his brother, Dale Christiansen; his step-siblings Gailya Bareis, David Mann and Jonathan Mann; and his father and step-mother, Bill and Nadine Christiansen.

Blessed be the name of the Lord. We give thanks to God our Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for our brother David.

Gifts to purchase a picnic table in memory of Dave & Shirley may be made to Word of Life Fellowship,
213 Coy Ln, Cibolo, TX 78108 or wol4u.com/give

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To the Glory of God and in Memory of

David Lewis Christiansen

December 15, 1960 - September 6, 2026

Photo Memories

Invocation

In the name of the
Father and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit. Amen.

Come

We have come
together to seek
God's comfort in
our sorrow and to
rejoice in the prom-
ise of the resurrec-
tion. Jesus Christ,
says, "Come to me,
all who are weary
and burdened, and I
will give you rest."

Jesus knows what it means to mourn. As the shortest passage in Scripture tells us plainly, "Jesus wept."

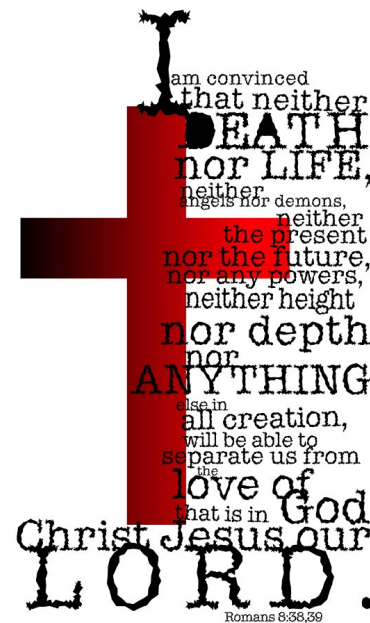
Prayer

Let us pray through our tears:
Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Come near to us as we mourn for Dave and wipe away the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought Dave to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Our Problem & God's Solution

All have sinned and are not good enough for God's glory. *Romans 3:23 NCV*

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Romans 6:23 NIV*



Jesus gives us this comfort: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” *John 11:25-26 NIV*

Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)

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Weak and wounded sinner, Lost and left to die
O raise your head for Love is passin' by
Come to Jesus. Come to Jesus.
Come to Jesus and live.

Now your burden's lifted, And carried far away
And precious blood has washed away the stain
So sing to Jesus. Sing to Jesus. Sing to Jesus and live.

Like a newborn baby, Don't be afraid to crawl
And remember when you walk sometimes we fall
So fall on Jesus. Fall on Jesus. Fall on Jesus and live.

Sometimes the way is lonely,
And steep and filled with pain
So if your sky is dark and pours the rain
Then cry to Jesus. Cry to Jesus. Cry to Jesus and live.

O and when the love spills over,
And music fills the night
And when you can't contain your joy inside
Then dance for Jesus. Dance for Jesus.
Dance for Jesus and live

And with your final heartbeat
Kiss the world good-bye
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side
And fly to Jesus. Fly to Jesus. Fly to Jesus and live.
Fly to Jesus. Fly to Jesus. Fly to Jesus and live.

The Good Shepherd Provides *Psalms 23 (NIV)*

The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.
He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of
my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Prayer

O God of love and peace, you bring us through suffering
and death with our Lord Jesus Christ to enter with him
into heaven. We remember and give thanks for your
servant Dave. We thank you for giving him to us to know
and love. Give us strong faith and the sure and certain
hope of the resurrection when we shall meet in heavenly
joy and glory, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Abide with Me *LSB 878*

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Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Scripture

Romans 8:31-34, 37b-39 (NLT) What shall we say about
such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can
ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own

Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us
everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has
chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has
given us right standing with himself. Who then will
condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and
was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place
of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who
loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever
separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today
nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers
of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in
the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing
in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the
love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Message: Victory Is Ours through Christ

Prayer

God of all grace, you
sent your Son Jesus
to destroy the power
of death and to open
the kingdom of
heaven to all believ-
ers. Make us certain
that because he lives,
we too shall live.
Comfort us with your
promise that neither
death nor life nor
things present nor
things to come shall
be able to separate us
from your love which
is in Christ Jesus our
Lord. Amen.



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