

To the Glory of God in Jesus Christ  
and  
In Memory of  
Rev. William Harvey Steinke  
b. November 9, 1951  
d. June 28, 2025

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **OPENING HYMN**

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”  
(Stanzas 1-4 only)

ELW 619

## **GREETING**

P: 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, William, to give thanks for his life and ministry, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, William was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory. Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed from the earth, who by your breath gave us life.

**C: We glorify you.**

P: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

**C: We praise you.**

P: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

Job 19:23-29

~ Rebekah Kruschke (niece) ~

<sup>23</sup>O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! <sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth; <sup>26</sup>and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, <sup>27</sup>whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

## **PSALM 23**

~ Amanda Chambers (niece) ~

<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> 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.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Romans 8:31-39

~ Samantha Liotta (niece) ~

<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? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;

We are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<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.

## **HYMN**

"Borning Cry"

ELW 732

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## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 11:17-27

<sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup>Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup>When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day" <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe

in me even though they die will live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

~ Pastor Jim Wetzel ~

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## **HYMN**

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW 838

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

**C** 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.**

\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. \*\* meaning the church universal

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, in thanksgiving for William, for his ministry and witness among us, and for all of God's creation. For the church, for its ministry everywhere and among us all, strengthen her commitment and ministry to the truth of your Good News in Jesus the Christ. Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: For all nations and peoples, including our own, grant peace wherever there is confrontation, conflagration and controversy. Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: For the peace you alone can give wherever there is conflict, poverty, illness, loneliness, death or grief. Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another with a sign of peace.*

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

B: Let us pray: Holy, gracious and loving God, in Jesus Christ, our Savior, you have taken on our flesh and our sin. You put it all to death and accomplished our forgiveness on the cross. In your love and by your grace turn our hearts to you, to one another, and to all in need. Make us signs of your love and presence, in the church and in the world as witnesses to your Son our Lord, through whom we pray:

**C: Amen.**

B: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with you, too.**

B: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We do, and we lift our spirits, too.**

B: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

C: **To give our thanks and praise is not only right, it is the only thing we can do.**

B: It is right and the only thing we can do, to the God who makes us holy. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son. We give you thanks for coming into the world; for his life in the holy and eternal truth of your Word, for his life, death and resurrection, for your call to us to be your people in word and deed. For making us your own holy people and persons.

C: **Thank you, our Father God.**

B: For loving the world, for giving your only Son, Jesus Christ, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

C: **Thank you, our Father God.**

B: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat, this is my holy body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

B: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

B: Come to the banquet for all is now ready.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to ask. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup may be placed.*

"Now The Silence"	ELW 460
~ Solo by Justine Kaempfer (niece) ~	
"The Church's One Foundation"	ELW 654
"I Am the Bread of Life:	ELW 485

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

P: Let us pray: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast which is the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in any need and give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

## **THE SENDING SONG**

“Lift High the Cross”

ELW 660

### **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C:** Amen.

*After the dismissal, please be seated as the ushers will release each row.*

### **SERVING US TODAY**

Bishop Tim Graham, Presiding

Pastor Jim Wetzel, Officiant

Chaplain Christopher Suder, Compassus Hospice (Meal Blessing & Sending)

Hope Moran, CLC Interim Pastor

Rhonda Blacklock, Organist

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**Communion Assistants:** Hope Moran, Connie Steinhart, John Burkhardt

**Greeter:** Paul Schmidt

**Usher:** JoAnne Tuffnell, Ted Kussow

**Altar Guild:** Barb Starkey, Barb Burkhardt

**AV Assistant:** Greg Holbrook