

+ IN THE NAME OF JESUS +

AS WE GATHER

God has blessed us with the precious gifts of home and family. But a far better gift is that of a heavenly home and a family of believers gathered before the throne of God for all eternity. We rejoice in the gift of faith that God gives to us that we may celebrate both the gifts of home and family now and forever.

A CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE

THE PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THE SEATING OF THE FAMILY

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE PROCESSIONAL VERSES

THE OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows, so that we can comfort others in their sorrows, with the consolation we ourselves have received from God (II Corinthians 1:3-4).

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE OPENING HYMN: ***“Amazing Grace”***

Hymn 744

(Soloist will sing verse 1, congregation will sing verses 2-5)

THE REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

Pastor: In Holy Baptism ***Curt*** was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

People: **“We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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”** (Romans 6:3-5).

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to **Curt** and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE PSALM: Psalm 23 (Spoken responsively)

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd,

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures,

People: He leads me beside still waters,

Pastor: He restores my soul.

People: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

People: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Pastor: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

People: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the (+) Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:28, 31-39

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:1-6

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SERMON HYMN: ***“Be Still My Soul”***

Hymn 752

THE SERMON

Pastor Eggold

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: ***“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*** (1, 2 7 & 8) **Hymn 461**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and that through the gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

People: **Grant to us, who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit, that He may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

Pastor: Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

People: **Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and to find comfort in the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting.**

Pastor: God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks that by His death, Christ destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

People: **Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall live also.**

Pastor: Give us a strong faith in the promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love.

People: **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Solo

THE CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with **Curt** and those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE COMMITTAL

Pastor: May God the Father, who created this body; may God the Son, who by His blood redeemed this body; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified this body to be His temple, keep these remains to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the death of Your Son Jesus Christ You destroyed death, by His rest in the tomb You sanctified the graves of Your saints, and by His bodily resurrection You brought life and immortality to light so that all who die in Him abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave that He won for us. Keep us in everlasting communion with all who wait for Him on earth and with all in heaven who are with Him, for He is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: *“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

Hymn 917

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Let us go forth in peace,

People: in the name of the Lord. Amen.

THE RECESSIONAL SONG: “Can I Have this Dance for the Rest of My Life”

A. Murray

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