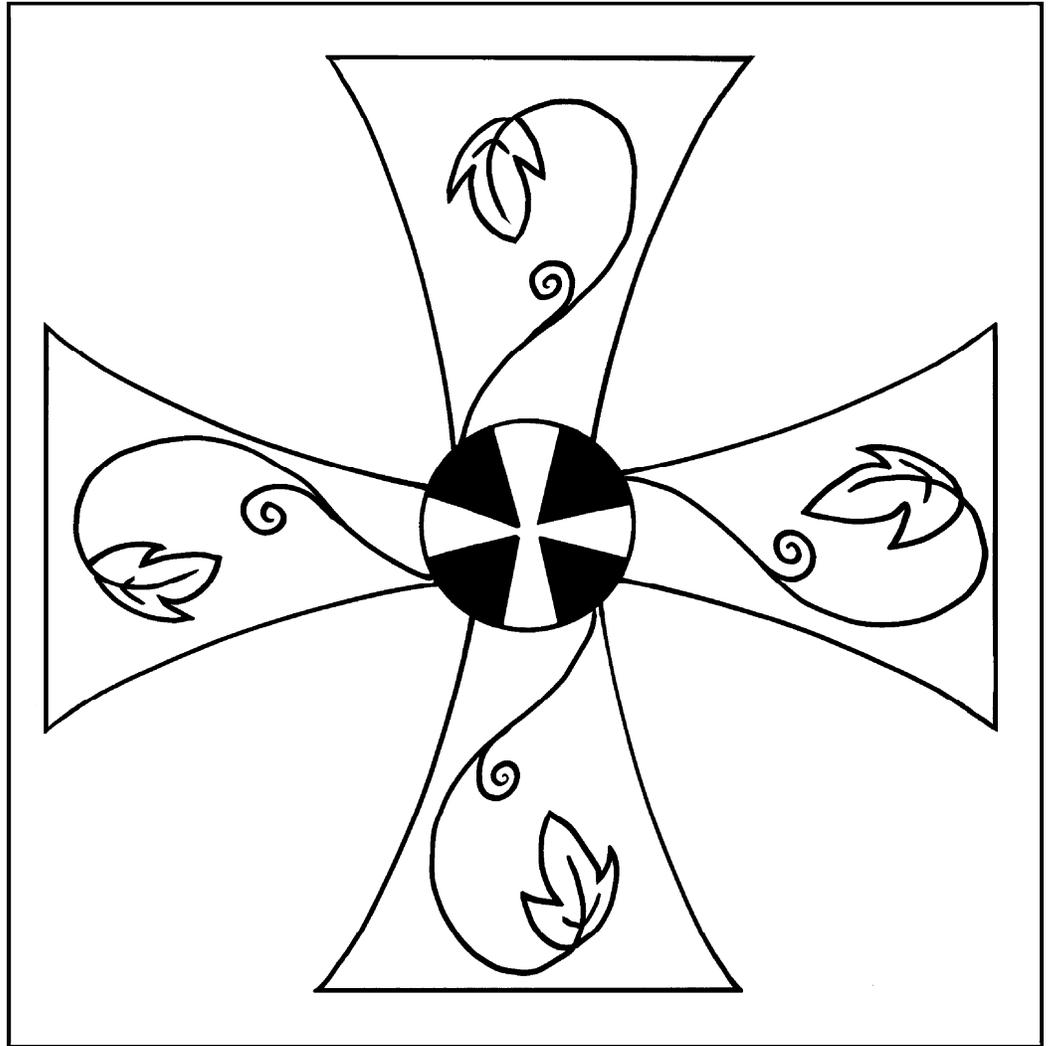


A Celebration of Hope

HONORING THE LORD OF LIFE & HIS SERVANT GAYLORD WILKIE

Thursday February 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.



At a person's death, the church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth.

*At the funeral we give voice to sorrow,
thank God for our loved one,
and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God.*

Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection.

When the church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.



A CELEBRATION OF HOPE HONORING THE LORD OF LIFE AND HIS SERVANT GAYLORD WILKIE

Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Officiating: Pastor Joe Natwick and Pastor Lisa Lewton

Organist: Barb Arneson

Gathering

MUSICAL MEDITATION

WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Presiding Minister:

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.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Gaylord was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed in glory.

Assembly: Thanks be to God

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

Assembly: We glorify you

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.

Assembly: We praise you.

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

Assembly: We worship you.

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

Assembly: Amen.

Processional Hymn: #787 On Eagle's Wings (refrain only)

Final refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of 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.

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Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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GREETING

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

A: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Gaylord. 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.

A: Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC..... "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture, reading, preaching and song.

Genesis 2:18-24

⁸Then the Lord GOD said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord GOD formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the Lord GOD caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord GOD had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken."
²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

L: The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM..... Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**A: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

L: he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**A: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff they
comfort me.**

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**A: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)

**A: Alleluia. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who comforts us in all our sorrows. Alleluia**

THE GOSPELMatthew 11:28-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

A: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: #732 Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold!"

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THE CREED

P: We are God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

A: **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

PRAYERS (After the petition ends with "God of mercy,"
the congregation's response is **Hear our prayer.**)

SHARING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: **And also with you.**

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .

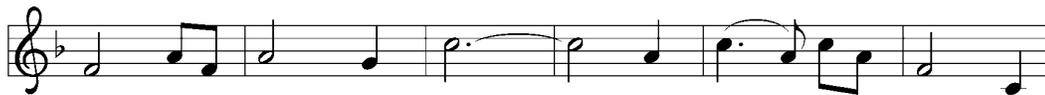
THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: **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**

#779 Amazing Grace (V. 1, 3, and 5)



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

Commendation

L: Let us commend Gaylord to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. (*A time of silence.*)

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior...joy in your presence, forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Sending

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace.

A: Amen

BLESSING

L: Let us go forth in peace.

A: in the name of Christ. Amen

RECESSIONAL SONG #856 How Great Thou Art (V. 1, 3-4)



* 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
* 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
* 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Following the service, military rites will take place in front of the church. The burial will be tomorrow at the Veteran's Cemetery in Mandan.

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