

Celebration of Life
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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ GATHERING ✠

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 Ed, to give thanks for his
life, to commend him to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort
one another in our grief. **Amen.**

+ 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.

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.

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. **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.
We worship you.

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

+ GATHERING HYMN *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* ELW #858

+ APOSTOLIC 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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our
brother Ed. 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 we
are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your
saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

READING Psalm 139:1-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out;

O LORD, you have known me.

²**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

⁷Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸**If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰**even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

¹²**darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

¹⁵My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

¹⁷How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

¹⁸**If I were to count them, they would be more in number
than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need
to be like yours.**

READING 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

A reading from second Corinthians.

¹For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to be further clothed with our heavenly dwelling, ³for surely when we have been clothed in it we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are in this tent, we groan under our burden because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵The one who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a down payment.

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

HYMN

"All Are Welcome"

ELW #641

+ **HOLY GOSPEL** John 14:1-6

A reading from the gospel of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. 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, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place 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.

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

HOMILY

Pastor Phil Ruud

THE PRAYERS

+ THE 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 forever. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

+ COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
we commend your servant Ed.

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.**

+ BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Amen.**

We sing our farewell to this beloved member of our community.

+ SENDING HYMN "For All the Saints" ELW #422 stanzas 1, 2, 6, & 7

POSTLUDE

You are invited to a reception in the Christian Life Center.

Pastors

Pastor Inger Hanson Pastor Phil Ruud

keyboards

Megan Engel

Bulletins provided with love by Bethel Lutheran Church.

