

**The Prayers:** The congregation responds to each prayer with “Hear our prayer.”

**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 ever. Amen.

**Commendation:**

**P:** Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Steve. 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.

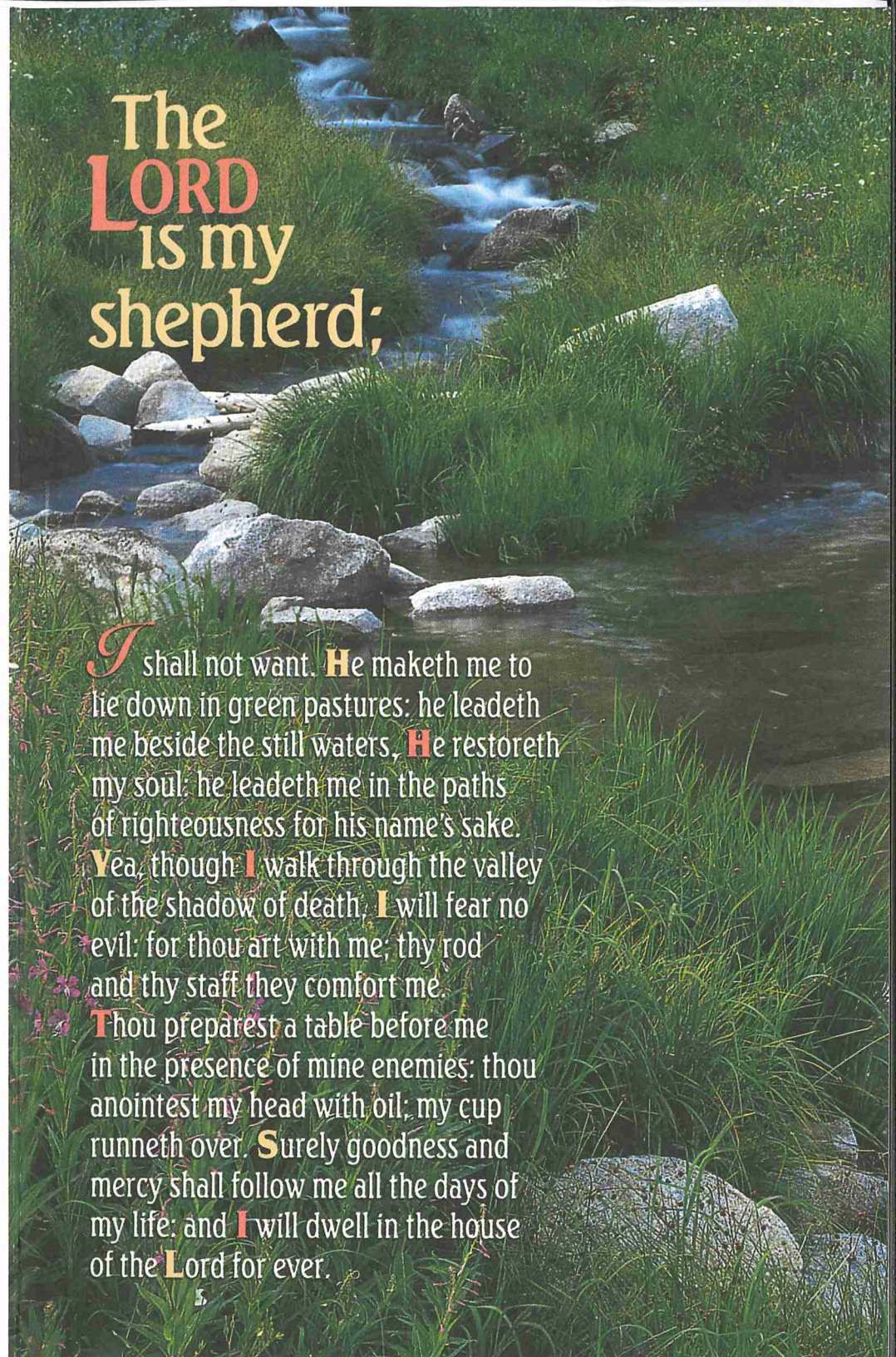
**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us go forth in peace.

**C: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn: “Peace in the Valley” by Elvis Presley**

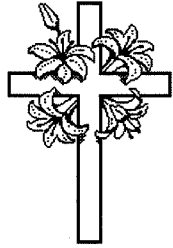
**Following this service there will be a brief graveside service at Trinity’s Cemetery.**



# The LORD IS my shepherd;

**I** shall not want. **H**e maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. **H**e restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **Y**ea, though **I** walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I** will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. **T**hou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **S**urely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and **I** will dwell in the house of the **L**ord for ever.

# A Celebration of the Life of Steve Knapp



February 26, 2021  
Reverend Christopher Culuris, pastor

## Musical Prelude

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus the Savior, who died and was raised to new life by the grace of God. We are gathered here to worship, to remember before God our brother, Steve, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## Opening Prayer:

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Steve. 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. Illumine our lives, so that we may see in death the gate to eternal life and, that we may continue in our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Readings:

Psalm 23 read by Anni O'Neil

Isaiah 43: 1-4 read by Anni O'Neil

Romans 8: 35, 37-39 read by Pastor Culuris

## Sermon: Pastor Culuris

## Hymn: "On Eagle's Wings"

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**