

BESIDE STILL WATERS

HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS.

PSALM 23:2

+Soli Deo Gloria+

*Celebration of the Life and
the Sure Hope of the Resurrection given to*

Michael Van Strien

September 26, 1965 - April 25, 2023

The Prelude

Please Stand

Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism, Mike 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?"
- C** **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.**

The Processional Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB #461

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
 He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

The Invocation and Opening Litany

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P In baptism we have been buried with Christ.

C And we shall LIVE with Him. (Jn. 6)

P Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (1 Cor. 15:51)

C The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Cor. 15:53)

- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (I Cor. 15:54-55)
- C** **But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)**
- P** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:25-26)
- C** **I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)**
- P** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Rev. 21:4)
- C** **He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

The Prayer

- P** Let us pray, together...
- A** **O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, Michael, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.**

Please Be Seated

The Comfort of God's Word

Psalm 23

- P** The Lord is my shepherd,
- C** **I shall not be in want.**
- P** He makes me lie down in green pastures,
- C** **He leads me beside quiet waters,**
- P** He restores my soul.
- C** **He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

C I will fear no evil,

P For you are with me;

C Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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

C And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

First Lesson

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The LORD works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all. Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word! Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will! Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Third Lesson

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Fourth Lesson

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He 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? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who 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. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Solo

Stephanie Poyner, harp

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid, And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight, From Thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise, Within Thy house forever!

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Please Stand

Verse

- P** Alleluia Alleluia,
For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than
any two-edged sword,
- C** **piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints
and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 14:1-6

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter:

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please Be Seated

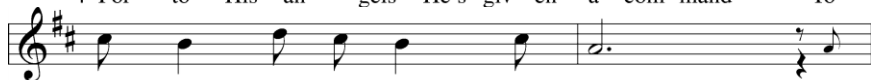
The Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings"

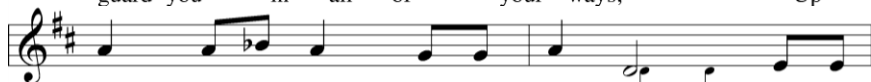
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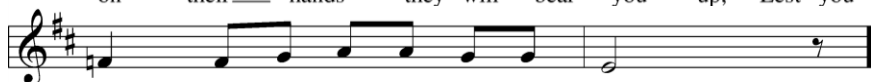
1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
 3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
 4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
 fam - ine will bring you no fear;
 ar - row that flies by day;
 guard you in all of your ways; Though
 Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, My
 Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His
 thou - sands fall a - bout you,
 on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you

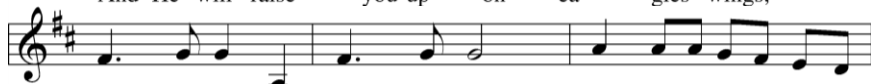


rock in whom I trust!"
 faith - ful - ness your shield.
 Near you it shall not come.
 dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

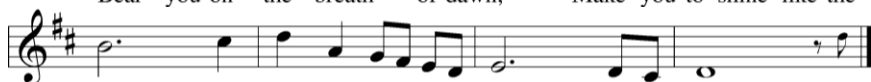
Refrain



And He will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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The Message

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The Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

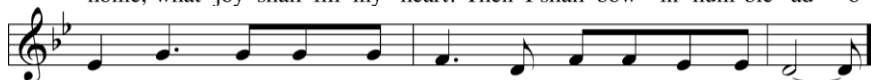
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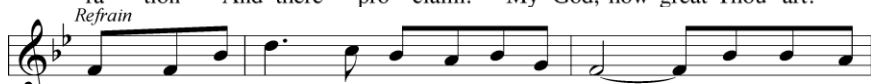
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



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!"



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!

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Please Stand

The Apostles' Creed

C 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 Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

Nunc Dimittis

P "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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 Benediction

P Let us go forth in peace
C In the peace and joy of Christ

P For He is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

Recession of the Family

The Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be, As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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Postlude

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

M Burkhardt

*Following the service
the family invites you to join them in the
Fellowship Hall for lunch.*

OBITUARY

Michael David Van Strien entered heavenly peace on April 25, 2023, at his home in Flower Mound, Texas. He was born September 26, 1965, in Elizabethtown, Kentucky to David and Helene Van Strien. The son of a member of the United States Army, he lived in several states throughout his childhood, but always called Texas “home.” After graduating high school, Mike moved to Dallas, Texas, where he attended technical school and later received a bachelor’s degree in business from Empire State College in New York. He worked at Eastman Kodak for twenty-seven years before his most recent and loved career at NCR for the last nine years.

Mike married Terri Sisson in 1990 and enjoyed the first five years of marriage in Dallas and Flower Mound, TX. After moving to Hilton, NY in 1994, they received their best gift ever in the birth of their son, Tyler, in 1995. In the thirteen years living in Hilton, Mike was involved in serving at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Hilton, accompanied Tyler in Cub Scout and Boy Scout activities and camping, as well as coaching some of Tyler’s recreational sports. Mike, Terri, and Tyler moved back to Flower Mound, TX, in 2007. Within weeks of moving back, they joined Lamb of God Lutheran Church, where Mike served in many roles and was well-known for the love and care he showed to church family and for always seeking out visitors.

Mike was a loving husband and father who loved his family deeply. He always tried to be there for both sides of his families in any way he was needed. Mike loved to work on his yard with Terri in their happy place and got excited every spring at the idea of planting new life into flower beds around their house and enjoyed relaxing in the pool every summer weekend. He loved cooking and hosting family holidays, visiting and chatting with friends in the neighborhood, bible studies with his loved church small group, and dinner game nights with precious friends.

Mike is survived by his wife Terri, son Tyler, parents David and Helene Van Strien, brother Steve Van Strien, brothers-in-law Steve (Marj) Sisson, Jon Ericson, sisters-in-law Kathy Sisson, Laurie (Deb) Sisson, aunts Cari Morrow, Joye Stephenson, Lisa Purenciu-Hanson, and Theresa (Thom) Winans; uncle Michael (Kristine) Purenciu, cousins Karla Gilliland, Kyle (Gina) Morrow, nieces and nephews Cord, Mondee, Joren, and Mason Van Strien; Jennifer (Don) Kohler, Kris (Jack) Nealon, Mike Nealon, Vanessa (Matt) Rico-Robie, Lyla Sisson, Catherine Sisson, Katelyn Sisson, Anna (Jeff) Moyer, Jaynellen Sisson, Emily Sisson and several great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Mike’s memory.