



*Steve  
Martensen*

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# *Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving*

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*December 21, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

*Congregation stands for the processional*

## **THE PASTORAL GREETING**

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

## **INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

**P** In Holy Baptism Steve 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.**

**P** "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."

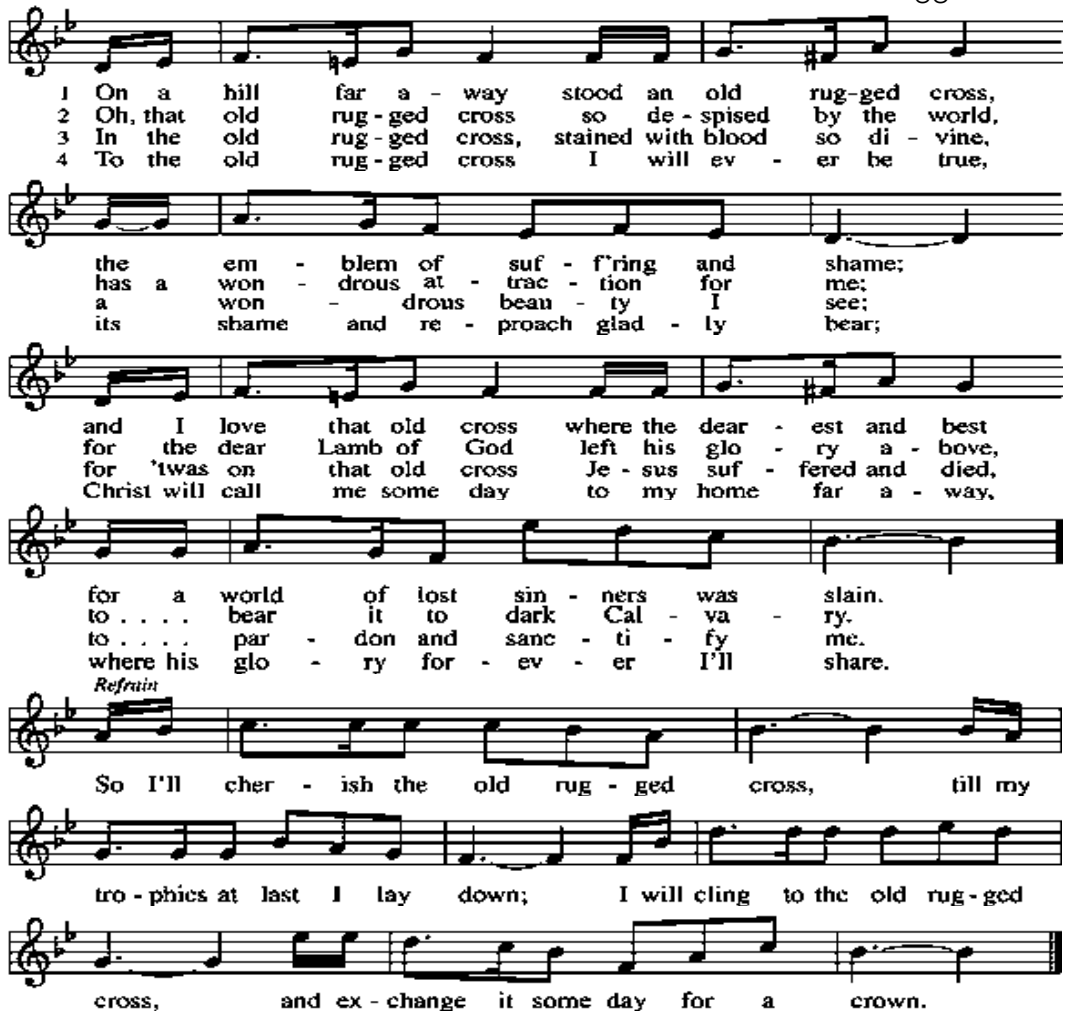
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



# HYMN

UMH 504 Old Rugged Cross



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,  
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,  
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,  
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;  
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;  
 a won - drous beau - ty for I see;  
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best  
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,  
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,  
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.  
 to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my  
 tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged  
 cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Steve 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.
- C** Amen.

## THE PSALMODY

*Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

**He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul,

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Yea, 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.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

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

*Congregation is seated*

## REMARKS BY THE FAMILY

## EPISTLE READING

*Revelation 21:1–4*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

*Congregation stands*

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

# HYMN

727 On Eagles' Wings



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

## THE HOMILY

### APOSTLES' CREED

**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,  
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.**

### PRAYER

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.*

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

*Congregation is seated*

## THE COMMENDATION

## BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

**C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

## THE COMMITTAL

*A brief service of committal will be held at the columbarium.  
All are welcome to recess with the family.*

*All are invited to a Reception immediately after the committal  
in the Café area of the Narthex.*

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Preston Wagner, Officiant  
Pastor Devin Murphy, Liturgist  
Rob Varner, Organist



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Steve Mortensen, age 73, of Wake Forest, NC passed away on Sunday December 8, 2024 at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Steve was born on March 7, 1951 to Martin and Estella (Nordmeyer) Mortensen. He grew up in Rising City, NE as the youngest of three boys and graduated from Rising City High School in 1969. After graduation he spent the summer working for the National Forestry Service in Idaho before moving to Lincoln, NE. He began working at HyGain Electronics where he held various manufacturing positions until moving to Wake Forest, NC in 1994. Once in North Carolina, he worked for Boston Gear briefly and retired from Accurate Machine in 2019.

Steve has been actively involved with Hope Lutheran Church since moving to North Carolina. He was also an avid outdoorsman, rarely turning down the opportunity to use his fishing pole and tackle box. For many years after leaving Nebraska he continued returning for an annual fishing trip with friends. Once in North Carolina, he discovered surf fishing which became a new hobby. When not fishing, Steve could usually be found in his garage honing his woodworking skills creating countless toys, games and other gifts over the years.

While at HyGain, Steve met Janice (Konken) whom he married on March 23, 1972. To this union, three children were born.

Steve is survived by his wife, children: Leslie (Jeremy) Hinkle of Lincoln, NE, Aaron (Jennifer) Mortensen of Middlefield, CT and Teri (Christiano) Torres of Garner, NC. Grandchildren Erica and Megan Hinkle, Reagan Mortensen, Cameron Mortensen, Olivia and Bronsen Torres. He was a proud brother to Larry (Mary) Mortensen and Ted (Laurie Blackwell) Mortensen. Preceded in death by his parents.