

Chad Miller July 13, 1974 - June 20, 2025

*With the Word of God, the Christian church comforts the bereaved family and friends
and confesses its lasting hope in Christ.*

OPENING HYMN

THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Refrain: *Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
And he will be my Savior.*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation,
And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord!"
And call upon his name.*

Refrain:

*Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world.*

Refrain:

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you is the Only One of Israel.*

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And he will be my Savior.**

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In Holy Baptism, Chad was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. God's Word affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God

through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (Galatians 3:26-27)

Romans 6 tells us, “All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

GOD’S COMFORT

M: We have come together to seek God’s comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:23)

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(I Corinthians 15:57)

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: then we also will appear with him in glory.

(Colossians 3:4)

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn the loss of Chad, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts; dispel our doubts and fears. We thank you for bringing Chad to faith and giving him the gift of eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word and sacraments, and keep us in the saving faith until we are united with you and all the saints where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

John 3:16-18

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Psalms 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

² He causes me to lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

³ He restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You set a table for me in the presence of my foes.

You drench my head with oil.

My cup is overflowing.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ '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."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

HYMN

THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE

**There is a higher throne,
Than all this world has known
where faithful ones from every tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
Salvation comes!
Hear heaven's voices sing!
Their thundrous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies - their praises rise!
All glory, wisdom, power,
and strength, and honor are to God our King,
who reigns on high, forevermore!**

**And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne
we'll honor him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;
we'll reign with Him.
Hear heaven's voices sing!
Their thundrous anthem rings
through em'rald courts and sapphire skies - their praises rise!
All glory, wisdom, power,
and strength, and honor are to God our King,
who reigns on high, forevermore!**

SERMON

HYMN

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

**When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

**For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

PRAYERS

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever.

What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven.

Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come.

O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9

C: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✚] give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone- Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine -
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Military Honors for Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Chad Miller

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