A Service of Thanksgiving For the Life of Christian Zunigha



Saturday September 25, 2021 1:00 p.m. Christ Lutheran Church 3701 NE North Shore Road Belfair, WA 98528

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Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)



Text: Gesangbucl, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

GATHERING

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

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.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)

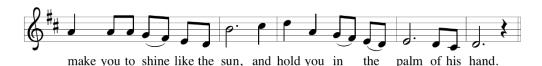


1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



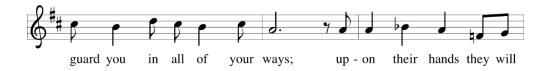
fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.





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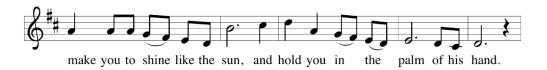








And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





WORD

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd.

I shall not want;

²he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

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

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil,

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for ever.

ROMANS 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW 779)



Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

MATTHEW 22:34-40

But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sad'ducees, they came together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

JOHN 14:1-7

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. ² 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? ³ And when 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. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

REMEMBRANCES

SERMON

How Great Thou Art (ELW 856)



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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercv. hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant peace and agency to the people of Palestine, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, and all places facing conflict and injustices. Unite us toward a common goal of peace and prosperity for all. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy.

hear our prayer.

God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because he lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

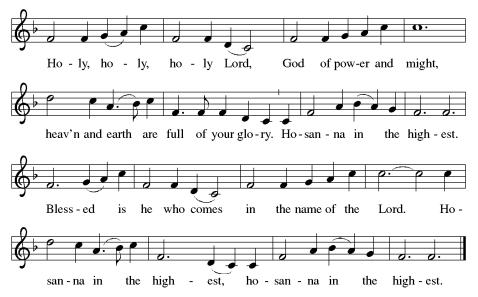
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life. When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were

barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother .He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

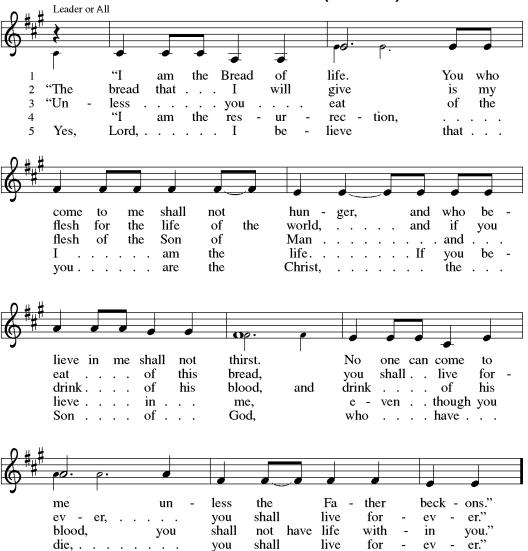
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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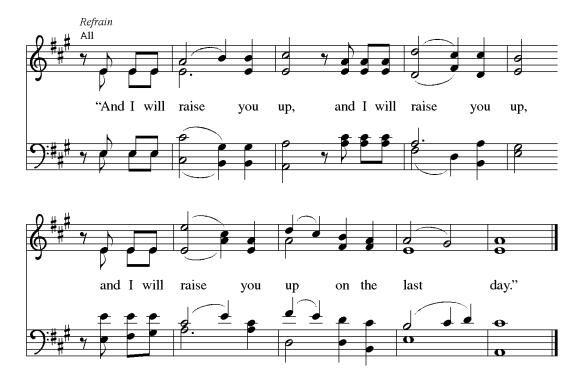
I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)



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world. . . .



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Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Christian to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. *A brief silence is kept*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Christian_. 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.**



BLESSING

Almighty God, Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Recessional: "O Happy Day"

Following this service, you are invited to an outdoor reception at the Christ Lutheran waterfront gazebo.

Pastor Julie A. Kanarr

Pianist Kristi Jacobsen

OBITUARY

Christian Andrew Zunigha of Allyn, WA, loving husband and father, passed away on September 8, 2021 at the age of 64 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Christian will be remembered by his love and commitment to family, his global influence as an educator, and the deep human connections he made with all those he encountered.

Christian was born in St. Louis, MO and moved to Izmir, Turkey at a young age. This experience fostered a passion for learning new cultures and languages and a desire to explore the world. He was an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians from his father's side and a proud Sicilian from his mother's side. Christian was a natural linguist and studied Anthropology at Northern Arizona University, where he met his future wife Cathi. It was love at first sight and he and Cathi soon started a life of world travel in 1984 when they joined the Peace Corps in the Central African Republic. They spent over 30 years overseas, raising their girls Katie and Connie while teaching in international schools in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates.

Christian was a modern renaissance man with a deep appreciation for art, history, philosophy, religion, and the exploration of the human condition. He shared his love of Dalí, Impressionism, the Dutch masters, and Hemingway with his family by taking them all over the world to experience their works and inspirations. He played the Beatles on his guitar, singing love songs to Cathi and his daughters. At one point or another he spoke German, Navajo, Turkish, French, Sango, Greek, and Arabic... though he would be quick to deny his fluency right after having a conversation in said language. He also had a suspiciously strong grasp of Italian, Spanish, Norwegian, and any other language he spent time around.

Christian retired from Saudi Aramco to Allyn, WA in 2016. He had seen the world and knew the Pacific Northwest was a special place. He enjoyed his retirement by continuing to visit new places, enjoying his golf game, watching Mariners baseball, tending his garden, and bird watching with his miniature schnauzer Lucy.

Christian will be deeply missed by his wife of 37 years, Catherine Cornell Zunigha; two daughters, Catherine JoAnn and Constance Grace Zunigha; brother, Curtis A. Zunigha; and sisters Toni Smith and Cynthia Zunigha Carr. He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis P. and Catherine L. Zunigha.

His family encourages everyone to recognize the subtle signs of pancreatic cancer and support the <u>Pancreatic Cancer Action Network</u> in his honor to continue efforts for early detection and better treatment.

All family, friends, and former students are invited to a Celebration of Life to be held in 2022.