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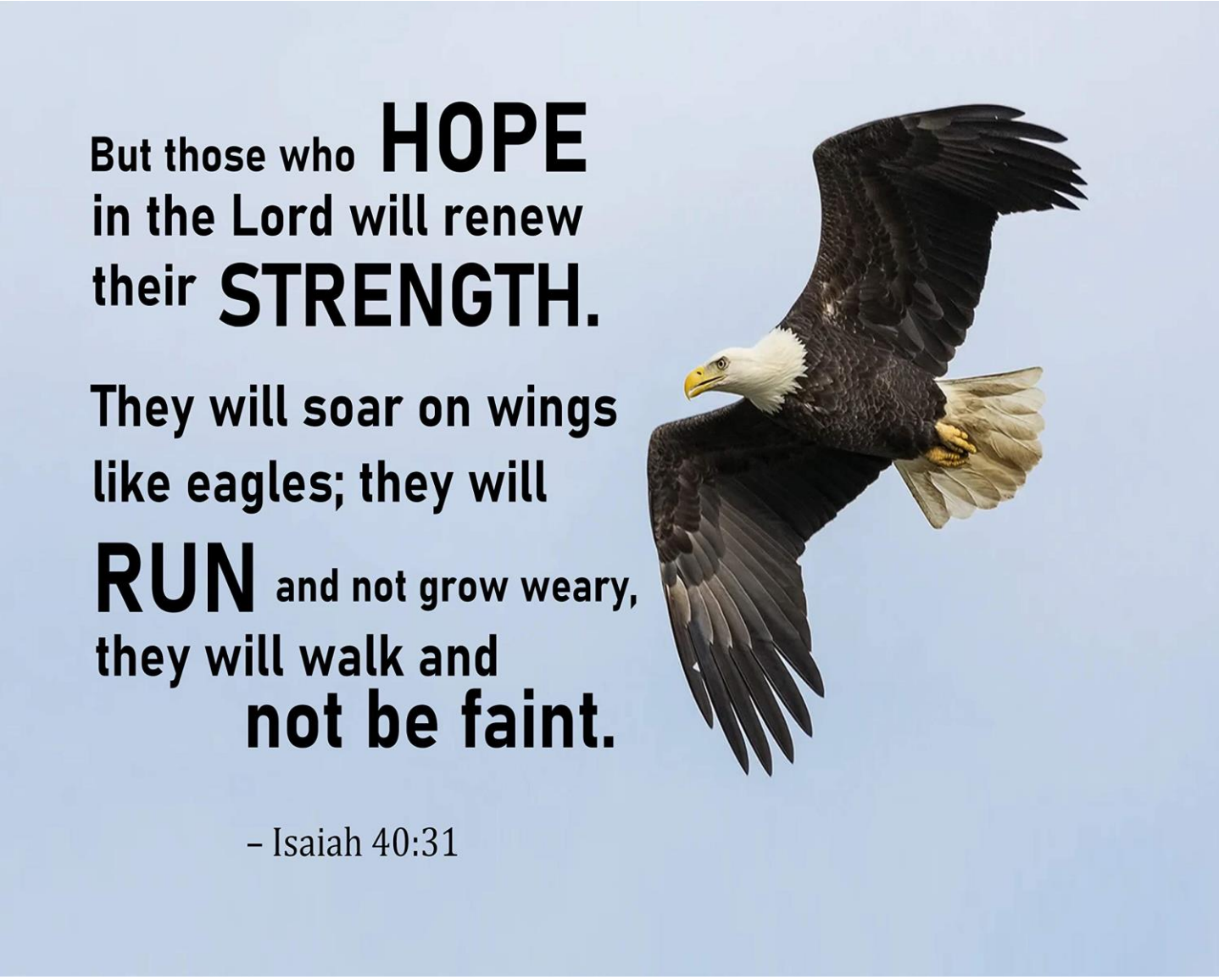

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Stand
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

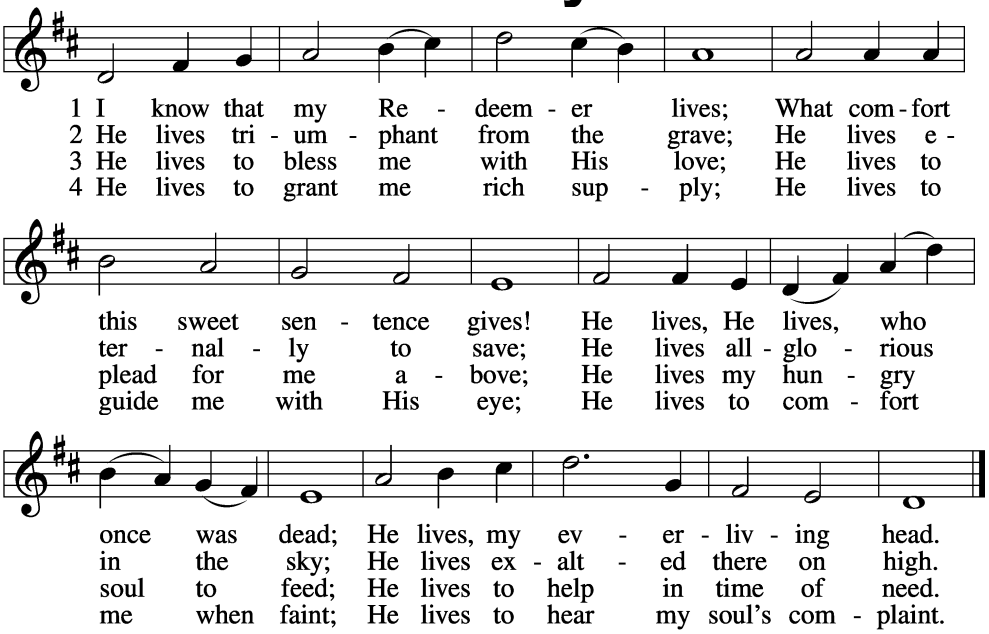
The casket may be covered with a funeral pall.

Remembrance of Baptism

P In Holy Baptism *David Albert Edwards* 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.**

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



5 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.

6 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.

7 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.

8 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!

Psalm *Psalm 23*

P The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

P He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C **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.**

P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect 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 *David Edwards* 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 40:21–31*

21 Do you not know? Do you not hear?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations
of the earth?
22 It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

[23]who brings princes to nothing,
  and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
[24]Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
  scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows on them, and they wither,
  and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
[25]To whom then will you compare me,
  that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
[26]Lift up your eyes on high and see:
  who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
  calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
  and because he is strong in power
  not one is missing.
[27]Why do you say, O Jacob,
  and speak, O Israel,
"My way is hidden from the LORD,
  and my right is disregarded by my God"?
[28]Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
  the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
  his understanding is unsearchable.
[29]He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.
30 Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
31 but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Solo **On Eagles Wings** **Bruce Buksyk**

Epistle *Romans 6:3–11*

3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 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.
5 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. 6 We know that our old self was

crucified with him in order that the body of sin might
be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer
be enslaved to sin. [7]For one who has died has been
set free from sin. [8]Now if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him. [9]We know
that Christ being raised from the dead will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him.
[10]For the death he died he died to sin, once for all,
but the life he lives he lives to God. [11]So you also
must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to
God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse

P If we have died with Christ, we shall also live with Him;
C **if we are faithful to the end, we shall reign with Him.**

Holy Gospel *John 10:10b–15, 27–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[10]The thief comes only to steal and kill and
destroy. I came that they may have life and have it
abundantly. [11]I am the good shepherd. The good
shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. [12]He who
is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not
own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves
the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them
and scatters them. [13]He flees because he is a hired
hand and cares nothing for the sheep. [14]I am the
good shepherd. I know my own and my own know
me, [15]just as the Father knows me and I know the
Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

[27]My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and
they follow me. [28]I give them eternal life, and they
will never perish, and no one will snatch them out
of my hand. [29]My Father, who has given them to
me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch
them out of the Father's hand. [30]I and the Father
are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

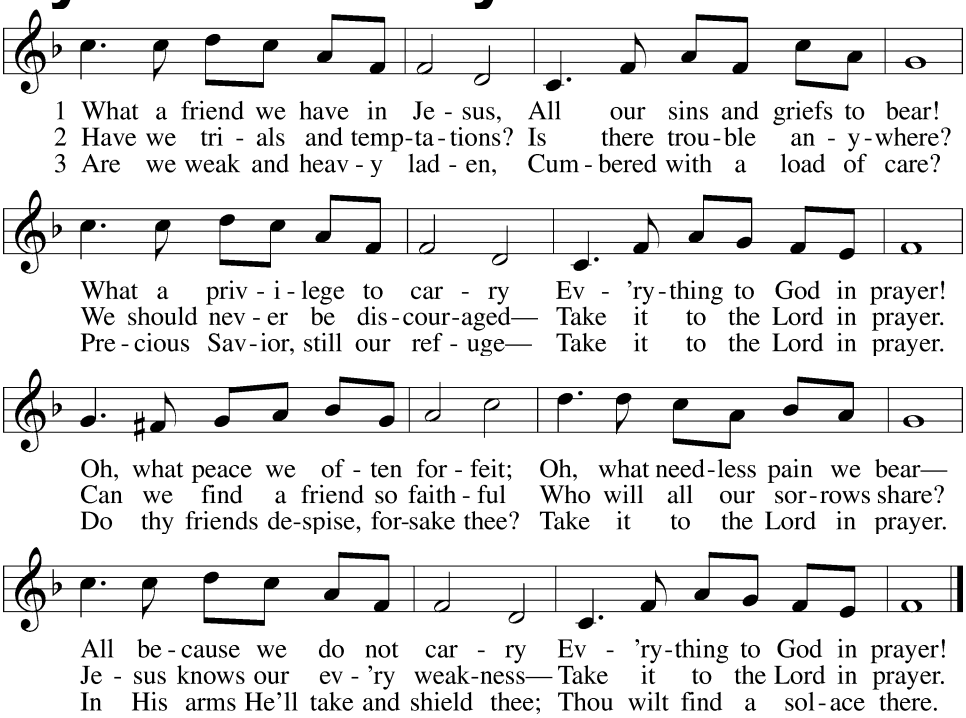
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day



Sermon

Solo How Great Thou Art
Andrew Edwards acc.by Katie Schubert

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

P Almighty God, You have knit Your chosen people together into one communion in the

mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of Your Son may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at Your heavenly banquet. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to the family of *David Edwards* and to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Give courage and faith to the bereaved, that within the communion of Your Church they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Receive our thanks for *David Edwards* and for all the blessings You bestowed on *him* in this earthly life. Bring us at last to our heavenly home that with *him* we may see You face to face in the joys of paradise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

Nunc Dimittis

A "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.

A “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.”

Concluding Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction and Dismissal

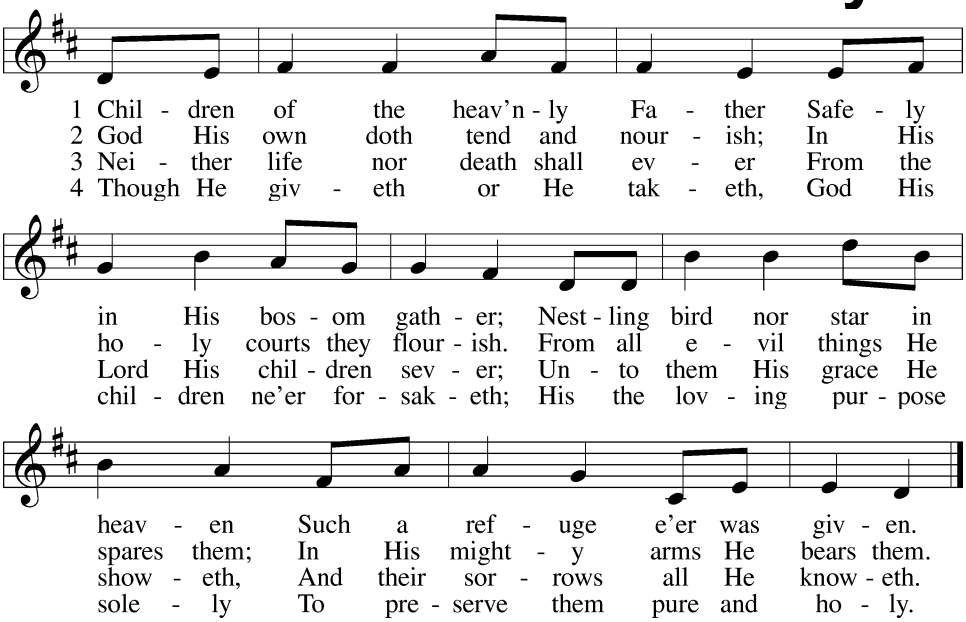
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

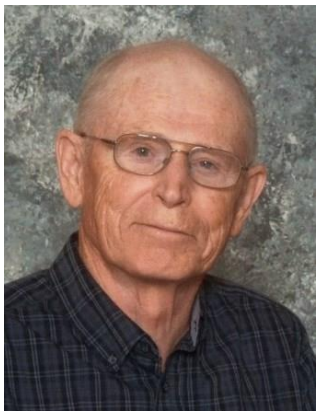
P Let us go forth in peace,

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

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



The Family would like to invite you to a lunch to follow the service. It will be held in the large fellowship hall of the church.



David A. Edwards Obituary

David Albert Edwards, age 84, of Menasha, departed this life to be with Jesus on, March 3, 2026, while surrounded by family in Appleton, Wisconsin. Dave was born August 15, 1941, at his home in Parfreyville, Waupaca County, Wisconsin to the late Aubrey and Eldora (Hoppe) Edwards. In 1959, he graduated from Waupaca High School and from Oshkosh Technical School in 1961. Dave was united in marriage to Karen Morey on November 25, 1961 at Farmington Lutheran Church in Sheridan, Waupaca County. Shortly after the marriage, they moved to Menasha and for over 42 years, Dave was employed as an Autobody Mechanic with the GM dealership in Menasha. Dave and Karen have also been members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Menasha for many years. He was a member of the Robert Ritzenthaler Archaeology Society Chapter of the Wisconsin Archaeological Society as well as a member and active volunteer with Wild Ones (Native Plants & Natural Landscapes).

Dave will be missed by his loving wife of 64 years, Karen; sons: Jeff (Debbie) and Todd (Carrie Russell); grandchildren: Andrew, Elisabeth, Halden, Azalea, and Sidrah; sisters-in-law: Gretchen Edwards and Marjorie Larson; brothers-in-law: Richard (Margaret) Morey and Edward (Pamela) Morey; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Kenneth and Elmira Morey; brother, Gene Edwards; and brother-in-law, Eugene Larson.

The Funeral Service for Dave will be held at 11:30 AM on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 Broad Street, Menasha, Wisconsin 54952. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service at the church. A private interment will take place at Little Creek Cemetery in Waupaca County at a later date.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Brewster Village and Moments Hospice for their loving and tender care given to Dave during his short stay as well as to the staff with St. Elizabeth Hospital.