



CELEBRATING A LIFE IN CHRIST

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Paul Phillip Zinnecker
Born into this life December 2, 1957
Entered into eternal rest Oct. 19, 2025

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October 28, 2025
11:00 AM
Spring Grove Cemetery
Cincinnati, OH

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PRELUDE

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES Ed Zinnecker and Pr. Pat Badkey

*INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

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.

*REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

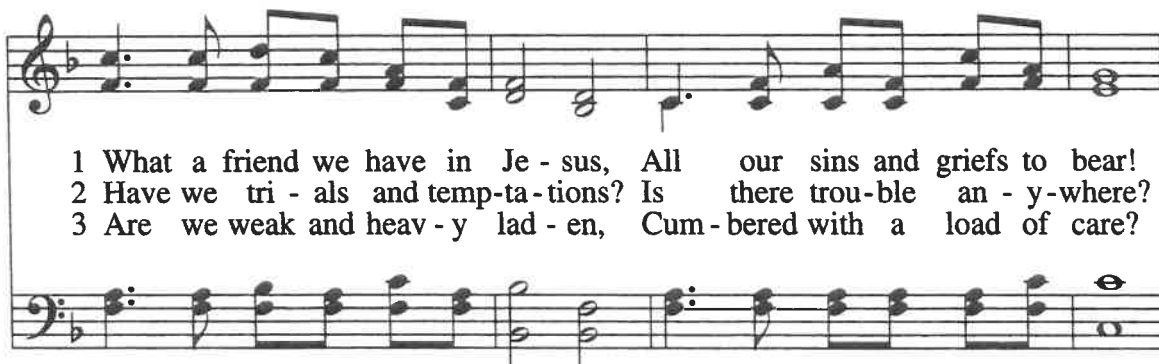
P: When Paul was baptized in Christ Jesus, he was baptized into his death. He was buried therefore with him by Baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, Paul too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 6:3-5

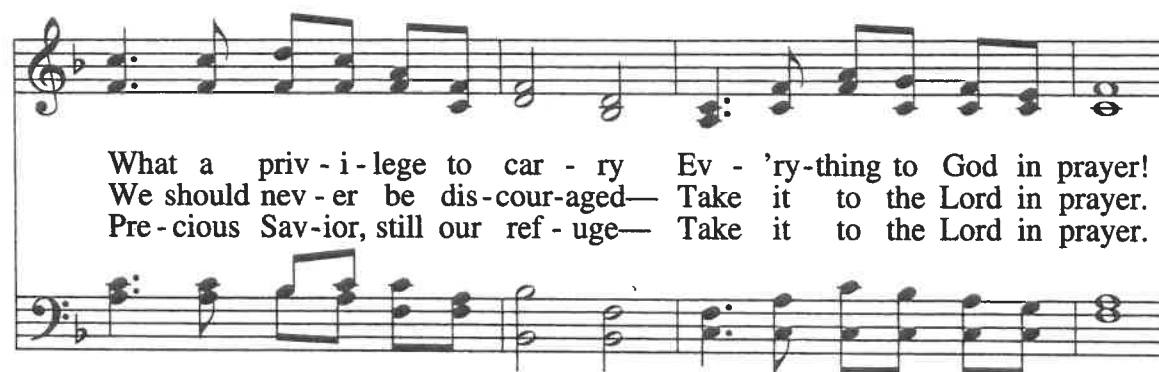


***HYMN**

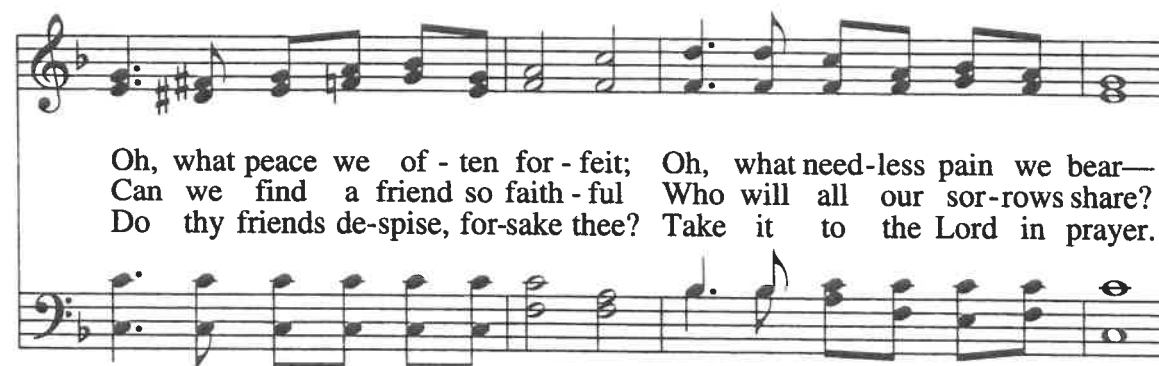
What a Friend We Have in Jesus



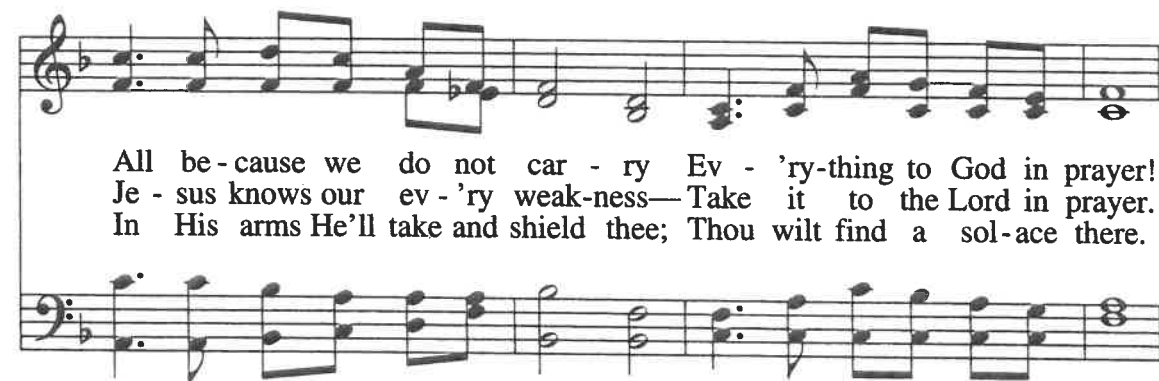
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Paul. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage here on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 25:6-9 Pr. Larry Donner

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

²Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam,

³though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶The nation's rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-2 Richard Zinnecker

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But
 3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -
 4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And
 5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The

won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps
 trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing
 fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -
 clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy

in the sea And rides up - on the storm.
 prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.
 bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.
 ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.
 and will break In bless - ings on your head.

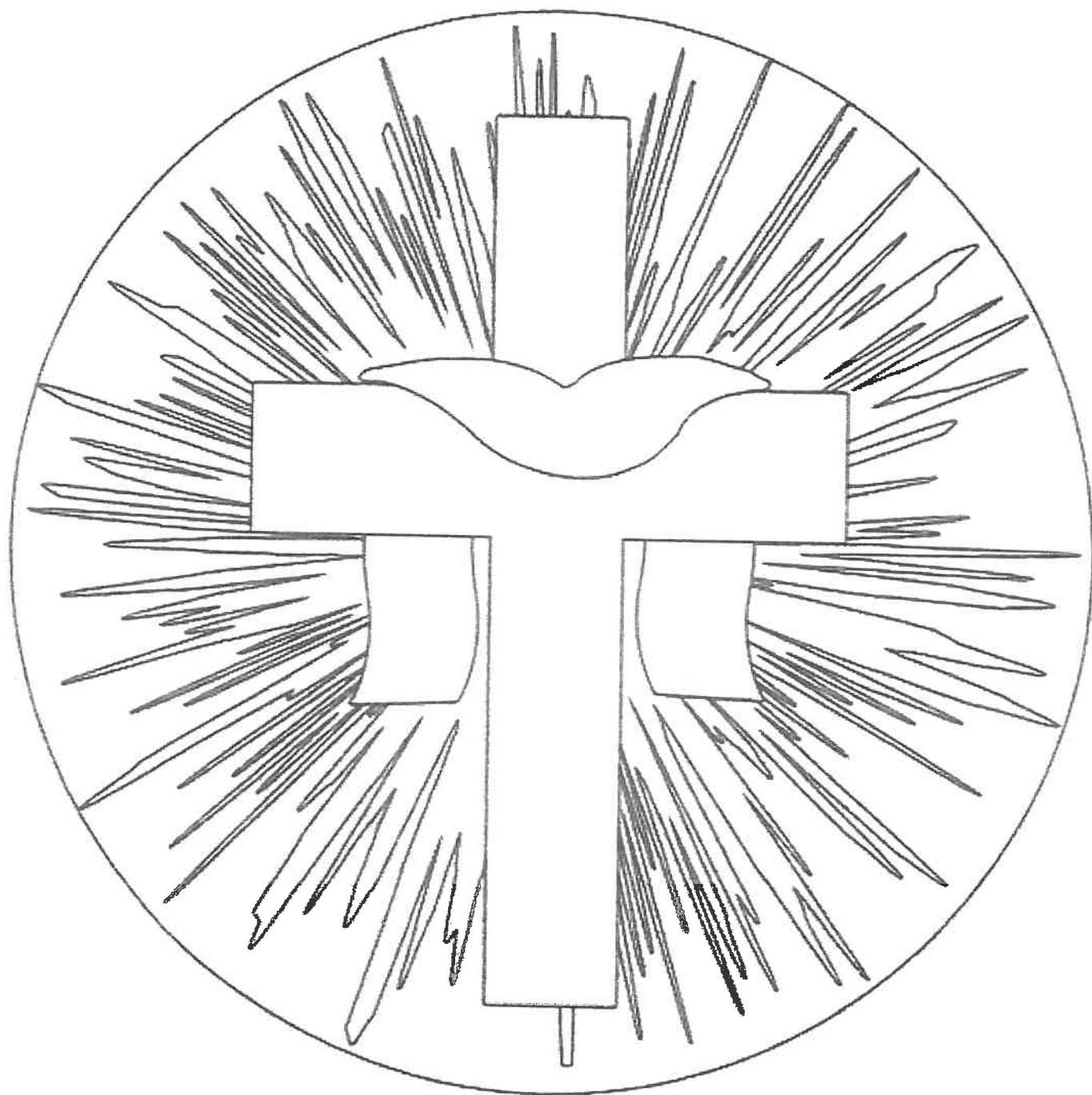
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Rom. 11:33; Is. 38:17; Rom. 8:28; Jer. 29:11



***GOSPEL READING: John 14:1-6**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 10th Chapter.

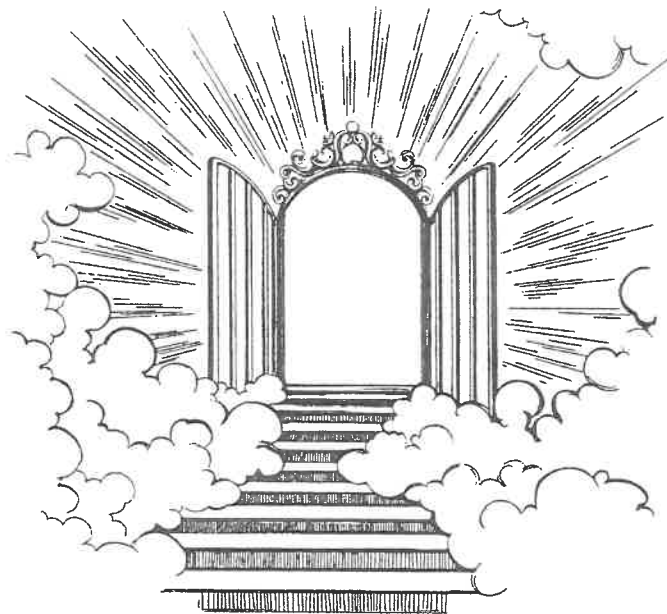
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

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

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

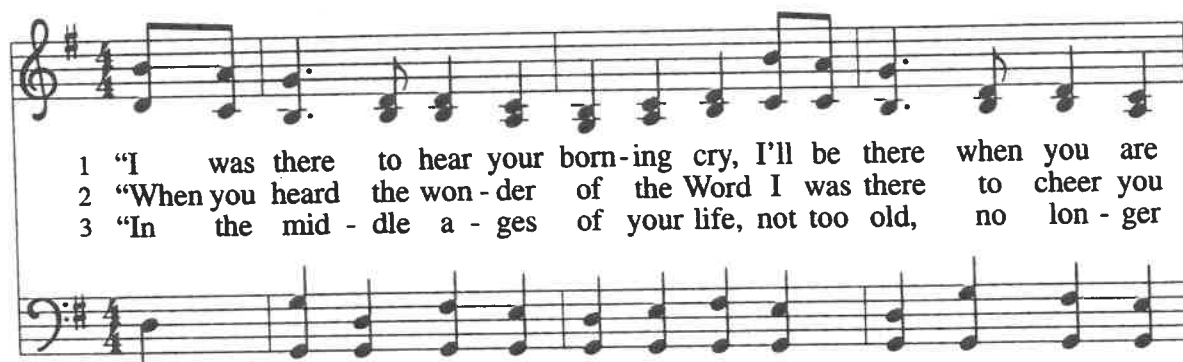
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

HOMILY Pr. Paul Ebert

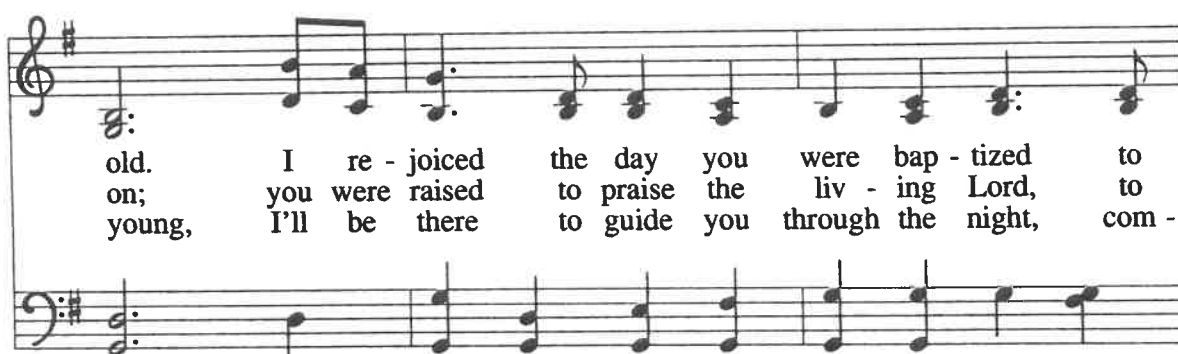


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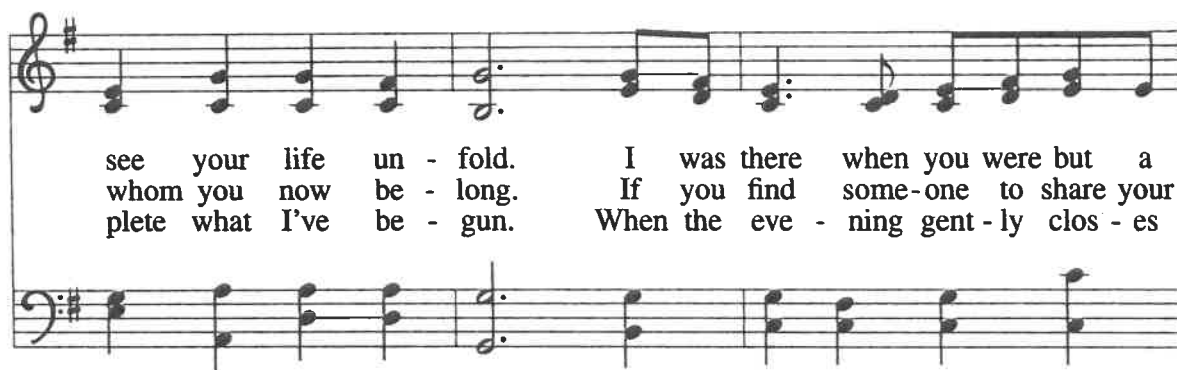
Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger



old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 on; you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to
 young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



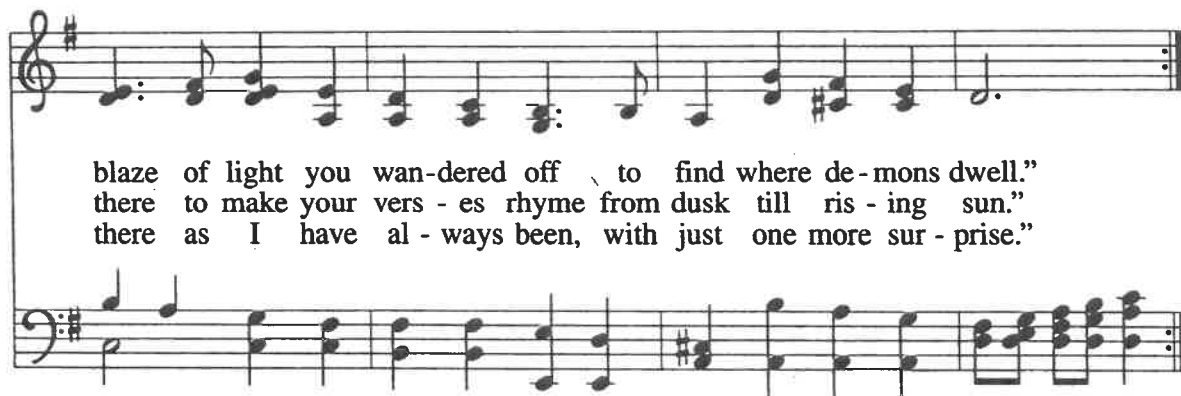
see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



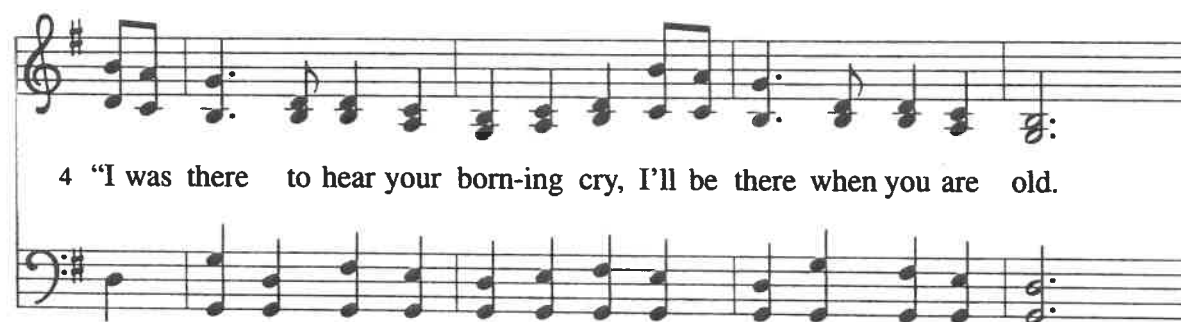
child, with a faith to suit you well; in a
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be

HYMN

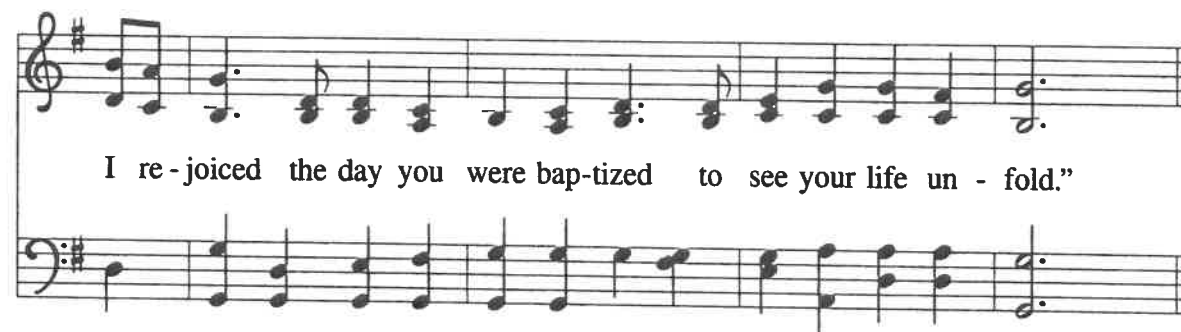
Borning Cry (cont.)



blaze of light you wan-dered off \ to find where de-mons dwell."
 there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."



***THE 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,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.





***PRAYERS**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your chosen people together in 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 your 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 that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection. Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer

P: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Grant to all who mourn this day 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 those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a holy and certain hope, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with Ruth and all those they love. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communions of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: Grant us grace to entrust Paul Phillip Zinnecker to your never-failing love which sustained him in this life. Receive him into the arms of your mercy and remember him according to the favor you bear for your people. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

P: God of grace, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give you thanks because by his death Jesus destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection has 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 shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C *LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed by 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.

***COMMENDATION**

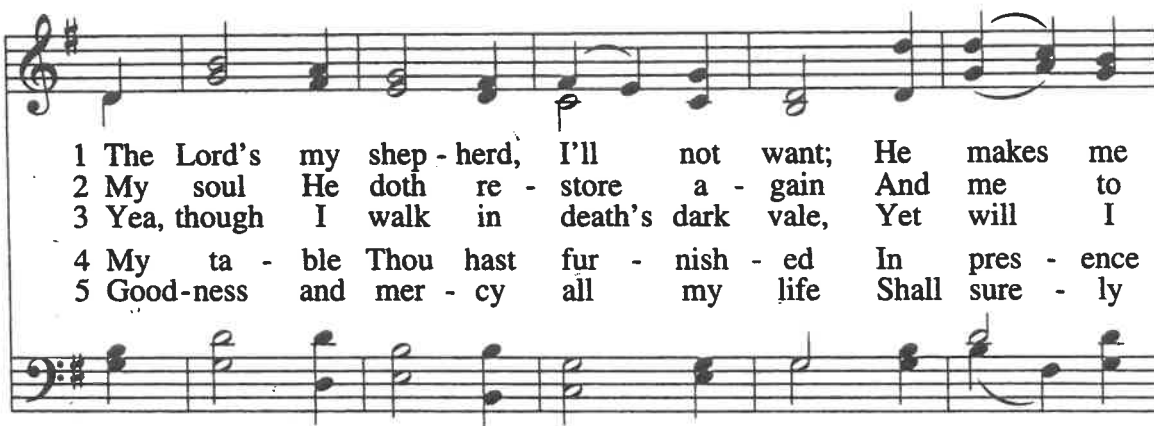
P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Paul.

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.

C: Amen.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

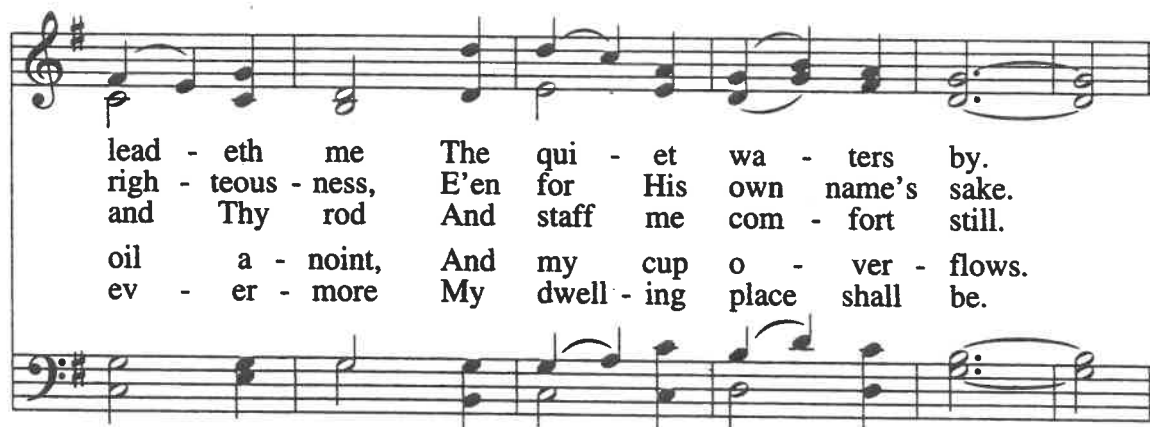
*RECESSIONAL HYMN **The Lord's My Shepherd**



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
 Tune: William Gardiner, 1770–1853; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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POSTLUDE

Service Participants

Presiding Minister

Pr. Paul Ebert

Faith Lutheran Church Wilmington

Keyboardist

Ken Holdt

Director of Worship and Music

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Family Rememberances

Ed Zinnecker, Paul's brother

Pr. Pat Badkey,

Paul & Jan's former Pastor

Readers

Pr. Larry Donner,

Paul & Jan's former Pastor

& Jan's cousin

Richard Zinnecker, Paul's brother

The family requests memorials in lieu of flowers be made to:

Faith Lutheran Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

1319 Military Cutoff Suite CC/200

7701 Kenwood Rd.

Wilmington, NC 28405

Cincinnati OH 45236

Paul Phillip Zinnecker Obituary

Paul Phillip Zinnecker, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, passed away on Sunday, October 19, 2025, at the age of 67 in Hampstead, North Carolina.

Paul was born on December 2, 1957, in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he spent much of his life before retiring and moving to the North Carolina coast. He built a successful career at Cincinnati Bell, Kroger, and Kaivac; and a beautiful family, leaving a legacy of warmth and dedication. While he may not have been a man of many words, Paul was known for his selflessness, kindness, and gentle spirit, and his unwavering support for those he loved. Everyone who met him immediately knew he was a good and godly man.

Throughout his life, Paul wore many, many titles:

Son, grandson, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle, cousin, nephew, son-in-law; athlete, distance runner, mentor; Telephone Test Desk Technician, Six Sigma Master Black Belt, Project Manager; Stephen Minister, Financial Peace University Facilitator, Sound Board Technician, IH Boosters President, and IH Recreation Commission President; friend, jokester, coach, Bengals, Reds, and Buckeyes fan.

Two very important titles to him were Child of God and Brother in Christ.

He cherished the titles of Best Friend and Husband of Jan (nee Eckenfels); Dad of Alicia, Diana, and Colleen; and Father-in-law of Shawn Stacy and Lee Hewitt.

But, his ABSOLUTE FAVORITE titles were "Blue Mush" to Phillip and Graham, and "Papa" to Finnley. They will all three miss his playful spirit and calming, steady, and comforting presence.

Paul will be remembered by his family and friends as a man of integrity, generosity, and humor. While he will be deeply missed, his family takes comfort in knowing he is at peace in the arms of Jesus, and that the love he shared will continue to guide them and show up in many various and unexpected ways through all those whose lives he touched.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, from 9:00-11:00 AM, until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM, at Spring Grove Funeral Homes, 4389 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45223. Burial will immediately follow at Spring Grove Cemetery. After the burial, there will be a light luncheon at the Spring Grove Event Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Paul's memory to Faith Lutheran Wilmington (<https://www.faithlutheran-wilmington.org>), Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cincinnati OH (<https://www.goodshepherd.com/>), or a charity of your choosing.