



*Blessed*

is the man who

*perseveres...*

because when he  
has stood the test,

he will receive the  
*crown of life*

that God has  
promised to those  
who love him.

*James 1:12 (NIV)*

# HOME-GOING CELEBRATION

*“Celebrating Life Overcoming Death”*

**May 3, 2024, 4:00 PM**

*To the Glory of God and in loving memory of*

**Thomas R. Stenhouse**

**September 21, 1929—April 24, 2024**

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*The church of Jesus Christ welcomes the new Christian into its fellowship through Holy Baptism. The church helps faith grow through the preaching of the Word of God and the sacrament of Holy Communion. Now the voice of the church is heard as we proclaim our glorious victory in the resurrection of the dead through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

**PRELUDE** (*Organ*)

### **GREETING**

P: Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother, Thomas, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**C: Thank be to God.**

P: “When we were baptized into 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.” (*Romans 6:3-5*)

**C: Thank be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC** “*Highland Cathedral*”

(by Uli Roever and Michael Korb - Bagpipes: James Ruhf & Organ)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.     **C: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with You in joy and blessedness. We give You heartfelt thanks for the grace You have bestowed upon Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.     **C: AMEN.**

### **RESPONSIVE READING**....Psalm 103:11-18

(Led by William Colin Schneck, congregation reads *indented*)

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

**so great is His love for those who fear Him;**

as far as the east is from the west,

**so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children,

**so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him;**

for He knows how we are formed,

**He remembers that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are like grass,

**he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

the wind blows over it and it is gone,

**and its place remembers it no more.**

But from everlasting to everlasting

the LORD’S love is with those who fear Him,

**and His righteousness with their children’s children—**

with those who keep His covenant

**and remember to obey His precepts.**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING** ....Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 .... Pew Bible p. 1037

*(Read by Cameron Thomas Taylor)*

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** ....James 1:12-15 ..... 1818

*(Read by Malcolm Ellis Taylor)*

P: Word of God, Word of Life.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Please rise.)*

*“Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go” (ELW p151)*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** ....Luke 12:22-40.....p. 1618

*(Read by Kaitlin Ruth Derstine )*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.      **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** *(please sit)* Pastor David Brown

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

### **HYMN** (please stand) “How Great Thou Art”

(Maj # 111 - Text: Carl Boberg, tr Stuart K Hine; Tune: Swedish melody)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
ra-tion and there pro-claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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 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.**

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH SHARING** *(please sit)*  
*People are invited to come to the lectern to share briefly special memories about Tom's life.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"The Goodness of God"*  
*(by Bethel Music - Praise Band: Brian Bortz & Family)*

## WE LIFT OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

**THE PRAYERS** *(please kneel)*

**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.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**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.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant to us who are still in our journey, and who walk as yet by faith, pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and that Your Holy Spirit may lead us to holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

**P:** Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: Grant us to entrust Tom into Your never failing love which sustained him in this life. We thank You for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. Receive him into Your arms of mercy and remember him according to the favor You bear for Your people.

**C: Hear us, Lord.**

P: God, the generations rise and pass away before You. You are the strength of those who labor and the rest of the blessed dead. We rejoice in the fellowship of Your saints. We remember all who have lived in faith, all who have peacefully died, and especially those most dear to us who rest in You.

*(silence for remembrance)*

Give us in time our reward with those who have trusted in You and lived to do Your holy will. To Your name, we the Church on earth and the Church in heaven, ascribe all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: AMEN.**

## WE RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(please stand)*

P: The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; Who brought to light the living hope of a blessed resurrection, that, in our grief, we may rejoice in full assurance of our change into the likeness of His glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*“Alleluia” (by Michael W. Smith)*

Piano Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are "Al - le - lu - ia. — Ho - ly, ho - ly". The piano part consists of chords and some moving lines.

are You, Lord God — Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a more active rhythm with eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and some eighth-note patterns.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God — Al - might - y.

The third system continues the melody. The vocal line has a more active rhythm with eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and some eighth-note patterns.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

The fourth system concludes the hymn. The vocal line has a more active rhythm with eighth notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and some eighth-note patterns. The system ends with a double bar line.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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 in 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.



## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(sung)*

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.

## COMMUNION *(please sit)*

*Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized! All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome to partake. Gluten-free rice wafers are available (say "Rice"). For those unable to partake of wine, grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses.*

## LAMB OF GOD *(WOV p 25)*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG** *"Oceans (Where Feet may Fail)"*  
*(by Hillsong United - Praise Band: Brian Bortz & Family)*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER** *(please stand)*

**P:** Let us pray together:      **C:** **Lord, now let Your servant depart in peace: Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of all people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory 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.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*“Find Us Faithful” (by Steve Green - Soloist: John Bauer)*

## **COMMENDATION**

**P:** Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Your servant, Thomas Richard Stenhouse. 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.**

## **BENEDICTION** Aaron Derstine

**BLESSING** *“May The Road Rise To Meet You”*  
*(Praise Band: Brian Bortz & Family)*

**POSTLUDE** *“Amazing Grace” (Bagpipes: James Ruhf)*  
*(The Congregation will follow the bagpiper out of the sanctuary starting at the front.)*

## ***FAMILY & FRIENDS***

***The family invites everyone to join them for dinner  
in Fellowship Hall.***

*Arrangements by Cantelmi Long Funeral Home, Bethlehem, PA.*



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR**  
**Thomas R. Stenhouse**  
**May 3, 2024**

**PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE:**

PASTOR: The Rev. David L. Brown  
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PRAISE BAND: Brian Bortz & Family  
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Malcolm Ellis Taylor, Kaitlin Ruth Derstine  
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Lyn Stryker  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM  
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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