

***Christ Lutheran Church  
Boyne City, MI***



***Funeral Service for  
James Matthew, Sr.***

***Saturday, April 6, 2024  
11:00 AM***



## Prelude

*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.**

*Sit*

## Placement of the Funeral Pall by the Pallbearers

## Placement of Flowers by the Grandchildren

## Remembrance of Baptism

- P** In Holy Baptism Jim 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.**

## Psalm 23

- <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.
- <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.
- <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup>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 Jim 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.**

## 801 How Great Thou Art

LSB 801



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!

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### First Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Psalm 116:12-15

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?  
<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.

### Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Verse

- A** Alleluia, alleluia.  
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
- C** **to Him be glory and power forever.**  
**Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:19-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

- 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

763 When Peace, like a River

LSB 763



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

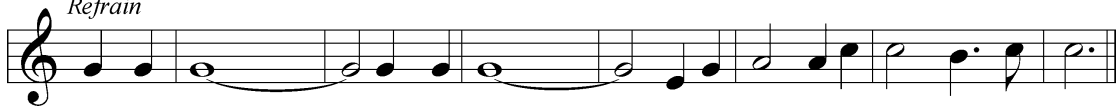


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Sermon



## Song: On Eagles' Wings

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

#### 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.

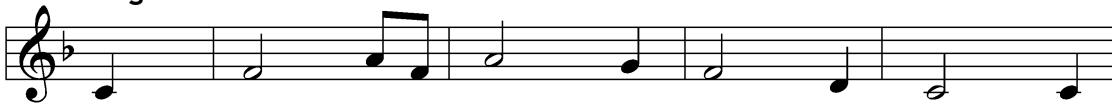
**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,

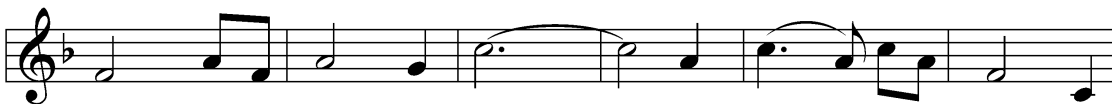
**C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

# 744 Amazing Grace

LSB 744 sts. 1-5



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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*There will be a brief committal service at Maple Lawn Cemetery immediately following the conclusion of this service, all are welcome to attend. Those who wish to remain at the church are welcome to do so. Once the family members have returned to the church our luncheon will begin, all are welcome.*

## Postlude

**Officiant - Rev. Chuck Hoffman**

**Pianist - Daniel Matthew**

**Soloist - Jennifer Nobel**

### Acknowledgments

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James H. Matthew, Sr., 95 of Boyne City, Michigan, passed away on March 28, 2024, at Grandvue, with his family by his side.

Son of John M. and Zola A. (Easton) Matthew, James was born on February 1, 1929, at home in Melrose Township, Michigan. He was a lifelong resident of Boyne City. James attended school in Melrose Township and then Boyne City Public Schools, graduating in 1946.

On January 23, 1954, he married Barbara May Bussing at the United Methodist Church in Boyne City.

James served in the United States Army from December 1950 to November 1952 stationed in Germany.

James owned Jim and Charlie's Auto Service in Boyne City. He later retired from Essex (United Tech) in Boyne City.

Family, woodworking, camping and golf were a few of the things James loved. He always showed up to help. He enjoyed helping friends and family with projects and remodeling.

He was a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion and Antique Flywheelers Club. James was also a longtime member of Christ Lutheran Church and served in various capacities within the church. He had a second family at the church with many close friends there.

His family is his legacy. He always looked forward to the annual family camping trip and family gatherings during the holidays.

James is survived by his children: Jim (Kathy) Matthew, Jane (Jerry) Noble, Becky (Jeff) Cooper, Chris Hayden and Sarah (Tom) Towne; his grandchildren: Mike (Casey), Katie (Eric), Chelsea (Christopher), Laura (Derek), Sam, Dan (Stephanie), Jennifer, Andrew (Kyla), Elizabeth, Aaron (Heather), Tracy (Nick) and Haley (Chase); his 13 great-grandchildren (one more due soon); his two great great-grandchildren; his dear and special friend Lilly Banner; several nieces and nephews, including Barb (Mike) Young who lived with the family; and sister-in-law Leatha Wilgus.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Barbara; his parents; his siblings: Ira (Margaret) Matthew, Perry (Violet) Matthew, Delores (Ted) Hull, Mildred (Burt) Burns, Helen (Forest) Cantor, and Lillian (John) Dollarhide.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest a donation in James's memory to Christ Lutheran Church or Grandvue Medical Facility