

A Service Celebrating the Life of

William Sterling Hildebrand In Jesus Christ

September 17, 1982 – September 12, 2020

September 19, 2020

10:30 a.m.

P Pastor

C Congregation

AS WE GATHER

In Baptism William was engrafted to the vine, Jesus Christ, forever held and sustained in faith, grace, and forgiveness. Today we rejoice that William has received the covenant promise of Baptism--life eternal! William has passed over from this veil of tears into the heavenly realm of Jerusalem, partaking of the Feast of the Lamb, which shall have no end.

MEDITATION

Psalm 139 (verses 13-16)

¹³You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. your works are Wonderful; I know that full well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in the secret place, When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

PRE-SERVICE

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

“Meditation”

“Jesus Loves Me”

"How Great Thou Art"

“Here I am Lord”

“Hymn of Promise”

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

“Pastorale”

“On Eagle’s Wings”

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(The congregation is invited to stand and face the procession)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” LSB 702

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING VERSES

(From 1Corinthians 15)

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

C Amen.

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory?

C Where, O death, is your sting?

P The sting of death is sin,

C and the power of sin is the law.

P But thanks be to God!

C He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm.

C Let nothing move you.

P Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,

C because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

THE OPENING PRAYER

P Almighty and everlasting God, You never cease to care for Your beloved children. As the last hour has come for our beloved William, help us believe, as you have promised, that for Your faithful death is only a slumber and that through death You deliver us from this valley of tears and bring us to the joy of everlasting 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.

(The congregation is seated.)

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 100

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord,

C **all the earth!**

P Serve the Lord with gladness!

C **Come into his presence with singing!**

P Know that the Lord, He is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

C **we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

C **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

P For the Lord is good,

C **his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

John 11:25-26

²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

HYMN

"How Great Thou Art" LSB 801

The Gospel: John 14:1-7

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; 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. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

SERMON HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me” LSB 588

(Please be seated)

SERMON “You Shall Live”

(Reverend Jonathan Van Sliedrecht)

THE 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.

C Hear us, O 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 gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

C Hear us, O Lord.

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

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind.

C Hear us, O Lord.

P Grant to all who mourn William's death 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, O Lord.**

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

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

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

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P Grant us grace to trust William to your never-failing love.

C **Hear us, O Lord.**

P 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 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

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.

THE BENEDICTION

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” LSB 837

POSTLUDE

“For All the Saints” Paul Manz

The Officiant.....Reverend Jonathan van Sliedrecht

The Organist.....Ken Sanders

William Hildebrand was born on September 17, 1982 to Wayne and Nancy (Hanes) Hildebrand in York PA. William was baptized on November 7, 1982 and into the Christian faith and later confirmed his faith in the Triune God on May 18, 1997. On September 12, 2020 William passed away receiving the gift of eternal life through faith in his Savior Jesus Christ, at the age of 37 years.

The Hildebrand family thanks you for joining them in this time of worship as together we acknowledge the grace of God who not only created our lives but also redeemed them through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. We praise the God of all mercy and grace who promises, *“He who believes and is baptized shall be saved”* (Mark 16:16).