

A Celebration of the Resurrection and Life of Stephen L. Jewell

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

Saturday, August 29, 2026 ~ 1pm

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor, Officiating



Born ~ March 10, 1942
*Joined the Church Triumphant
August 11, 2026*

Baptism ~ St. John's Lutheran
Riverdale, MD ~ 1960

1st Holy Communion ~ St. John's
Lutheran, Riverdale, MD ~ 1960

Confirmation ~ St. John's Lutheran,
Riverdale, MD ~ 1960

Married to Dianne Wolfsohn
November 5, 2000

Years of Service to Saint Luke
Lutheran Church ~ 2006-2026

Served Faithfully on Council 2008, 2010
and Property Committee 2008

Message of Hope, Peace, Love & Joy

God's message of hope extends beyond the present suffering to a future where pain and grief will be no more. In [Revelation 21:4](#), it is written, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

~ "...Joy cometh in the morning!" Psalm 30:5

~ "Peace I leave with you; Peace I give you..." John 14:27

Preservice Music
Margaret Smicklass, piano

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, Steve Jewell, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

Congregation stands

OPENING HYMN “Amazing Grace, How Sweet...”, #779
(Music on next page)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P When we were baptized in 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.

P Eternal God, creator of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life; we glorify you.

C We glorify you.

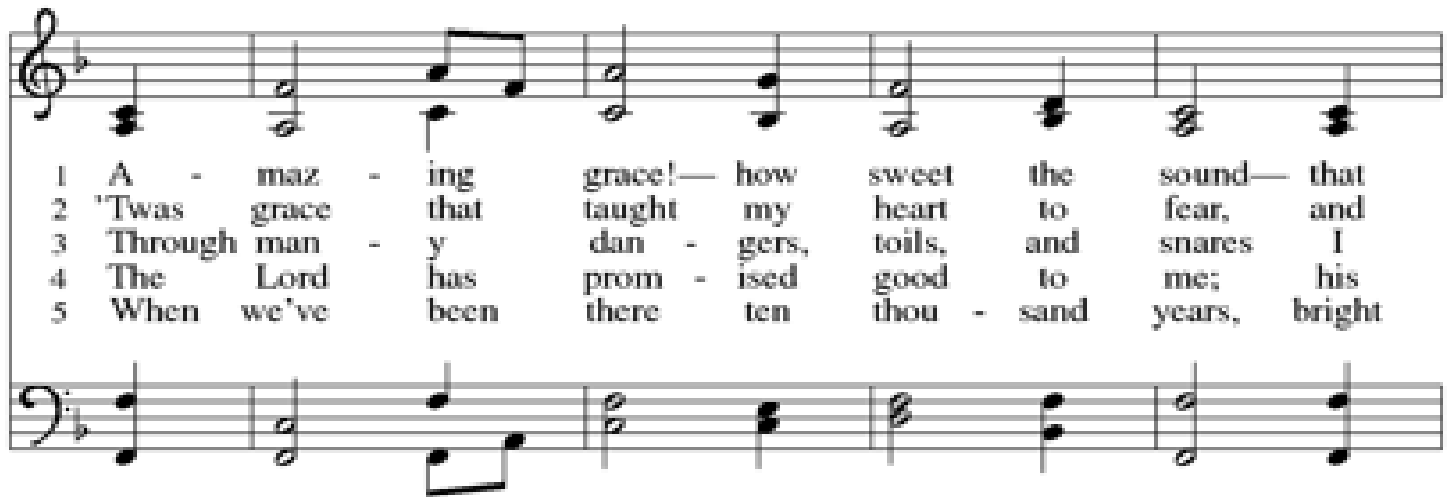
P Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life; we praise you.

C We praise you.

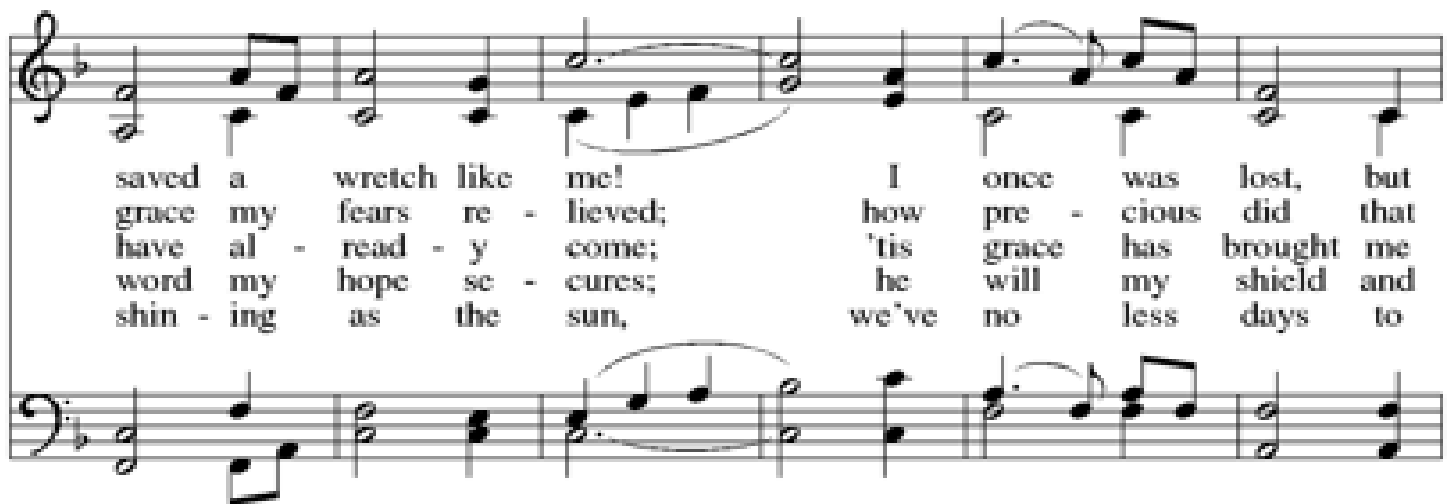
P Holy Spirit, author and give of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope; we worship you.

C We worship you.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

P Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we gather today to remember Steve. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn her loss. Illumine our lives with the light of your love, 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; we pray this through your son Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Congregation sits

FIRST READING ~ Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

L ¹For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ²a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A READING OF PSALM 23

L/C ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the

valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING ~ Romans 8:31-39

L What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Alleluia" S-151A

(Music on next page)



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



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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN 14:1-6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe^[a] in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?^[b] ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.”^[c] 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 the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

+ Homily ~ The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor +

REFLECTION

The Dash by Linda Ellis

Read by Katherine Moore

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the

beginning...to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own, the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So, when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent YOUR dash?

"I Want to Stroll Over Heaven With You" About the Song:
Originally written by Carl L. Trivett in 1952 as a romantic and spiritual gift for his wife, Marilee. Country music artist Alan Jackson was later inspired to record it for his gospel album, *Precious Memories*.

Please join us in reading the lyrics together:

P/C If I surveyed all the good things that come to me from above, If I count all the blessings from the storehouse of love, I'd simply ask for a favor of Him beyond mortal kings, And I'm sure that He'd grant it again. I want to stroll over Heaven with you some glad day, When all our troubles and heartaches are vanished away. Then we'll enjoy the beauty where all things are new, I want to stroll over Heaven with you. So many places of

beauty we long to see here below, But time and treasures have kept us from making plans as you know; But come the morning of the rapture together we'll stand a new, While I stroll over Heaven with you. I want to stroll over Heaven with you some glad day, When all our troubles and heartaches are vanished away. Then we'll enjoy the beauty where all things are new, I want to stroll over Heaven with you. I want to stroll over Heaven with you.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE APOSTLES CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

P Let us pray. Heavenly Lord, before whom generations rise and pass away, we thank you for all those you have given us in this life to know and to love and who showed us love. We especially thank you today for Steve for all that was good and kind in him, especially for his service to this church and for the love he showed to his family and friends. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage and who walk yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

WA Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection, he 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, will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-206 *(Front of hymnal, page #206)*

P The Lord be with you.

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 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 for the remembrance of me.

- P** 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.
- P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

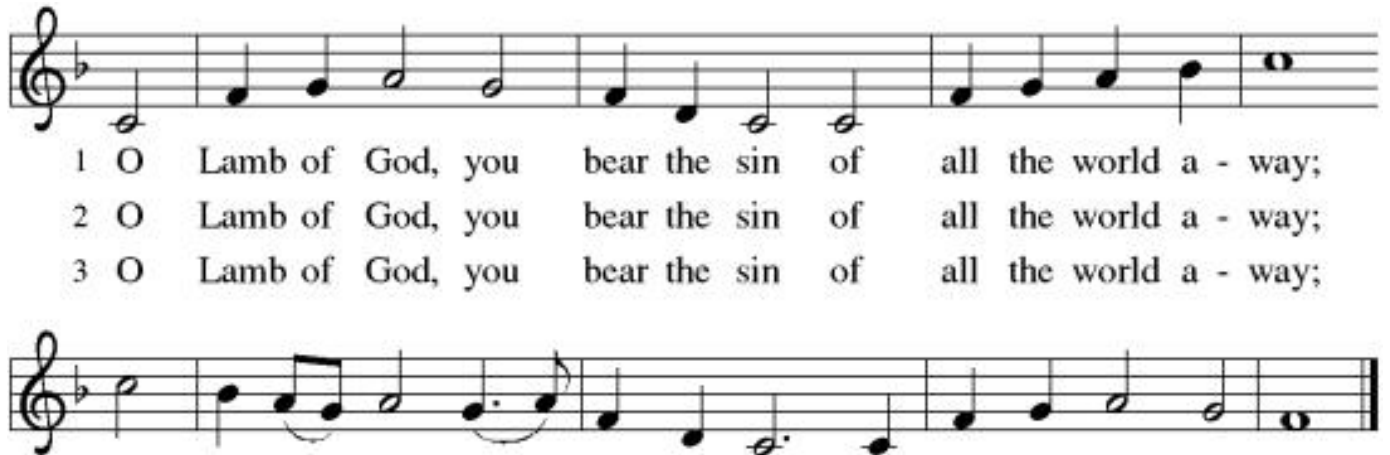
- P** All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Our communion is open to all who are baptized. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Ushers will guide you forward to receive a wafer from the Pastor and wine/juice from assistant. Drop your empty cup in the basket at end of the first pew.

“Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)” S-208 *(Front of hymnal, page #208)*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

SOLOIST “The Old Rugged Cross”

Alice Christiansen, soloist

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

**P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace.**

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #207

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and
made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and
grace in our communities, that your liberating love
might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of
the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit ✠ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

COMMENDATION

WA Let us commend Steve Jewell to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend Steve Jewell. Acknowledge we ask 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 all your saints in light.

C Amen.

WA Let us go forth in peace.

Congregation stands

HYMN “How Great Thou Art” #856

(Music on next page)

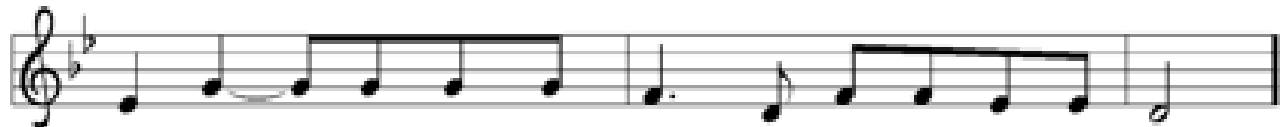
How Great Thou Art #856



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 night - 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!"

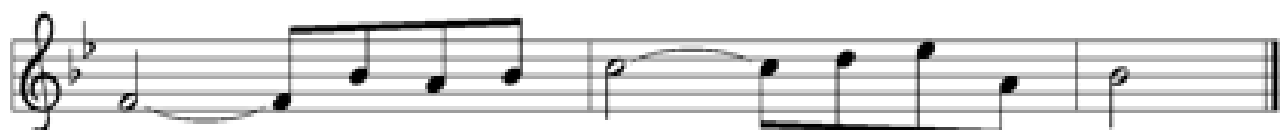
Refrain



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!

*Please follow the family to the Columbarium
for The Committal Service*

THE COMMITTAL

A Reading from First Corinthians.

P Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallow-ed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother, Steve Jewell and we commit his ashes to their resting place; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him. The Lord make his face shine on him and be gracious to him. The Lord look upon him with favor and give him peace.

C Amen.

WA Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
And let light perpetually shine upon him.

P Lord, Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Grant to us, your servants, so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE INTERNMENT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.

BLESSING

P The God of peace—who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

WA Let us go in peace.

Immediately after the service,
please join us in the Church's Fellowship Hall
for a time of fellowship and to honor Steve.
Light refreshments will be served.



~ Thank you for being with us today ~
The following members assisted with today's service with live streaming:

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor

Altar Care: *Sara Hart, Dona Quinlan*

AV Streaming: *Ed & Marie Keating*

Bulletin and Photography: *Dawn Plyler, Lori Schneider*

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Communion Assistant/Greeter: *Sara Hart, Dona Quinlan*

Lector: *Katherine Moore*

Soloist: *Alice Christiansen*

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Urn Bearer: *Lynn Harbold*

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“OUR BELOVED STEPHEN (Steve) JEWELL”

March 10, 1942 ~ August 11, 2026

Steve left us with a smile on our faces and love in our hearts. After a 19-year battle with cancer, he is out of pain and in the arms of our loving God.

Steve was born in Washington D.C. to William Henry Jewell and Grace Stoneman Jewell. Upon graduating from Bladensburg High School, he held an apprenticeship with Judd and Detweiler printing company. Steve then went to work at the Government Printing Office as a compositor. He was promoted to typography and design, two years later came another promotion to Senior Account Representative. Then came the call to work at the White House, where he was in charge of publishing management. Steve Served under Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton. Boy, did he have some stories!

Upon retiring, Steve worked for S&S Graphics as a printing consultant, until he started his own business I Data Flow, an application service provider. He sold the business in 1998.

In 1995, he met Dianne, his best friend and partner. They married in 2000. In 2001, they moved to Carolina Shores where they enjoyed 25 years together. Steve loved playing golf, working in his yard, travelling, The Washington Redskins, Baltimore Oriole's and his church, Saint Luke Lutheran.

In addition, Steve was very proud of his Grandfather Ernest V. (Pop) Stoneman, as well as his Aunts and Uncles who later played music with Pop as “Stoneman Family.” Pop was known as the unsung father of country music. He was the first major star and pioneer of country music to be inducted into the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame as well as the Bluegrass Hall of Fame. Steve's Uncle Scott was a 5-time fiddler champion and Aunt Roni was the “ironing board lady” on Hee Haw to name a few.

Steve leaves behind his Devoted and Loving Wife, Dianne. Children Steve (Angie), Mark, and Dana. Grandchildren Jessica (A.J.), Lydia (Brian), Claudia (Calvin) and Mitchell. Precious Great-granddaughters, Maizy and Millie. Half Siblings, Donna Kay, Donald and Donna.

Services will be held at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, Hwy. 17 Ocean Isle Beach on Saturday, August 29, at 1pm. In lieu of flower donations may be made in Steve's name to the wonderful staff at Lower Cape Fear Hospice in Bolivia or Saint Luke Lutheran Church.