

***CELEBRATION OF LIFE***

***For***

**Chad "Cleatus" Glaze**

*February 23, 1975 — December 31, 2023*



*St. John Lutheran Church Wausau, WI*

*January 6, 2024*

*11:00 a.m.*

**Reverend Maggie Westaby, Presiding**

**Linda Graveen, Organist**

**P: Pastor; C: Congregation; A: All**

**BELLS – 3 rings**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**CHAD'S OBITUARY** (*Paula Carter*)

**WELCOME**

**GREETING**

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.

**GATHERING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound***

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

## **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, Chad, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your unlimited compassion, console us who mourn. Help us so we may see in death the gate to eternal life, and guide us so that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before us. This we pray through your son, Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 23** (*Emma Nowak*)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** (*Emma Nowak*)

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

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EULOGIES**

Aaron Van Heel

Carl Theorin

Connie Nowak

Jase Glaze

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

P: The Gospel according to John

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? And 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus 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: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: *How Great Thou Art***

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!**

## **AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH**

P: God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**A: 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 to the dead. 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 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.**

## **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 earth your light and your peace. God of grace.

**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. God of grace.

**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. God of grace.

**C: *Hear our prayer.***

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. God of grace.

**C: *Hear our prayer.***

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. God of grace.

**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 those they love. God of grace.

**C: *Hear our prayer.***

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

**C: *Hear our prayer.***

P: Grant us grace to entrust Chad to your never-failing love that 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. God of grace.

**C: *Hear our prayer.***

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son, our Savior 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **A LETTER FROM KRIS TO CHAD** *(read by Brian Barth)*

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Let us pray with confidence the prayer our Lord has given us.

**A: 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.**

#### **COMMENDATION**

P: Let us commend Chad Glaze to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Chad. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. We release 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.**

#### **BELLS – 3 rings**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

May you be filled with peace, knowing Chad is in God's embrace,  
May you be filled with hope, knowing in Christ, resurrection is birthed,  
And may you be filled with love, love flowing from the Holy Spirit.  
In the name of the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**SENDING HYMN: *Joy To The World***

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## **PALLBEARERS**

Steve Boehm  
Andy Van Der Geest  
John Theorin  
Scott Werlein  
Pat Tlusty  
Ed Burns  
Norman Lambright  
Matthew Bayer  
Lee Van Der Geest  
Josh Teske  
Tanner Gerhmann  
Jase Glaze  
Nathanael Denton

## **HONORARY PALLBEARERS**

Bobby Hoff  
Brandon Skomars  
Emma Frazier  
Alex Goetsch  
Johnny Krause  
Zach Klimek  
Adam Sczygelski

## **EULOGISTS**

Aaron Van Heel  
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Connie Nowak  
Jase Glaze

## **READERS**

Emma Nowak  
Brian Barth

**Our Deepest Sympathy.** The members of St. John want to extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Chad Glaze. May the good news, that Christ was victorious over death, preparing a place for all who believe in him, comfort and reassure you.

Through faith we know that our brother, Chad lives now and forever with our Lord and that one day we will be united with all our loved ones who have died and are now with our Lord.