

*We would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time.*

*We realize how truly blessed we are to have such wonderful family and friends. Your expressions of sympathy will never be forgotten.*

*All are warmly invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service for lunch and conversation.*

*- The Family of Steve Morganson*



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

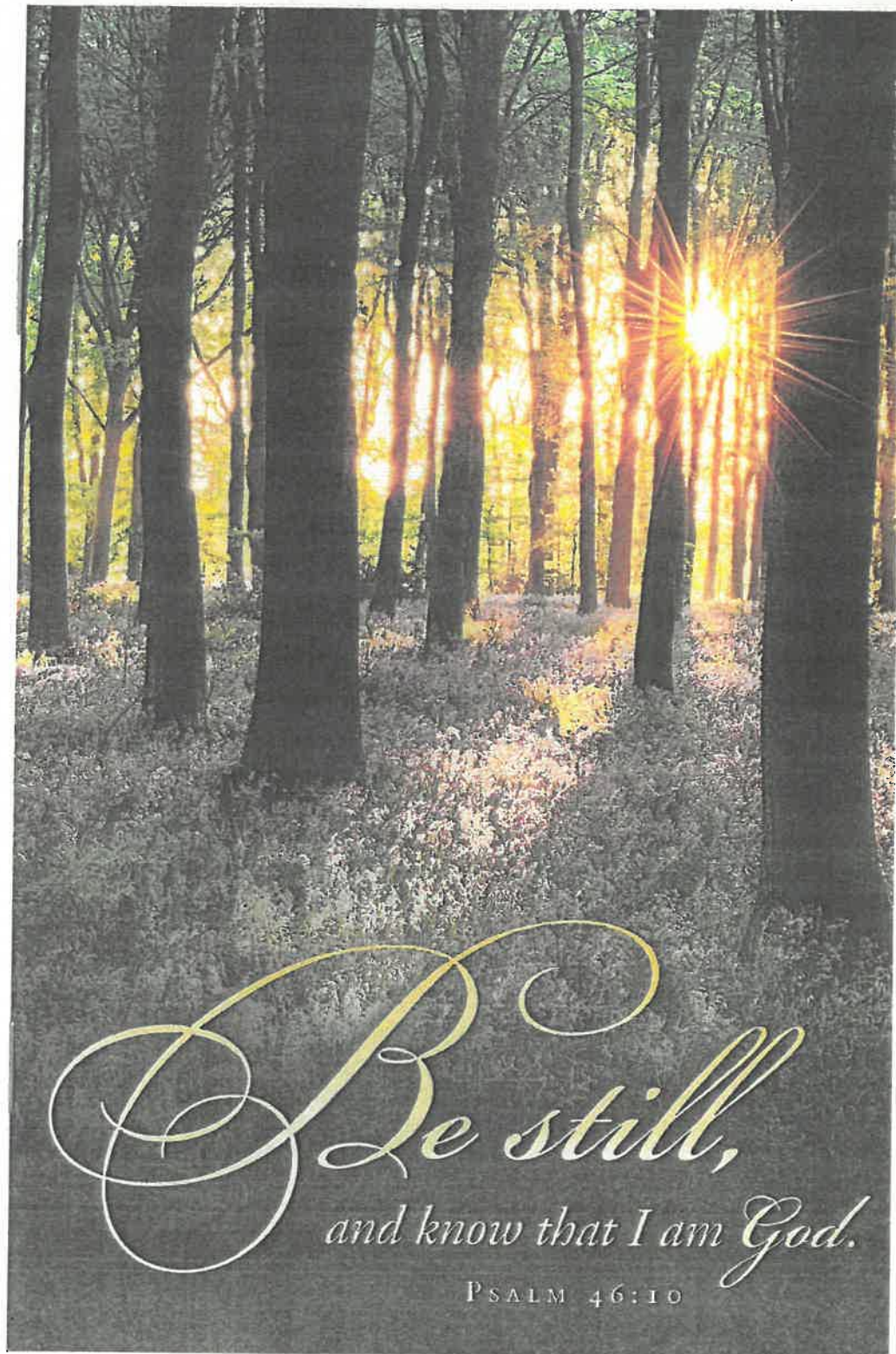
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*Be still,  
and know that I am God.*

PSALM 46:10

**A Service Celebrating the Life of  
Stephen Allan Morganson**

Born: October 18, 1941 † Died: June 17, 2021

Thursday, July 15, 2021  
11:00 a.m.



**Prelude**

**GATHERING**

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

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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.

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his  
baptism, Stephen was clothed with Christ. In the day of  
Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

**Hymn**

**"On a Hill Far Away"  
The Old Rugged Cross**

**TFF #77  
vs. 1, 2, 4**

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain*

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above,  
to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain***

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Christ will call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share. *Refrain***

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**Greeting**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God,  
source of all mercy and giver of comfort,  
graciously tend those who mourn,  
that, casting all our sorrow on you,  
we may know the consolation of your love;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## WORD

### Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

### Reading

Psalms 46:1-7

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

### Reading

1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Word of God, Word of Life  
*Thanks be to God*

## Time for Memories

Mark Rogosheske

### Special Music

"The Laborer's Task" Gerrit W. Lamain

Now the laborer's task is o'er,  
Now the battle day is past,  
Now upon the farther shore,  
Lands the voyager at last.

#### *Chorus*

Father in Thy gracious keeping,  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping,  
Father in Thy gracious keeping,  
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping.

There the tears of earth are dried,  
There its hidden things are clear,  
There the work of earth is tried,  
By a juster judge than here. *Chorus*

There the sinful souls that turn,  
To the cross their dying eyes,  
All the love of Christ shall learn,  
At His feet in paradise. *Chorus*

Earth to earth, and dust to dust,  
Calmly now the words we say,  
Left behind we wait in trust,  
For the resurrection day. *Chorus*

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
*Glory to you, O Lord.*

### Gospel

Matthew 5:1-10

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.  
"Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord  
*Praise to you, O Christ.*

### Meditation

Pastor John

### Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

ELW #779  
vs. 1, 3

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.

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

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5  
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### Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said,  
"I am the resurrection and the life."

*Petition response:*

**Pastor:** ... God of mercy,  
**People:** hear our prayer.

### Special Music

#### The Lord's Prayer

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### SENDING

#### Commendation

#### Benediction

### Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

ELW #856  
vs. 1, 3

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;

*Refrain*

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; *Refrain*

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### Sending

Let us go forth in peace,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.

### Postlude

