

**Rite of Christian Burial
Brandon Wayne Huston
August 23, 1988 – February 8, 2026**



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INTRODUCTION

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In him baptism, Brandon Wayne was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed in glory.
Amen.

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.

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

We glorify you.

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.

We praise you.

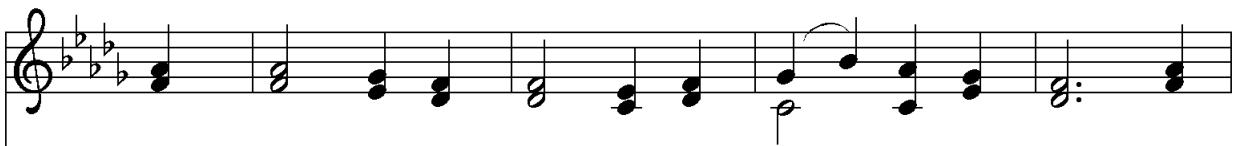
Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

We worship you.

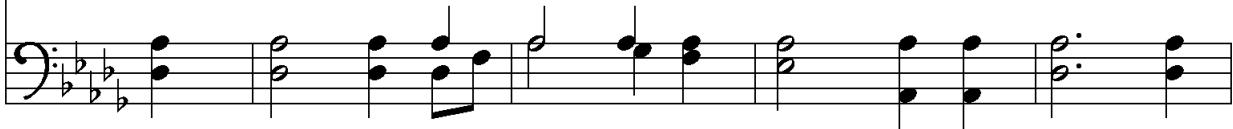
To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

Amen.

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



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 Lord, has - ten 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.
It is well with my soul,



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

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Brandon. 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. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

¹ For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born and a time to die;

a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill and a time to heal;

a time to break down and a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;

a time to keep and a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;

a time to keep silent and a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;

a time for war and a time for peace.

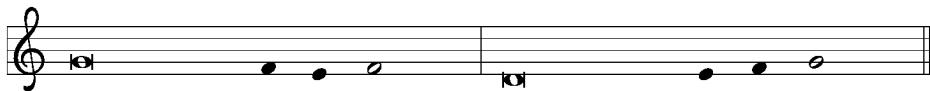
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 121

The Psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse.



- ¹ I lift up my eyes ¹ to the hills;
from where is my ¹ help to come?
- ² My help comes ¹ from the LORD,
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.
- ³ The LORD will not let your ¹ foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you ¹ fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, the keep- ¹ er of Israel
will neither slum- ¹ ber nor sleep;
- ⁵ the LORD watches ¹ over you;
the LORD is your shade at ¹ your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not strike ¹ you by day,
nor the ¹ moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you ¹ from all evil
and will ¹ keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your ¹ coming in,
from this time forth for- ¹ evermore.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² 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? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

GOSPEL**Matthew 11:28-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

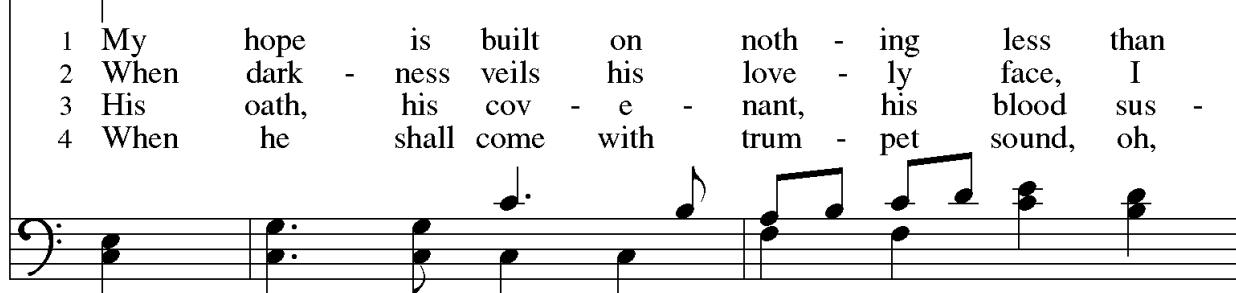
SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Bull

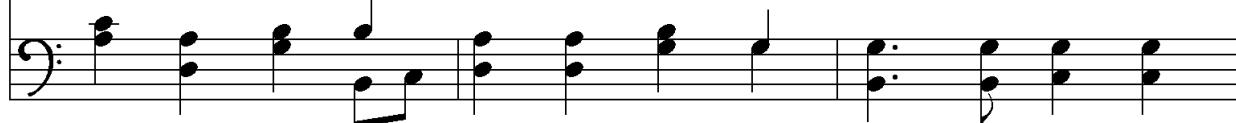
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less than
2 When darkness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



Refrain

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith, the faith in which we are baptized, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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 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

Each petition will end with, "Lord, in your mercy."
Please respond with, "Hear our Prayer."

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give courage and faith to all of us who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all our sorrows on you, we may have strength for the days ahead. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as 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. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

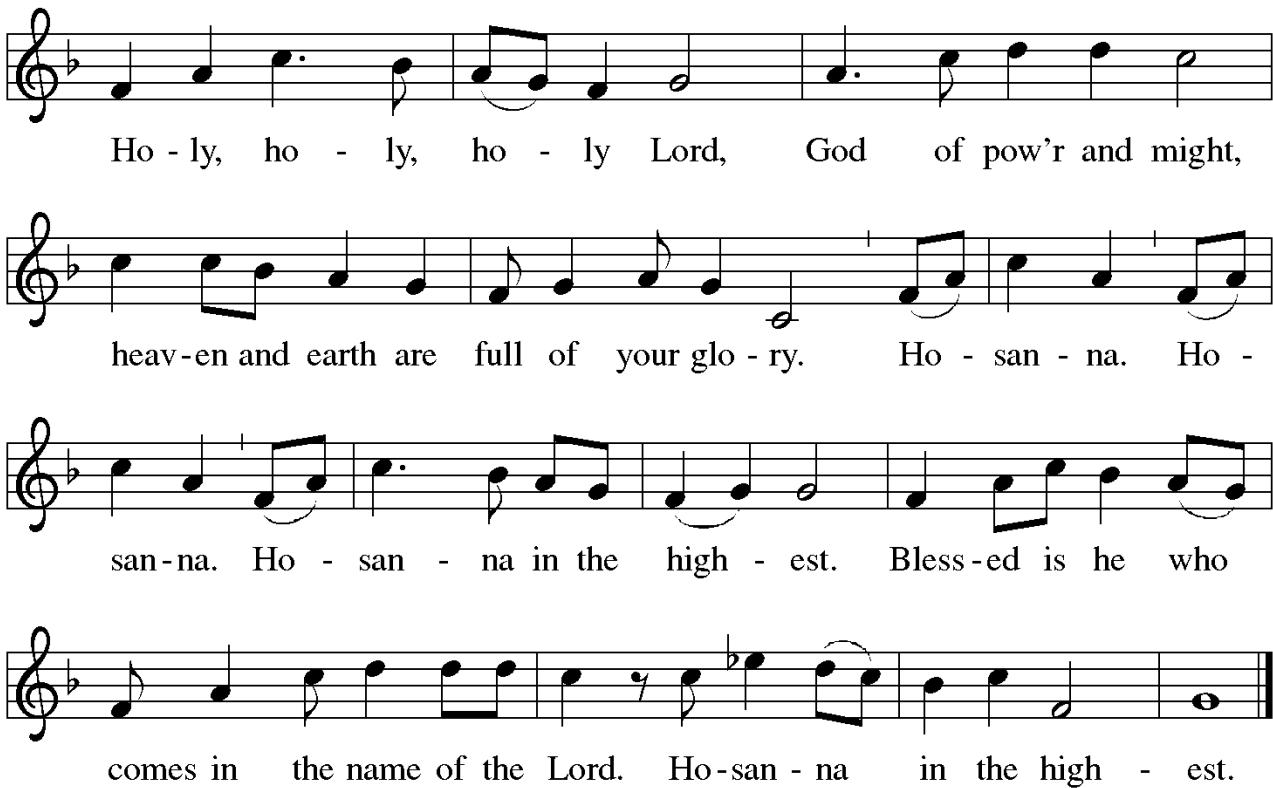
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.

In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord
It is made ready for those who love God
 and for those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith
 and you who have little;
You who have been here often
 and you who have not been here long;

You who have tried to follow
 and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man! Man!
Son of God and Son of Man! Man!

Son of God and Son of Man! Man!
Son of God and Son of Man! Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Please stand as you are able.

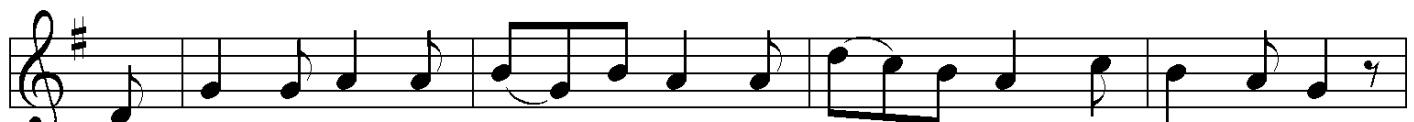
POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

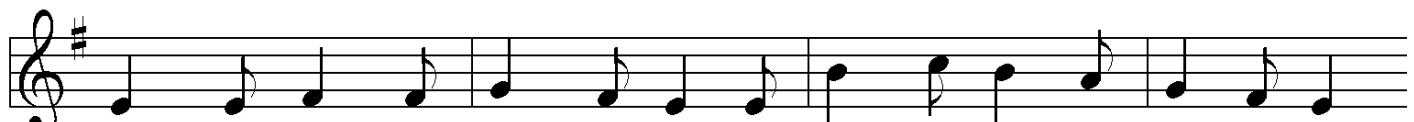
POST COMMUNION HYMN



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Brandon Wayne to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Brandon Wayne. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech 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 the saints in light.

Amen.

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

Amen.

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Following the service, burial will take place in the St. Paul Cemetery. If you plan to go to the cemetery, we ask you carpool as much as possible, as parking is very limited.

The cemetery is approximately a mile west of St. Paul. (turn right)

All are invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not going to the cemetery for the brief burial service, feel free to wait for the family's return in the Fellowship Hall.

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Brandon Huston August 23, 1988 – February 8, 2026

Brandon Wayne Huston was born in Hamilton, Ohio on August 23, 1988. He died at his home in Lewis Center, Ohio on Sunday, February 8, 2026 at the age of 37 from a pulmonary embolism.

He was one of two sons born to Wayne and Patrice Huston (Johnson). He was actively involved at Zion Lutheran Church in Hamilton throughout his youth including serving on church council and playing on the softball team. He also served in several roles with the Southern Ohio Synod of the ELCA. He attended Hamilton Christian School and then graduated from Hamilton High School in 2007 where he played several varsity sports including golf, soccer, and volleyball.

He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Comparative Religion and History from Miami University in 2011 and a Masters of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary in 2018. He also completed several teaching certifications and a National Endowment for the Humanities Institute.

He met his wife Julie (Konkler) as part of his participation in the high school youth leadership program, Faith Trek. They started dating after returning from a trip to Tanzania, Africa in 2007. They both attended Miami University and became Miami Mergers when they were married at Kumler Chapel in Oxford, Ohio on July 14, 2012. Brandon and Julie lived in Kalamazoo, Michigan with their dog Penda for five years while completing their graduate degrees. They then lived in the Washington DC area for five years where Brandon started his career teaching English and History at St. Anthony Catholic School in Brookland, Washington DC. In 2021 Brandon, Julie and their two dogs (Penda and Rafiki) moved back to Ohio. They welcomed their daughter Ava Jane in May 2022

Brandon was a loving husband, son, brother, and father. He was a devoted teacher and loved gardening, cooking, fishing, and watching Cincinnati sports.

Brandon is preceded in death by his mother, Patrice Huston. He is survived by many loved ones including his wife (Julie), his daughter (Ava), his brother (Mason), and his father (Wayne).

A funeral service celebrating Brandon's life will be held on Saturday February 14, 2026, at 11am. Starting at 9:30, the family will receive visitors before the service. The funeral service and visitation will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westerville, Ohio where Brandon, Julie, and Ava were active members. Burial will take place at the St. Paul Cemetery following the funeral service. Living/plantable trees or flowers are welcome and memorial donations can be made to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) or Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS).

As we cultivate welcoming communities of faith with our neighbors and world, we strive for a world where everyone **"Experiences God's Love"**.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We welcome you to join us at the table of the Lord. Our Communion Bread is gluten, peanut, tree nut, soy, and dairy-free. **White grape juice is always available in the center of the tray.** All are welcome.

NURSERY

The nursery is located at the top of the ramp of the main entrance to the church. Currently, the nursery is not staffed, however, it is available for you to use with your child. Also, for our young worshippers, please find **Worship Wonder Bags** on the small coat rack in the rear of the sanctuary, untie, and enjoy. After worship, please put the **UNTIED bag back** on the rack to be replenished and cleaned.

Online giving to St. Paul is available: Using your mobile device, scan below or Text **SPLCGIVE** to 73256.

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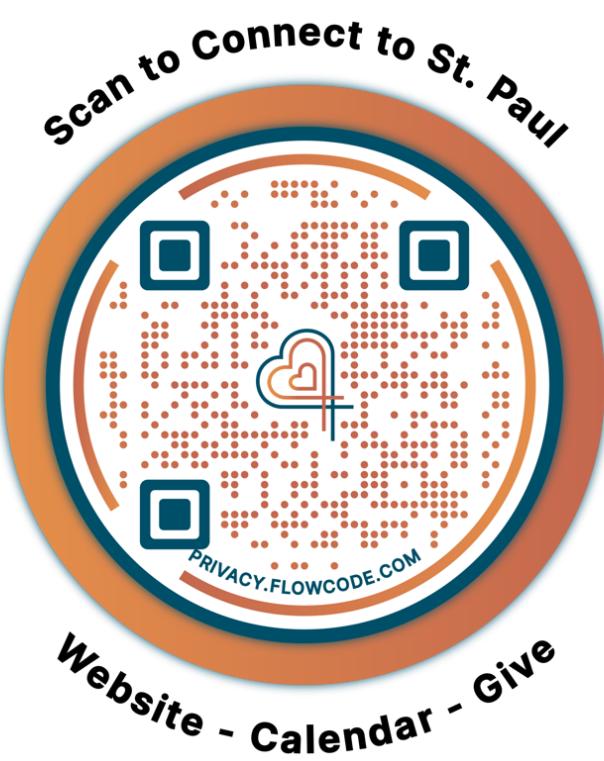
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