

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,
I have kept the faith.*

CELEBRATION OF THE ETERNAL LIFE GIVEN TO

Steward M. Wyse

August 22, 1942 + March 26, 2023

Monday, April 3, 2023 – 11:00 am
St. Martin's Lutheran Church – Archbold, Ohio
Deacon Steve Basselman, Officiating

A Christian funeral service is a service of worship intended for the strength and comfort of the living. It is focused upon Jesus Christ's triumph over death and His promise of eternal life to all who believe.

*The large white **Paschal Candle** is placed on a stand near the baptismal font as a visual reminder that in our baptism, we are crucified and resurrected with Christ. The candle is lighted at each celebration of Baptism, at which time small baptismal candles are lighted from it for presentation to the baptized or sponsor. This act is a visual reminder of the integral connection between Baptism and Easter. For funerals, the paschal candle is also lighted. The paschal candle proclaims the message of Romans 6:3-5 (used at the beginning of the funeral liturgy): "In our Baptism we have already died and been raised with Christ."*



Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader

Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

* *Indicates the Congregation to stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

***REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM** – *Please stand*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Thanks be to God.

When we were baptized into 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. *(Romans 6:3-5)*

ETERNAL GOD, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave Stu 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 for Stu, 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, who sustained Stu in this life, we worship you.

We worship you.

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

Amen.

*HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress”



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

And also with you.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Stu. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Cassi Wyse

PSALM 23

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.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

ROMANS 8:18,24-28,31-39 – *Luke Wyse*

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

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.

2ND TIMOTHY 4:6-8 – *Kendall Hagge*

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

GOSPEL READING – *Josh Wyse*

JOHN 14:1-6

¹ Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² 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? ³ 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

*Jim Wyse
Ashley Hagge
Caleb Wyse*

HYMN

“Borning Cry”



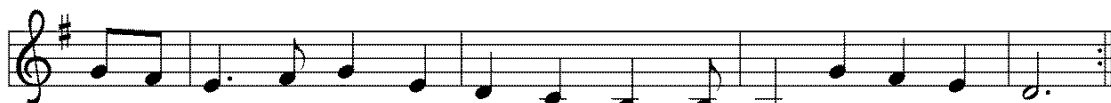
- 1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
- 2 “When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 “In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I’ve be - gun.

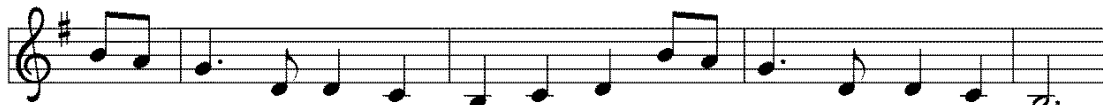


I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some - one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,

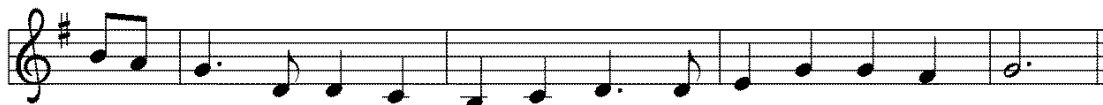


in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.”
 I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
 I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”

Repeat back to the beginning for Verses 2 & 3



- 4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.”

MESSAGE

Deacon Steve Basselman

MUSICAL OFFERING

“I’ll Fly Away” – Adam Grisier & Stan Schmidt

Please Stand

***PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Apostles’ Creed*

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

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**

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. God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

Other prayer petitions are offered, concluding with...

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, (*Romans 8*) who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

***THE 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.

***NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Latin: "now you have dismissed your servant"*)

*O Lord, now let your servant depart in heavenly peace,
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto your holy hill,
The glory of your people, your chosen Israel. (Luke 2:29-32)*

***COMMENDATION**

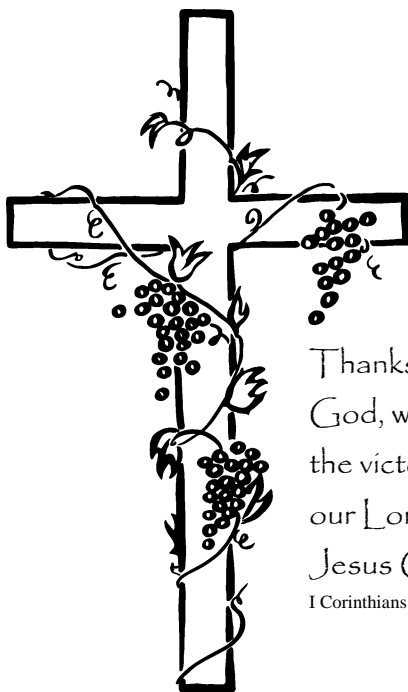
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Stu. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Amen

***BENEDICTION**

May the road rise beneath you. May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen



Thanks be to
God, who gives us
the victory through
our Lord
Jesus Christ.
I Corinthians 15:57

*CLOSING HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”



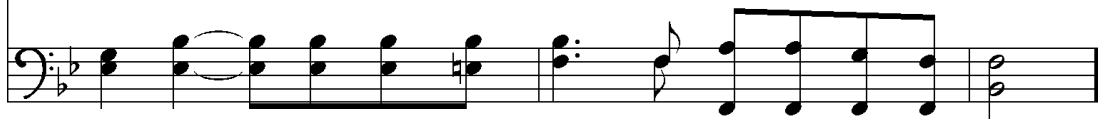
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-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!

POSTLUDE

You are invited to a meal in our Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to:
 St. Martin's Lutheran Church
 Michael J. Fox Foundation

Officiating: Deacon Steve Basselman
Organist/Pianist: Matthew Wachtman

Celebrating the Life of **STEWARD WYSE**

Steward M. Wyse, 80, of Archbold passed away at Fairlawn Haven on March 26, 2023 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Wauseon on August 22, 1942 to Lester and Ilva (Johnson) Wyse. He was baptized September 27, 1942 and affirmed his faith through the Rite of Confirmation on March 25, 1956 at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, Archbold, where he was a member. He married Judy Ann Weber on November 6, 1960 also at St. Martin's.

After graduating from Archbold High School, Steward attended Fort Wayne Business School becoming a design engineer. He worked at Bil-Jax in Archbold for several years doing design work before starting in the restaurant business. While working at Bil-Jax during the day, he worked evenings helping start Tiny's Pizza in Wauseon in 1969 with his wife's family. After working both jobs for a few years, his focus became the restaurant business and today this restaurant is known as Mom's Diner in Archbold, managed by his son and grandchildren.

When health problems limited his ability to work at the family restaurant, he helped behind the scenes with projects involving his building and design skills. As his children started their own restaurants in other communities, he was there to help with the planning and work needed. He loved designing and building things for his family. Even while confined to the nursing home the past 20 months, he was still thinking of ways to improve anything he could get his hands on.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judy; sons, James (Janet), David (Jennifer), Matthew (Beth) and Joseph (Kim) all of Archbold; he was a very lucky man to have all of his grandchildren grow up in Archbold and he cherished attending their events as they grew up. He is survived by 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Josh, Betsy, Stuart, Caleb, Chandler, Cassi, Faith, Lucas, Jarett, Kennedy, Eli, Ethan and Emily; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Colleen Kelly and Shelia (Gene) Roth; and a brother-in-law, Robert Kleck. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Janet Kleck. Burial is in the Archbold Cemetery.

Well done 
Thou good and faithful servant