



*Well done,  
thou good  
& faithful  
servant.*

*Matthew 25:21*

**+Soli Deo Gloria+**

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

*Celebration of the Life and  
the Sure Hope of the Resurrection given to*

**Corey Blaine Smith**

December 25, 1964 – June 7, 2025

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Confirmation Verse: **REVELATION 2:10B**

*Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

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**The Prelude**

**“All Hail The Power of Jesus’ Name**

**J Behnke**

*Please Stand*

**Remembrance of Baptism**

- P** In Holy Baptism, Corey was clothed with the robe of Christ’s righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

# The Processional Hymn

## "Lift High the Cross"

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*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 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied tree,  
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

*refrain*

Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let every race and every language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *Refrain*
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## The Invocation and Opening Litany

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** In baptism we have been buried with Christ.
- C** And we shall LIVE with Him. (Jn. 6)
- P** Listen, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. (1 Cor. 15:51)
- C** The perishable shall be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. (1 Cor. 15:53)
- P** Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? (1 Cor. 15:54-55)
- C** But thanks be to God! He GIVES us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 15:57)
- P** Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn. 11:25-26)
- C** I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end, He shall stand upon the earth. (Job 19:25)
- P** 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. (Rev. 21:4)
- C** He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen! Come Lord Jesus! (Rev. 22:20)
- A** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

## The Prayer

- P** Let us pray, together...
- A** O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today, Corey, our brother in Christ. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion on this pilgrimage upon earth. In Your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us Your aid so we may continue our course on earth with confidence in You until the day You call us to heaven. Grant us a blessed reunion with those who have gone before us with faith in Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

*Please Be Seated*

## The Comfort of God's Word



### Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; earnestly I | seek you;\*  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no | water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctu- | ary,\*  
beholding your power and | glory.  
Because your steadfast love is bet- | ter than life,\*  
my lips will | praise you.  
So I will bless you as long | as I live; \*  
in your name I will lift | up my hands.  
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and | rich food,\*  
and my mouth will praise you with | joyful lips,  
when I remember you up- | on my bed,\*  
and meditate on you in the watches | of the night;  
for you have | been my help,\*  
and in the shadow of your wings I will | sing for joy.  
My soul | clings to you; \*  
your right hand up- | holds me.  
But those who seek to de- | stroy my life\*  
shall go down into the depths | of the earth;  
they shall be given over to the power | of the sword; \*  
they shall be a portion for | jackals.  
But the king shall re- | joice in God; \*  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars | will be stopped.  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**And to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**As it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Epistle

**Romans 8:31-39**

*What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure 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.*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please Stand*

## Verse

**P** Alleluia Alleluia,

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword,

**C** **piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. (Heb. 4:12)**

## Holy Gospel

**John 11: 1–6, 14, 17–27, 32–35, 38–44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.*

*Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died."*

*Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."*

*Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.*

*Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

# The Hymn

# "For All the Saints"

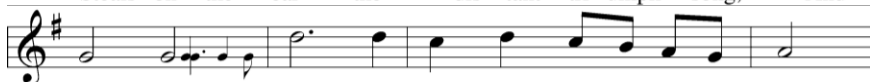
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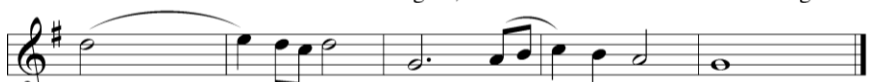
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
 The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*Please Be Seated*

**The Message**

**Pastor Mark Payne**

*Please Stand*



## **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the Church**

**P** 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 on earth Your light and Your peace.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**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 gate of death and the grave we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, Your Holy Spirit that he may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**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.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**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.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Give courage and faith to the bereaved that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the assurance of a holy and certain hope, in the communion of Your Church, and in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love who have departed in the faith.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe in and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**C** **Hear us, O Lord.**

**P** God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence 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 which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **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.**

## Nunc Dimittis

**P** “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

**C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## The Benediction

**P** Let us go forth in peace.


**C** In the peace and joy of Christ

**P** For He is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The Lord Bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.

**C** Amen!

**P** Let us go forth in peace.

**C** In the name of the Lord. Amen.

# The Closing Hymn

# "Thy Strong Word"

LSB #578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever, Praise the holy Trinity!

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## Postlude

## "Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

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Timothy Smith

Jacob Smith

Ian Smith

Brandon Lovell

Dylan Lovell

Doug Lovell

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*Following the service  
the family invites you to join them in the  
Fellowship Hall for lunch.*

## OBITUARY

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Corey Blaine Smith, a man whose kindness knew no bounds and whose laughter brightened every room, passed away at the age of 60 on June 7, 2025, at his home in Flower Mound, Texas. Born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1964, Corey had an extraordinary gift for connecting with people, truly never meeting a stranger. His servant's heart and unwavering sense of humor were cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

After growing up in Rochester Hills, Michigan, Corey moved around the country before settling in Texas in 2001. He earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of North Texas in 2004. He dedicated an impressive 33 years to General Motors, where he was a valued member of their Wholesale team, leaving a significant impact throughout his distinguished career. His kindness and generous spirit touched countless lives, making him a beloved figure to colleagues and friends alike.

Corey is survived by his beloved daughter, Lauren Smith; his devoted mother, Diane Smith; and his dear brothers, Nathan Smith and Bradley Smith, along with Bradley's wife, Judith Smith; and his nephews, Timothy Smith (Heidi), Jacob Smith, and Ian Smith. Corey was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Smith.

*In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be directed to Lutheran Bible Translators (lbt.org), an organization meaningful to Corey.*





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