



*Our Lord has written the promise
of the resurrection not in books alone,
but in every leaf in springtime.*

— Martin Luther —

**IN MEMORY OF
JAMES HASKINS
21 APRIL 1945 - 3 MARCH 2024**

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, gathers us in worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

- ☐ 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 James 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 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.

☑ **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 619

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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.
- And also with you.**

- Let us pray.

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

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Job 19:25-27a

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;...then in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

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

PSALM: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:2-7

²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

☐ Word of God, Word of Life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 14:1-7

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated.

HOMILY

Michael Snider

Please stand as you are able.



Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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CREED

Siblings in Christ, let us confess the faith into which we, with Jim, were baptized.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

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.**

You may be seated.

THE PRAYERS

L 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. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

L 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.

C **Amen.**

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

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.

Please stand as you are able.

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

- ☐ Let us commend Jim to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.
- ☐ Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, James.
 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 and DISMISSAL

☐ The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is well pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit rest upon you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

☒ Let us go forth in peace.

☑ In the name of Christ. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

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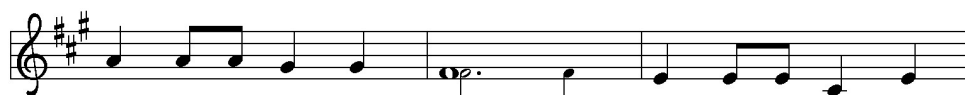
I Am the Bread of Life



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, and if you
flesh of the Son of Man and . . .
I am the life. . . . If you be -
you are the Christ, the . . .

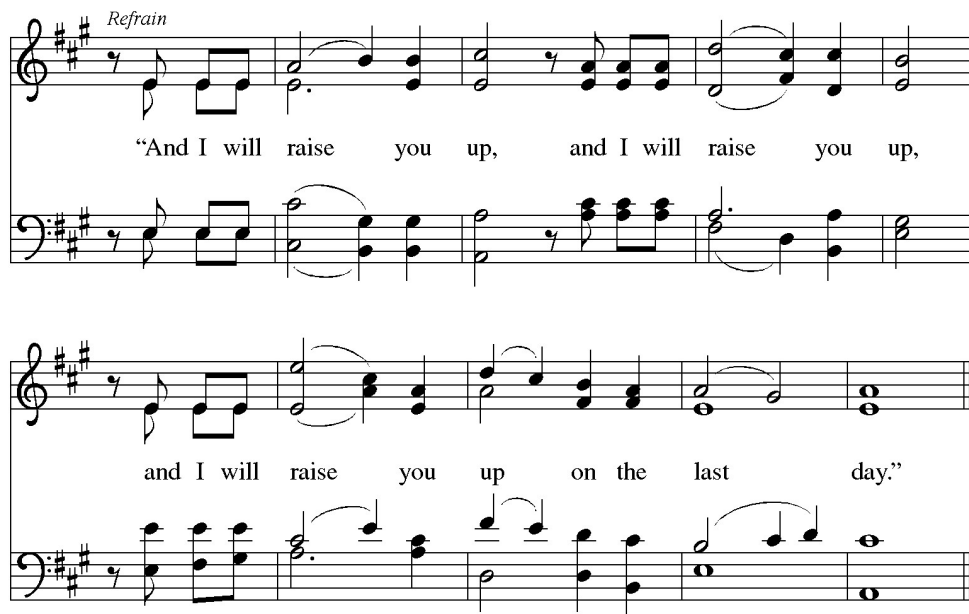


lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
drink of his blood, and drink of his
lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
Son of . . . God, who have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
die, you shall live for - ev - er."
come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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POSTLUDE

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James Haskins

James Haskins, age 78, passed peacefully into the arms of God on March 3, 2024. He was born in Lawrence Park, PA on April 21, 1945, the son of Howard and Viola Mae Haskins. Jim will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Growing up in Lawrence Park, Jim graduated from Lawrence Park High School in 1963, where he excelled in basketball. He also attended Gannon College.

Jim retired as captain of the Erie County Sheriff's Department after 37 years of service in 2011. During his time with the Sheriff's office, he was recognized as law enforcement officer of the year. He also worked for Wegmans for many years.

Jim loved watching and talking sports with anyone who would listen, especially when it came to his Cleveland teams; the Browns, and the Indians. He also enjoyed his weekly trips to the Casino.

More than these, he truly loved watching his grandchildren in all their sports and extracurricular activities.

Jim is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Julie, his brother Howard, and granddaughter, Madison Utegg, as well as nephews, Douglas Dibble and Ryan Clark.

Jim is survived by his wife, Debbie, and his sisters Norma Dibble (Bill) of Louisville, KY, and Marilyn Benim (Ray) of Lawrence Park, PA.

He is further survived by daughters; Lisa Utegg (Mark), and Sheri Voorhis (Tony), both of North East, PA, and Meghan Snider (Michael) of Erie; sons Timothy Haskins (Hillori) of North East, PA, and James Haskins (Lori) of Ripley, NY, and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Friends may call at Luther Memorial Church (parlor), 225 West 10th Street on Friday, March 8, 2024 from 10:00am until the time of a Celebration of Life Service in the sanctuary at 11:00 am, presided by Pastor Jay Mitchell and preached by Jim's son-in-law, Michael Snider. Interment will be held privately at Whispering Pines Cremation Garden at a future date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Burton Quinn Scott Wintergreen, 2532 Norcross Rd., Erie, PA 16510.



At a person's death, the Church shares the grief of those who mourn and remembers the brevity of life on earth. At the funeral we give voice to sorrow, thank God for our loved one, and entrust this companion of ours into the hands of God. Trusting in God's promise in baptism that we are claimed by Christ forever, we rest in the sure hope of the resurrection. When the Church gathers to mark the end of life, Christ crucified and risen is the witness of worship, the strength of mutual consolation, and the hope of healing.