

St. John's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of

David Vyron Petrea

and Witness to the Resurrection

November 15, 2026

DAVID VYRON PETREA



David Vyron Petrea, of Cabarrus County, North Carolina, passed away on November 10, 2026, at the age of 82. Born on April 19, 1944, in Cabarrus County, he lived a life marked by steady work, faithful service, and deep ties to his family, church, and community.

David was a graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and continued his education at Central Piedmont Community College. He served his country in the United States Army, a commitment that reflected the sense of duty he carried throughout his life. In his working years, he devoted himself to auto body repair and became the owner of an auto body repair shop, building a livelihood through skill, dedication, and hard work.

He also carried forward a family legacy of woodworking and making beautiful furniture, an interest that spoke to both craftsmanship and care. David enjoyed beekeeping and was active in a number of organizations that were important to him, including the Mount Pleasant Lions Club, St. John's Grange, and the Patriot Guard Riders. His faith remained central throughout his life. He was a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he was also a member of Lutheran Men and sang in the choir.

Above all, David will be remembered by those who knew and loved him best. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Baucom Petrea; his daughter, Kellie Petrea Irvin and her husband, David; his stepson, Chad Sloop and his wife, Brandy; his grandsons, John Irvin and Ryan Irvin; his step-granddaughter, Kaylah Clarke and her husband Rohman; and his step-grandson, Hunter Sloop. He leaves behind a family who will carry his memory forward with love and gratitude.

He was preceded in death by his father, Vyron L. Petrea; his mother, Hattie Corn Petrea; his wife, Jo Tucker Petrea; and his sisters, Nadine Petrea Johnson and Joan Petrea Kiser. Their memories remained part of the story of his life.

A visitation will be held on November 15, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Saint John's Lutheran Church, 100 St Johns Church Rd, Concord, North Carolina 28025. A memorial service will follow at 3:00 p.m., also at Saint John's Lutheran Church.

David Vyron Petrea will be remembered for his faithful spirit, his skilled hands, his service to others, and the lasting love he shared with his family and community.

✢ GATHERING ✢

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

PRELUDE Dr. Kevin Carmody, *Director of Music*

INTRODUCTION

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, David Vyron Petrea, 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.

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.**

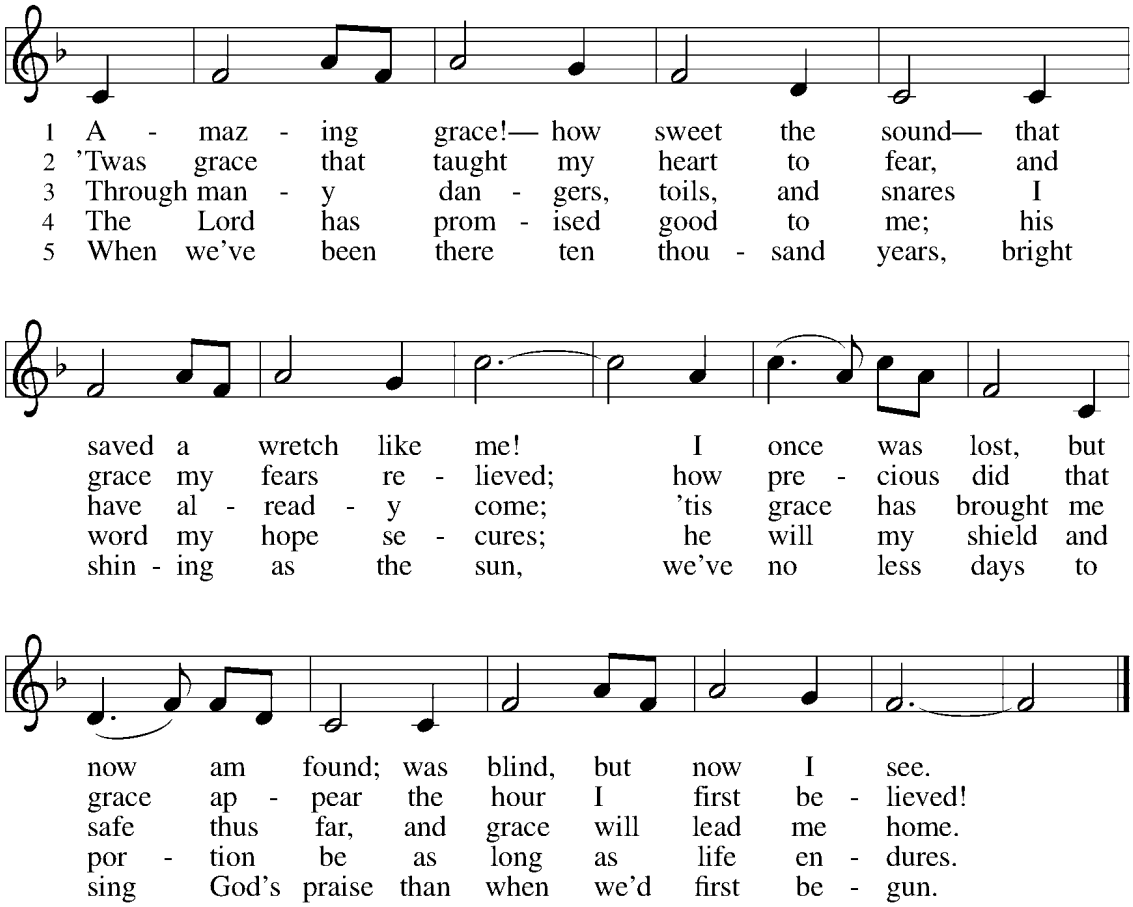
Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you. **We praise you.**

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 – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Amazing Grace ELW #779



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, David. 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.**

✢ WORD ✢

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

FIRST READING: PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

[1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
[2] He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
[3] he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

[4] Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

[5] You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
[6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

A reading from First Corinthians.

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal. [2] And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all
faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. [3] If I give away all my possessions and
if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

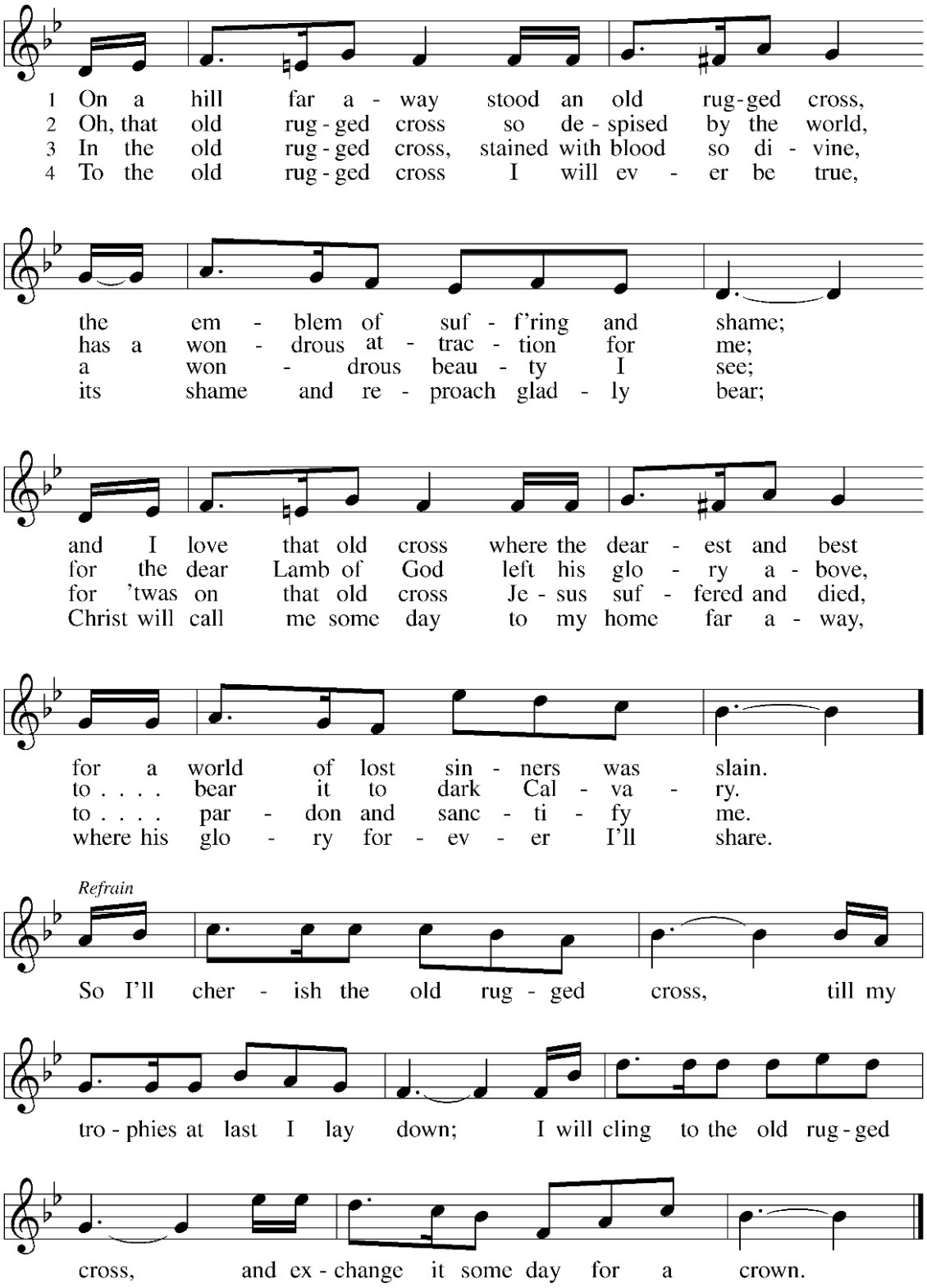
[4] Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant [5] or rude. It does not insist on its
own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; [6] it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices
in the truth. [7] It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

[8] Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for
knowledge, it will come to an end. [9] For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, [10] but when
the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. [11] When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought
like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. [12] For now we
see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will
know fully, even as I have been fully known. [13] And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the
greatest of these is love.

HOMILY

The Reverend Matt Hansen

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Old Rugged Cross* TFF #77



THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole Church, 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 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 THE PEOPLE

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.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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, **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. God of 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. God of 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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

✢ SENDING ✢

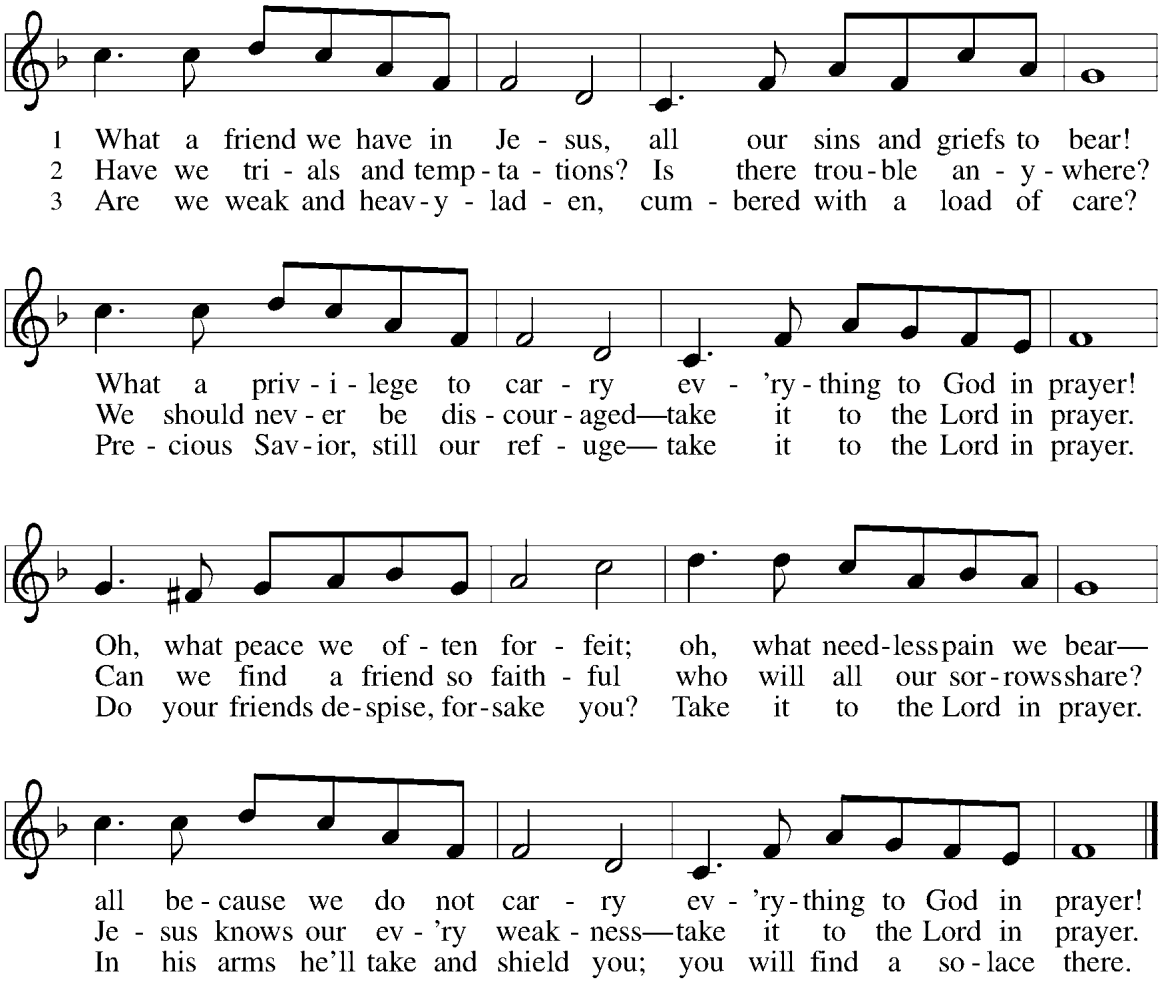
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

COMMENDATION

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

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, David. 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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ELW #742



DISMISSAL

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

The service continues at the columbarium.

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COMMITTAL

We gather in the name of the Father, and the ✢ Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother David, whose body we now lay to rest, in the company of all your saints. And, at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hear these words from Paul's letter to the Romans. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. (Romans 4:8)

Hear these words from the holy gospel according to John. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. (John 12:23-25)

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our brother David, and we commit his body to its final resting place, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless him and keep him.
The Lord's face shine on him with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon him with favor and ✢ give him peace. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Let us pray. O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

The mission of St. John's Lutheran Church is to share God's love through revitalization, community, and outreach.

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