

*I am the
resurrection
and the life*

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving For
++ Sara Beth Thorvaldson Brand ++
January 11, 1977 – September 11, 2025
First Lutheran Church Longmont Colorado
Saturday, September 20th, 10:00am

Prelude/ Welcome

P: We gather in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

P: The Holy Spirit our Redeemer gathers us in worship. 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.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Sara was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory. **Amen.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

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

Isaiah 40:26-38

Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW #787

On Eagle's Wings

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1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a - bide in this shad-ow for



life, say to the Lord: "My re-fuge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



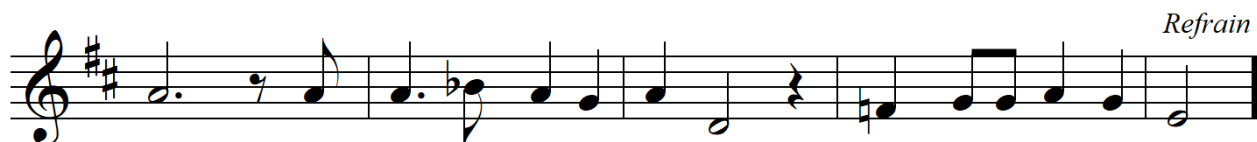
2. The snare of the fowl-er will ne-ver cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un - der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



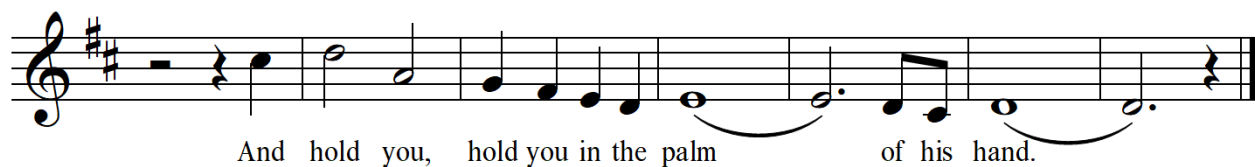
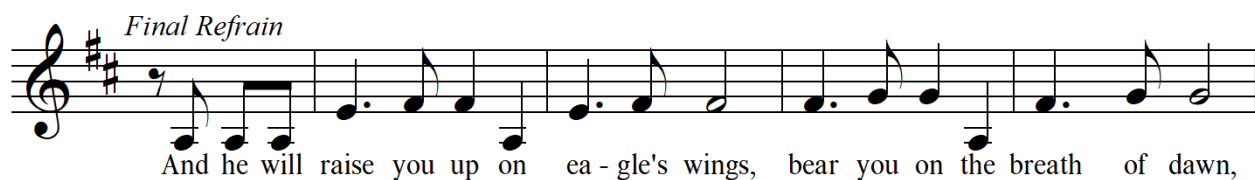
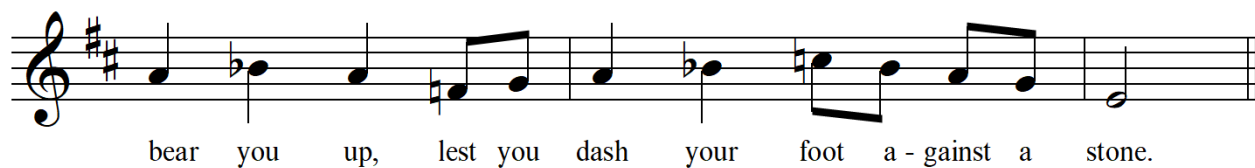
3. You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4. For to the an - gels God's giv - en a com - mand to



Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957
Music: Michael Joncas
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Pastoral Greeting

P: 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**Personal Memories****Homily**

Pastor Garrett Struessel

Prayers followed by the Lord's Prayer ...Our Father, who art in heaven...

Romans 8:18-25, 37-39

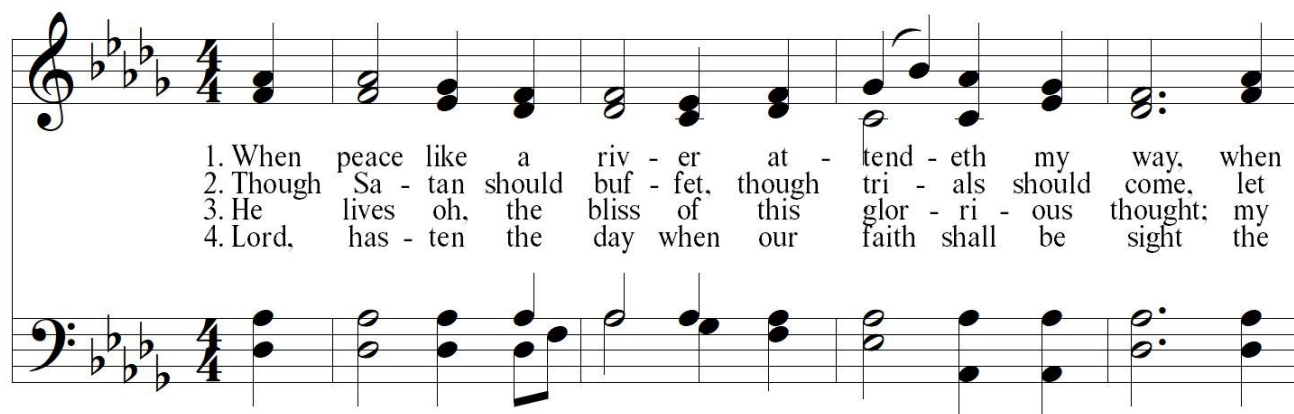
Hymn

"When Peace like a River"

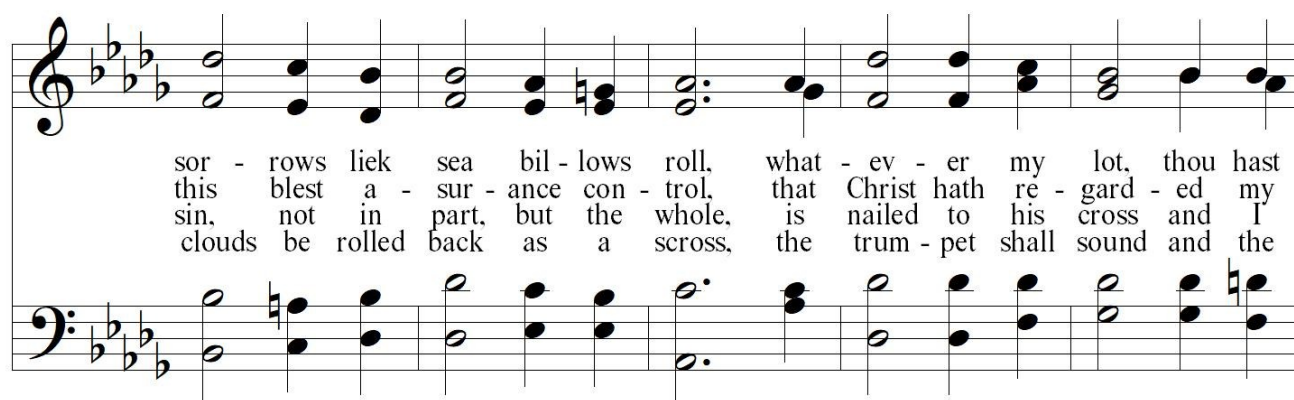
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When Peace like a River

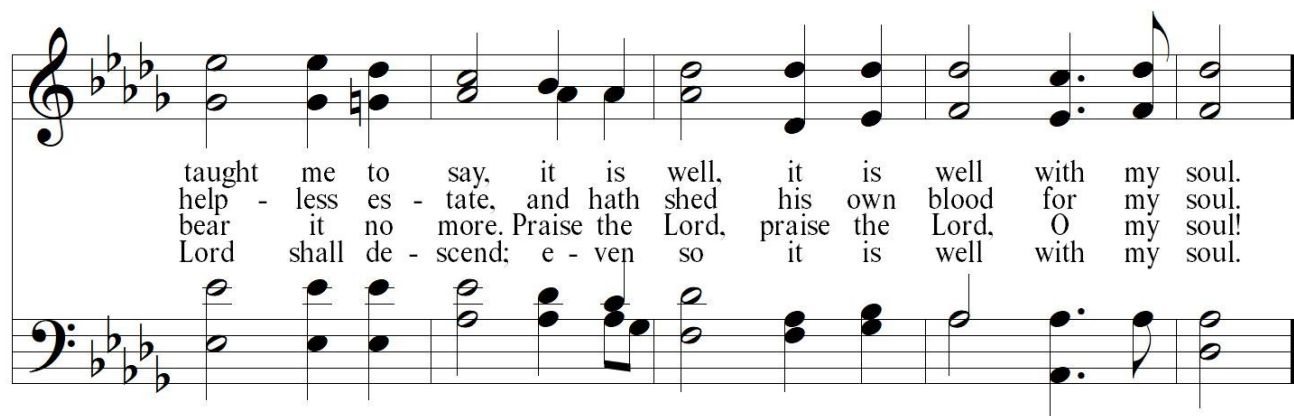
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1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3. He lives oh, the bliss of this glor - ri - ous thought; my
 4. Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight the



sor - rows liek sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest a - 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 scross, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less to - say, 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.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well, with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Commendation

P: Into your hands, O merciful savior, we commend your servant, Sara Beth Thorvaldson Brand. Acknowledge her, we humbly ask you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints of light. **Amen.**

1 Corinthians 13:11-13, 15:51-54

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

Benediction

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

Sending

P: Let us go forth in peace in the name of Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Luncheon to follow in the Friendship Center

Organist: Gary Elmquist

Pastor: Rev. Garrett Struessel

Sara Beth (Thorvaldson) Brand

January 11, 1977 - September 11, 2025

OBITUARY

The family of Sara Beth (Thorvaldson) Brand is saddened to announce her death at the age of 48 in Berthoud, CO on September 11, 2025.

Sara was born in Longmont, CO on January 11, 1977, to Bill and Sharon Thorvaldson. She attended Skyline High School where she met her eventual husband, Kirk Brand. She was proud to be a Colorado native and loved caring for her family and her cozy home, always full of dogs and plants.

She had a successful career as a dental assistant and thoroughly enjoyed her work. Sara adored finding unique and special gifts for those she loved.

Sara is survived by her loving husband, Kirk Brand, her children, Madison Hart and Reganne Hart, her parents, Bill and Sharon Thorvaldson, her sisters, Karin Merkle (Tim), Joan Thorvaldson, Jenny Montell (Aaron), brother-in-law Kyle Brand, as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces and many aunts, uncles and cousins.