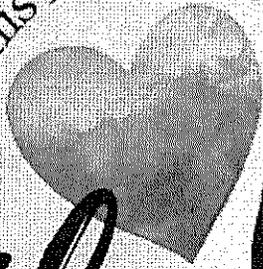


For this is how God



loved
the world,

He gave his *ONE* and ONLY SON,
SO THAT EVERYONE WHO

believes in him

will not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

Service of Comfort

Bryan Michael Howland

March 25th, 1979 - June 1st, 2025

Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:28-29

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Prayer

Merciful Father, we are grieved by the untimely death of Bryan. Yet we seek refuge in your love, for you have assured us that your grace is more than sufficient for our weakness. Take into your care all of us whose hearts and lives are hurting, and lead us to look to you for confidence and strength to face the future. Sustain us with your merciful hand, and grant us your peace in Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

God's Comfort

In Holy Baptism, Bryan was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul affirms, "In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

The wages of sin is death,

but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:54,57)

When Christ, who is our life, appears,

then we also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:4)

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed!



Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:8–9, 13–14, 16a, 18

⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

¹³It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us to himself.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart.

¹⁸So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

 **Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31b, 32, 35, 37–39**

³¹If God is for us, who can be against us?

³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

 **Devotion: John 3:16–18**

“How to be confidently prepared for Death and Eternity”

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Prayer

Eternal Father, in the midst of our pain and grief we thank you for the good that you granted us to see and experience in and through Bryan. As family and friends mourn his passing, comfort them with those good earthly memories of Bryan. Help us also to remember that sin causes the dark difficulties of life in this world. Bring us to the image of the cross and empty tomb so we can experience the forgiveness of sins earned by Jesus' death and resurrection. Comfort our grieving hearts and minds with the healing of

your compassion. By the power of the Spirit, lead us each day to find the comfort of the Gospel, the insights that end confusion, the confidence to pray, and the certain hope of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

♪ On Eagle's Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle'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 fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear;
under his wings your refuge,
his faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle'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.

- 3 For to his angels he's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

And he will raise you up on eagle'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.
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Obituary

Bryan Michael Howland of Farmington, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on June 1, 2025, at the age of 46. Born on March 25, 1979, the son of Ricky and Debra (Lazenby) Howland.

Bryan is survived by his wife, Jodie; their two children, Judah and Vaeda; uncle, Rob (Beth) Howland; cousin, Brandon (Amy) Tatge; grandmother, Dona Lazenby; dear friend, Dan Bahr; in-laws, Judy Thierfelder, Jeff (Sharon) Thierfelder, Julie (Brian) Passig, Jen (Jason) Enright, and Jamie (Adam) Thierfelder; father, Ricky Howland; sister, Kelly Howland; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bryan is preceded in death by his mother, Debra Howland; grandparents, David Lazenby, Darlene Howland, and Vern Howland.

VISITATION: Bryan's family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church (623 Congress Dr, Newburg, WI 53060)

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Following visitation at 3:00 p.m. there will be a Memorial Service for Bryan held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, with Pastor Kurt Schaser officiating the service.

Myrhum-Patten Funeral & Cremation Service has been entrusted with Bryan's arrangements. Additional information and guest book can be found at www.myrhum-patten.com.

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