



## **The Funeral Service of Steve Simpson**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?  
Psalm 27:1

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**St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
1626 E. Broadway Ave - Enid OK 73701  
June 6, 2026**

## In the Name of Jesus

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### 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** In Holy Baptism Steve 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm (Prayed together)

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.**

**He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Steve and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Reading of the Obituary

### Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- <sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- <sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- <sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- <sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- <sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
- <sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- <sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 37: 2-7a (Prayed responsively)

<sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass  
**and wither like the green herb.**

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
 **dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

<sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD,  
 **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
 **trust in him, and he will act.**

<sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
 **and your justice as the noonday.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD  
 **and wait patiently for him.**

## Epistle

Romans 8: 28-39

<sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> 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? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> 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. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor

rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> 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.**

*Stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

John 10:7–18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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

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

## 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.**

*Sit*

## Count Your Blessings

1 When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

### **Refrain:**

Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

2 Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. [Refrain]

3 When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high. [Refrain]

4 So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,  
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end. [Refrain]

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## Sermon

*Stand*

Solo: "Be Still My Soul"

## Prayer of the Church

*Each petition concludes with:*

**P** ...Lord, in your mercy

**C** *Hear our prayer.*

**P** O 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 He 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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

**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.”

## Concluding Prayer and Benediction

**P** Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

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

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Christ is risen!

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

## 789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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*If you will be going to the graveside at Memorial Park, please follow the funeral coach. Turn on your headlights and flashers and follow in procession to the cemetery.*

*On behalf of the family, thank you for being here today.*

### **Pallbearers:**

Justin Evans, Bob King, Westin Simpson, Cory Blaser, Chace Blaser, Casey LaBrue, and Brooks LaBrue.

### **Honorary Pallbearers:**

Justin Newcomb, Scott Benkendorf, and Robert Dale Gray.

### **Serving today:**

Liturgist: Rev. Jonathan Meyer, Pastor, St. Paul's

Preacher: Rev. Kenneth Wade, Pastor Emeritus, St. Paul's

Organist: Mrs. Pam Wiederkehr

Soloist: Mr. Doug Wade, accompanied by Mrs. Dian Salisbury (pre-recorded)

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**Steven Lynn Simpson**  
**December 28, 1955 - May 27, 2026**

Steve was born to Richard Dean and Marilyn Sue (Winter) Simpson on December 28, 1955, in Enid, Oklahoma and passed away entering heaven on Wednesday May 27, 2026, in Enid.



Steven grew up in Kremlin and graduated from Kremlin-Hillsdale High School in 1974 where he was a part of all state in football. He then attended college in Stillwater at Oklahoma State University and returned to the Kremlin Hillsdale area to begin farming with his dad Dick Simpson and grandpa Herman Winter. On August 4, 1984, Steve married Gay Lynn Estes in Enid, and they made their home in Kremlin where they raised their two children Steven Chance and Sierra. Steve was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church; being baptized on January 22, 1956, and confirmed on March 22, 1970. He was active in many farm organizations, serving on multiple crop boards. Steve was a member of Ag Leadership and also went overseas to represent Oklahoma Ag Leadership Class. and was an Honorary National FFA American Farmer recipient. Steve enjoyed showing livestock in his younger years, and then instilled that love in his children, nieces, nephews and his grandson. Steve was an avid OU fan, and he loved his time that he spent hunting. His greatest joy was his grandson, Westin, and he loved being able to farm with his son, Chance.

Steve is survived by his parents Dick and Marilyn Simpson; his wife Gay; children Chance Simpson and Sierra Simpson; grandson Westin Simpson; sisters Dian Salisbury and Carolyn LaBrue; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Herman and Vera Winter and Charles and Della Simpson.

**Blessed are those who die in the Lord,  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

*Memorial made be made through Anderson-Burriss to Garfield County Livestock Booster Club. Online condolences at [www.andersonburriss.com](http://www.andersonburriss.com).*