

A photograph of a forest path lined with tall, slender redwood trees. Sunlight filters through the dense green canopy, creating a dappled light effect on the path and the forest floor. A simple wooden railing runs along the path, guiding the viewer's eye into the distance. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

*I go to prepare
a place for you*

JOHN 14:2

IN MEMORY OF
Dale Ronald Schultz
JULY 1, 1944 ~ MAY 31, 2025
JUNE 7, 2025 ~ 12:00 P.M.

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering/Thanksgiving for Baptism

Congregation Hymn “The Old Rugged Cross”



1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross so de - spised by the world,
3 In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
a won - drous beau - ty I see;
its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
to . . . bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
to . . . par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.



So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



Text: George Bennard, 1873–1958

Music: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS, George Bennard, 1873–1958

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Opening Prayer

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-3a, 5-7, 18-19

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *A Unison Reading*

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.**

⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely 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.

Revelation 21:1-4

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel John 14:1-6a

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? ³ And 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. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Homily

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

Congregation Hymn "In the Garden"

1 I come to the gar - den a - lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar - den with him though the night a - round me be

ros - es; and the voice I hear, fall - ing on my ear, the
 sing - ing, and the mel - o - dy that he gave to me with -
 fall - ing, but he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis - clos - es.
 in my heart is ring - ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call - ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, and the

joy we share, as we tar - ry there, none oth - er has ev - er known.

Creed

**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 power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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.**

The Prayers of Intercession

P: God of Mercy

C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Congregation Hymn "Amazing Grace"

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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	snare	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 This selection is in the public domain.

Commendation

The Blessing

P: Let us go forth in peace

C: **in the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Family and friends are cordially invited
to a meal in the Fellowship Hall of
Grace Lutheran Church following the service.*

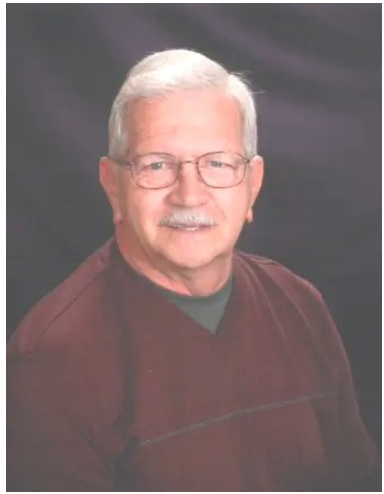


Obituary

Dale R. Schultz, 80, beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, passed away unexpectedly on May 31, 2025.

Dale Ronald Schultz was born in VanDyke, MI on July 1, 1944, to the late Arnold and Alice (Bahrke) Schultz. He married Patricia Jo Bertrand on October 24, 1964. He was the heart of his family and the superhero to his five daughters, whom he raised with unwavering love and devotion alongside the love of his life,

Patricia Jo, his wife of 61 years. Together, they built a beautiful life centered around faith, family, and simple joys. Dale's greatest happiness came from time spent with his daughters—Kimberly S. Schultz, Debra K. (Carl Eller) Schultz, Dawn M. (Brett) Anderson, Christine L. (Bill) O'Neil, and Tamara R. (Matt) Szydlowski—and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who adored him.



Dale was known for his kind heart, and quiet strength. He loved playing cards, reading, hunting, fishing, bird watching, chasing off the squirrels that threatened his feeders, photography, long drives, camping, and being part of any family gathering. His gentle presence brought joy to those around him. He was a proud member of Grace Lutheran Church and the Alpena Cycle Club. After retiring from the Sheet Metal Union Local #7, Dale continued to bring happiness to others by delivering flowers for Lasting Expressions—a job that suited his warm and caring spirit.

He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren: Joel, Sophia, Adon, Paulie, Alexandra, Ericka, Courtney, Ashley, Kyle, Everett, Olivia, Ellen, Emma, Isabelle, Sadie, Christopher, Ben, Madeline, Owen; great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Johnny, Elizabeth, Niko, Jackson, Myles, and Levi. He also leaves behind siblings Diane Chamberlain, Duane (Sharon) Schultz, Daryl (Diane) Schultz; sisters-in-law, Faye (Gale) Porter, and Virginia Schultz.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Darwin Schultz, Dennis Schultz; brothers-in-law, Gary Poch and Dan Chamberlain.

Dale's legacy of love, laughter, and quiet generosity will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. He will be dearly missed.

Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church or Alpena Senior Citizens Center