

IN MEMORY OF  
*Martin Gerard Marvar*  
AUGUST 9, 1947 ~ MARCH 26, 2026  
MARCH 31, 2026 ~ 12:00 P.M.

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

Gathering/Thanksgiving for Baptism

Congregation Hymn "When Peace, Like a River" R785



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 glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - 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 scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



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

Opening Prayer

**WORD**

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

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:1-3a,18-19

But 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. When 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. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I 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*

**The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me  
beside still waters;  
he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.**

**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.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my  
enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup  
overflows.**

**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.**

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 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.

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 14:1-4, 18-19, 25-27

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In 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? 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. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

Homily

*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**Congregation Hymn “How Great Thou Art”**

**R856**



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-c-la-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

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*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou  
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to  
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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## **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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am  
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near, when my  
3 When the dark - ness ap-pears and the night draws near, and the

tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me  
life is al - most gone; hear my cry, hear my call, hold my  
day is past and gone, at the riv - er I stand, guide my

on to the light: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
hand lest I fall: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
feed, hold my hand: take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

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## 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*

Martin Gerard Marvar, 78, of Alpena passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026, at MyMichigan Medical Center – Alpena.

Martin was born in Houghton, MI on August 9, 1947, to the late Martin and Leone (Lange) Marvar. On June 13, 1970, he married Cheryl Fulk. She preceded him in death on October 10, 2021. He taught his entire career at the Posen Consolidated Schools, retiring after 30 years. Marty enjoyed all things outdoors, including hunting, fishing trips in Canada, tinkering in his yard and was an avid reader. Marty was a member of Grace Lutheran Church.



Surviving are his daughter, Deana Caldwell, 2 grandchildren, Kannen Caldwell, Kailey Caldwell, sisters, Patricia Marvar, Mary Marvar; loving companion, Katherine Piontkowski and her family.

Marty was preceded in death by his son, Darin Marvar.

Interment: Holy Cross Cemetery

Memorials: Grace Lutheran Church