

IN MEMORY OF
Joanne Lila Kindt

MAY 24, 1934 ~ FEBRUARY 4, 2026

FEBRUARY 20, 2026 ~ 12:00 P.M.

GATHERING

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

Gathering/Thanksgiving for Baptism

Congregation Hymn "Shall We Gather at the River" R423



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

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Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Opening Prayer

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

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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.**

2 Corinthians 4:6-12, 16-18

For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck

down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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 14:15-21, 25-27

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him.

You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “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. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

"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 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" R773

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

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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PRECIOUS LORD

Irregular

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 assembly may be seated)

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.**

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

Congregation Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” R742



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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

Joanne Lila Kindt, 91, of Alpena passed away, Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at Medilodge – Green View.

Joanne Lila Restau was born in Alpena on May 24, 1934, to the late Herbert and Lila (Barsen) Restau. On September 18, 1954, she married Ervin Schiller. Together they owned and operated Schiller Ready Mix, until his death on



August 18, 1975. She continued the business for several more years. On July 19, 1980, she married William Fred Kindt. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2025. Joanne had been an active member of Grace Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her 3 children, Herb (Jan) Schiller, Julie King, Laurie (Wayne) Aube; grandchildren, Michael (Courtney) Schiller, Michael (Kristin) Bartz, Brian Schiller, Kayla (Trent) Bruski, Alan Schiller, Casey Schiller, Brandon Aube, Meagan (Logan Hawley) Aube; 3 great grandchildren, Wesley, Bennett, Starr; 4 step-children, Rickie (Esther) Kindt, Tamara (Gary) DeCaire, Dennis (Annette) Kindt, Allan (Mary Beth) Kindt; and their families; sister, Marvis (David) McNeil.

Mrs. Kindt was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Karen; son-in-law, Robert King; and stepson, Larry Kindt.

Inurnment: Evergreen Cemetery

Memorials: Hospice of Michigan or Grace Lutheran Church