

A Celebration of Life

Rueben James Bosshard “Schatzie”



November 15, 1939 – January 16, 2023

February 18, 2023
Calvary Lutheran Church
Richland Hills, TX

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new 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.

Beautiful Savior (ELW 838)

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in the flow'rs of spring;
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904. Music: SCHONSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 1842.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother Rueben. We thank you for giving him to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console all who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

The 23rd Psalm – spoken in unison

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil:

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff

they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

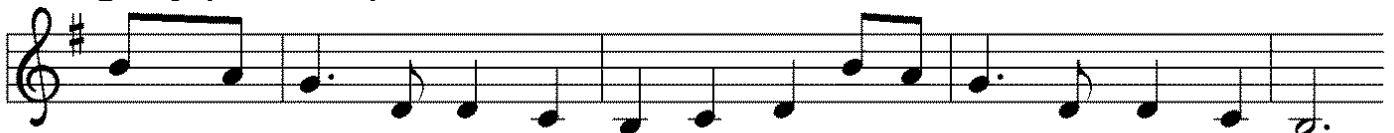
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life:

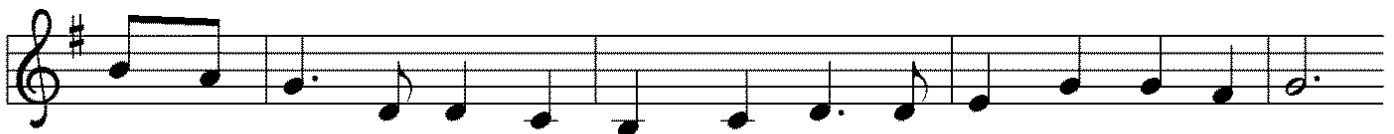
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Remembrances of Rueben

Borning Cry (ELW 732)



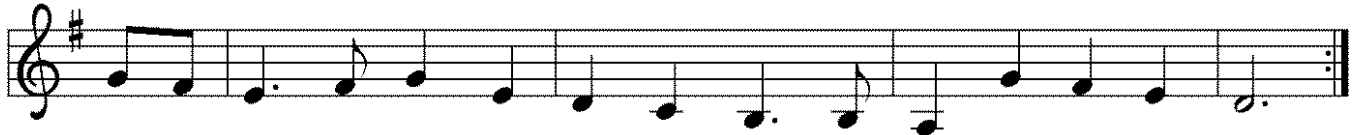
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



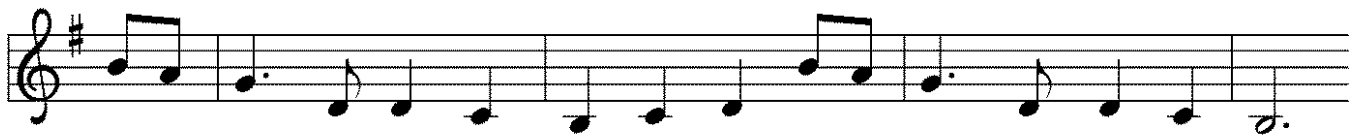
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937. Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker. Text and music © 1985 John Ylvisaker.

1 John 4:16-19

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

Matthew 17:20

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there", and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.'

John 14:1-3

'Do 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?³And 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.

The Homily

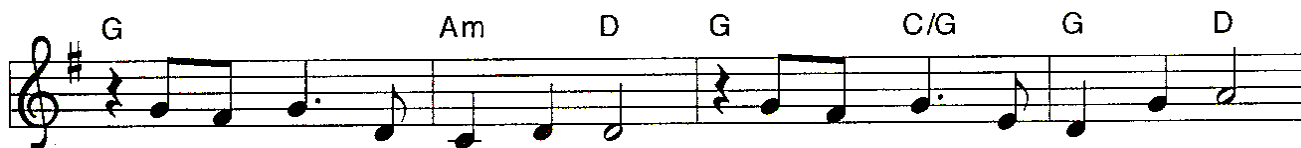
Here I Am, Lord (ELW 574)



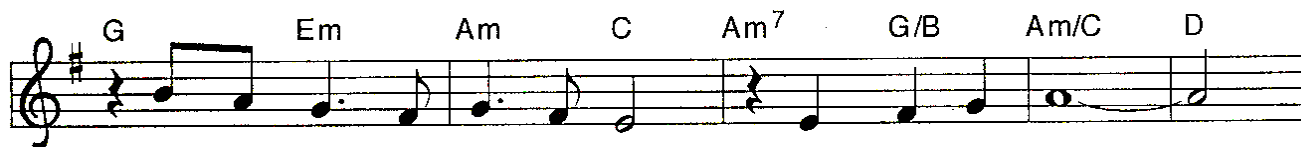
1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The Creed

P We confess the faith of the church throughout the ages, the faith Rueben lived and the faith in which he died.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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

P Almighty God, in holy baptism you have knit your chosen people together into one communion of saints in the body of Christ. Give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and your peace. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to share the new life in Christ. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and faith to all who mourn, and a sure and certain hope in your loving care, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may have strength for the days ahead. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that, where this world groans in grief and pain, your Holy Spirit may lead us to bear witness to your light and life. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all grace, we give you thanks because by his death our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and by his resurrection he opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain 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 in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

The Post Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in God's grace.

C Amen.

The Commendation

P Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Rueben.
Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your
own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your
mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company
of the saints in light.

**C Into paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs
receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem. May a choir of
angels welcome you, and, where Lazarus is poor no more, may you have
everlasting rest.**

I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

New Footprints

Here's a retake of Footprints...

*Now imagine you and the Lord Jesus are walking along the beach together.
For much of the way the Lord's footprints go along steadily, consistently,
rarely varying in the pace.*

*But your prints are in a disorganize stream of zigzags, starts, stops, turnarounds,
circles, departures and returns.*

For much of the way it seems to go like this.

*But gradually, your footprints come in line with the Lord's,
soon paralleling His consistently.*

You and Jesus are walking as true friends.

*This seems perfect, but then an interesting thing happens; your footprints that once
etched the sand next to the Master's are now walking precisely in His steps.*

Inside His large footprints is the small "sandprint," safely enclosed.

You and Jesus are becoming one; this goes on for many miles.

But gradually you notice another change.

The footprints inside the larger footprints seem to grow larger.

Eventually it disappears altogether.

There is only one set of footprints.

They have become one; again this goes on for a long time.

But then, something awful happens.

The second set of footprints is back, this time it seems even worse than before.

Zigzags all over the place.

Stop... start.

Deep gashes in the sand.

A veritable mess of movement.

You're amazed and shocked.

But this is the end of your dream.

*Now you speak: "Lord, I understand the first scene with the
zigzags, fits, starts and so on.*

I was a new Christian, just learning.

But you walked on through the storm and helped me learn to walk with You."

"That is correct," replied the Lord.

*“Then, when the smaller footprints were inside of Yours,
I was actually learning to walk in Your steps.
I followed You very closely.”*

“Very good. You have understood everything so far.”

*“Then the smaller footprints grew and eventually filled in with yours.
Suppose that I was actually growing so much that I was becoming
more like you in every way.”*

“Precisely.”

“But this is my question, Lord.

Was there a regression or something?

The footprints went back to two, and this time it was worse than the first.”

The Lord smiles, then laughs. “You didn’t know?”

He says, “That was when we danced.”

FOR HE WILL TURN YOUR MOURNING INTO DANCING!!!

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The Reverend Phillip Heinze
The Reverend Kyle Rouze
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Rueben James Bosshard (Schatzie)
November 15th 1939 - January 16th 2023

Rueben James Bosshard, known to his friends and family as “Schatzie”, a nickname given to him as a child, went to be with our Lord Jesus Christ on Monday January 16th, 2023. Rueben was born to Willie and Edna Bosshard on November 15th, 1939 in Beeville, TX, and grew up in Corpus Christi, TX. He served in the U.S. Air Force, and retired from Lockheed Martin.

Rueben is survived by his wife Lynda Bosshard, sons William Bosshard and wife Lisa, Michael Bosshard and wife Keely, and stepdaughter Elizabeth Boyer. He is also survived by his grandchildren Kaitlyn Rayburn and husband Brian, Britney Morris and husband Ryan, Preston Bosshard, and Olivia Bosshard along with great grandchildren Hazel Rayburn and Danielle Watson.

Schatzie was a loving husband and father. He doted on his wife, children and grandchildren and enjoyed entertaining friends and family every chance he had. His hobbies included Norwegian folk dancing, creative welding, and traveling.

Rest in eternal peace our dear Schatzie.

Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church (7620 Baker Blvd. Richland Hills, TX 76118), Home Hospice (505 W. Center St. Sherman, TX), or the American Cancer Society.