A decorative border of intricate black and white line art surrounds the text. It features various floral motifs, including large flowers, leaves, and scrolling vines, with a central vertical stem and a horizontal base.

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John 14:23-24 ESV

The Wedding of
Anna Faith Thoelke

and

Christian Laurence White

May 24, 2026



Prereservice Music

"Sheep May Safely Graze" by J. S. Bach • Organ

"Wachet Auf" by J. S. Bach • Strings

"Seek Ye First" arr. Douglas E. Wagner • Piano

"Was Mir Behagt" by J. S. Bach • Strings

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. J. E. Clemens • Piano

"Concerto Grosso in B Minor" by G. F. Handel • Strings

"Thy Strong Word" arr. Stephen R. Johnson • Piano

Seating of the Grandparents

Violin Concerto in F "Winter" Largo by Antonio Vivaldi

Seating of the Parents

Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major by J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Text: S. P. Starke; Tune: G. Holst; arr. Jeffrey Biersch; LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring;
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Invocation

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2:7, 18-24

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature... Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Psalm 127

"Unless the Lord Builds the House" tone by Olivia Thaelke • Chorus

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.
Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.
Blessèd is the man who fills his quiver with them!
He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

Ephesians 4:32, 5:1-2, 22-33

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God... Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

John 14:23-31

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me. "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have

Christ Candle

“Who Puts His Trust in God Most Just” arr. Ben Culli • Chorus

Before the service our mothers who bore us and who, with our fathers, brought us to Holy Baptism, lit the candles beside the Christ Candle to remind us of the new life in Christ, the Light of the World, which we received there - the sure way of walking in and with Him which we reaffirmed at our confirmation.

In our marriage we willingly, because of that wonderful life received by us through faith, are ready to again die to our life of self (we blow out our candles) and are joined to each other in a new life of love and service in imitation of the selfless devotion of our Savior to us, His bride, the Church (we relight our candle from the Christ Candle).

We receive the motivation and strength to do this not simply in our love for each other. That alone is too frail because of the sinful nature which still clings to us, and too weak to endure the rigors of the failures or the crises which may come to afflict us. But we pray that our love will endure through the gracious help and presence of Christ Himself.

The Christ Candle in our home will be a powerful reminder to us of where our lives and our marriage are rooted - and, God willing, one day the lives of our children and their children also. We pray that our lives as children of the heavenly Father, as husband and wife, or as parents, will always reflect the light and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

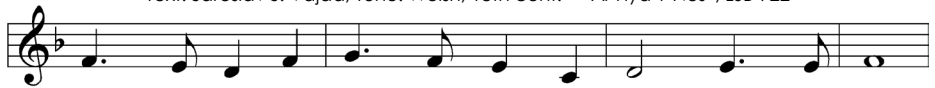
Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda; Tune: Welsh, 18th cent. – “Ar Hyd Y Nos”; LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.
2 In this u-nion I have joined you Hus-band and wife,
3 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Now, My chil-dren, live to-geth-er As heirs of life: Each the
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.
oth-er's glad-ness shar-ing, Each the oth-er's bur-dens bear-ing,
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.
Now, My chil-dren, live to-geth-er As heirs of life.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

Benediction

Presentation of the Bride & Groom

Recessional

"God of Grace and God of Glory" by Paul Manz • Organ



Parents of the Bride

John & Kate Thielke

Parents of the Groom

Adam & Diane White

Grandparents of the Bride

Rev. H. Lothar & Traude Thielke

Donald & Cherie Hugo

Grandparents of the Groom

Rev. Dr. Laurence & Deborah White

Karen Baker & in loving memory of Jonathon Baker

Maid of Honor

Olivia Thielke

Bridesmaids

Emily Thielke

Quinn Overby

Bethany Weider

Junior Bridesmaids

Abigail White
Heidi White

Best Man

Aiden Sullivan

Groomsmen

Paul Symank
Hayden Payne
Gabrien Deutsch
Stephen Eifert
Wesley White

Flower Girl

Penelope Pauls

Ring Bearer

Grayson Greenwood

Crucifer

Silas Christiansen

Usher

Caleb Lind

String Quartet

Rachel Fisher, Violin
Kim Gindler, Violin
Rebekah Roundey, Violist
Lars Gindler, Cellist

Vocalists

Teresa Thoele
Bethany Christiansen
Brennick Christiansen
Rebekah Pauls
Daniel Thoele

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