

A Celebration of Life for
Brandon Dye
September 6, 1999 — June 22, 2025



Saint Michael Lutheran Church of Fort Myers, Florida
Saturday, July 12, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.

**A Service of Thanks to God for His Blessings in the Life of
+ Brandon Dye +**

Blessed with the Gift of Life on September 6, 1999

Received into the Arms of Jesus on June 22, 2025

Welcome

Pastor Dave Bass

Opening Song

"I Can Only Imagine"

by *MercyMe*

Words and Music by Bart Millard

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I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory, what will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus, or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine, I can only imagine.
I can only imagine, I can only imagine.

I can only imagine when all I will do is forever,
Forever worship You
I can only imagine!

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and + of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

The Promise of Baptism

Pastor: In Holy Baptism Brandon was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all sin. Saint Paul says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"

People: **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Let us pray... O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Brandon, and to all Your servants, who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

The Scripture Readings

Galatians 6:9 — Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

John 14:1-7 — "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare

a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

Luke 5:1-10 — One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon’s partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.”

A Time of Remembrance

Dalton Dye

Apostles’ Creed

Pastor: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our Christian faith:

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven

and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Sermon

Pastor David Bass

The Prayers

Pastor: Let us pray... Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to life everlasting and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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 Commendation

Pastor: Into Your hands, O merciful Savior, you have received your servant, Brandon. You have acknowledged a sheep of Your own fold, a lamb of Your own flock, a sinner of Your own redeeming. May God

the Father, who created him; may God + the Son, who by His death and resurrection has redeemed his body and soul; may God the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified his body and life to be His temple, guard and keep him to the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Amen.

The Benediction

Closing Song

"Lifesong"

by *Casting Crowns*

Words and Music by Mark Hall

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Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Make my lifesong sing
Bring a smile to You

Let my lifesong sing to You
Let my lifesong sing to You
I wanna sign Your name
To the end of this day
Knowin' that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing (to You)

Lord I give my life
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need
To be Your hands and feet

Hallelujah hallelujah
Let my lifesong sing to You.

The family invites you to visit them at their home following the service:

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