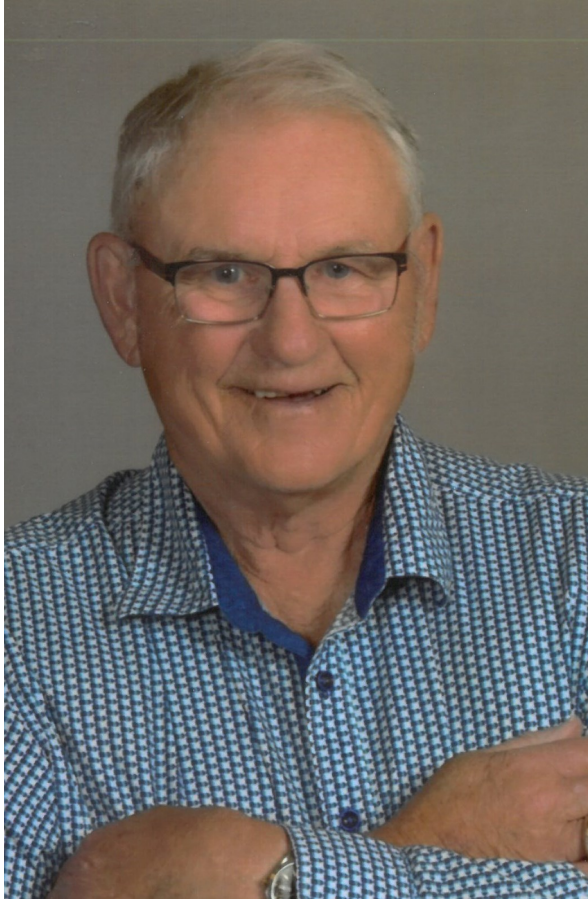


The Celebration of the Life
and Resurrection of
Jay (Ove) Arndtson
July 14, 2023



First Lutheran Church
BOTHELL

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We, the community of First Lutheran Church of Bothell, proclaim the message that the grace of our Lord is infinitely inclusive and that everyone is welcome. We believe that Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness in a world of alienation and brokenness.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation and as disciples of Christ seeking justice and reconciliation among all peoples, we at First Lutheran Church welcome all into the fullness of God's love. **We welcome everyone, without exception and regardless of sex, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or station in life.** We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God, and through grace, a child of God.

All are welcome at First Lutheran.

All are welcome to worship, to hear the Good News, to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service. As members of First Lutheran Church, we pledge ourselves and our congregation to exercise our faith in Christ, treasuring one another's similarities while embracing our God-given differences. We pledge that we will strive to live as a reconciling people, in our life together and in our outreach to the world.

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

PRELUDE:

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember before God our brother Jay, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

GATHERING HYMN: *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* (ELW 779)
Cammi Dargetz, Piano; James Konz, Guitar; Lauren Arndtson, Soloist



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

GREETING

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn, that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

POEM: *The Legend of the Blue Jay Jay*, by Audra Kjetland

WORD

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

FIRST READING - Psalm 30: Read by Angie Thoreson

¹I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

⁷By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

⁸To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

¹¹You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹²so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Word of God.

Word of life.

SECOND READING - John 14:1-6: *Read by Becky Wipf*

¹Do 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. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

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GOSPEL READING - Matthew 6:25-34: *Read by JoAnn Kjetland*

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Word of God.

Word of life.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom* (ACS 1064)



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
Ev - 'ry crea-ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum-ble - bee.
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won-der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
Spi-der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon-key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring-ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
live with-in a sin-gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

APOSTLES' 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 Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

Help us, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

Let us commend Jay to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence for Reflection

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Jay. 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.

Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE - LeAnn Vogt: *We take time to tell the story of Jay. Story telling is an important part of our lives. It keeps the memory of our loved ones alive.*

BLESSING

May the silence of the hills,
the joy of the winds,
the peace of the fields,
the music of the birds,
the fire of the sun,
the strength of the trees,
and the faith of a little child,
in all of which is God,
go with you and be with you today and always. Amen

SENDING HYMN: *On Eagle's Wings* (ELW 787)

James Konz, Guitar



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by

Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

POSTLUDE:

Jay (Ove Junior) Arndtson

October 26, 1940 - November 30, 2022

Jay passed away peacefully at his home on November 30, 2022. His health declined after suffering seizures. He spent 3 months in Redmond Care Center. He improved enough to go home, where he spent the last 8 weeks enjoying time with family and friends.

Jay was born in Jackson County, MN on October 26, 1940, to Ove Sr and Josie (Kragtorp) Arndtson. He grew up on a farm in rural Lamberton, MN with his parents and 3 brothers.

Jay graduated from Lamberton High School and joined the Navy. He was based in San Diego, CA, and awarded the good conduct medal, then honorably discharged. He worked for Control Data in MN. Jay became his own boss, owning and operating Holan TV and Appliance. He then sold insurance, before going back to work for Control Data.

In 1961 he married Lois Leopold and they welcomed 5 children; LeAnn, JoAnn, David, and twins Amanda and Rebecca.

In 1988, Jay moved to Seattle, WA. He received his Bachelor's Degree as a database administrator and worked at Boeing. In 1992, he married Marilyn Gamroth, adding Pat, Phil, Brad, and their families.

Jay is remembered fondly by all his family, including his nieces and nephews. He loved his family; the more the merrier. He laughed often and loudly. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and buying them candy. He told goofy jokes, gave bear hugs, shared whisker rubs, and was competitive in all he did. He enjoyed many card games, especially Cribbage, Pinochle, 500, and Jokers. He loved camping, RVing, fishing, and crabbing. He enjoyed watching the Mariners, square dancing, and shuffleboard. He found great pleasure in wintering in Arizona with Marilyn and being a "Snowbird". The girls were always his "Dollies."



Jay is survived by his wife, Marilyn Arndtson, Bothell, WA; his children LeAnn (Peter) Vogt, Blooming Prairie, MN; JoAnn (Bryan) Kjetland, Watertown, SD; David (Kim) Arndtson, Gig Harbor, WA; Amanda (Aaron) Higginbotham, Mesa, AZ; Rebecca (Jory) Wipf, Huron, SD; his brother Merle (Eloise), Hastings, MN;

his step-sons, Pat Gamroth, Phil (Linda) Gamroth, and Brad (Thao) Gamroth all of Seattle area, 24 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ove Sr. and Josie, his brothers Loren and Kenneth, Grand-daughter Hannah (Vogt) Lager, and Great Grandson Matthias Lager.



Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:

Rev. Tor K. Berg

Organ / Piano:

Lucy Kay Osborne

Funeral Coordinator:

Donna Hillard

Sound Tech:

Ann Bormann

Usher:

Dan Bormann

Memorials may be made in Jay's name to:
First Lutheran Church Endowment Fund



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