

**Memorial Service of  
Elsbeth Dudey  
November 3, 2017**



**First Lutheran Church**  
**BOTHELL**

**Celebration of the Life  
and Resurrection of  
Elsbeth Dudey  
Friday, November 3, 2017**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE: *Andante from Sonata #2 in B $\flat$  (Telemann)***

**WELCOME**

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 sister Elsbeth,  
to give thanks for her life,  
to commend her to our merciful redeemer,  
and to comfort one another in our grief.

**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.**

**OPENING HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***



- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

In her baptism,

Elsbeth was clothed with Christ.

In the day of Christ's coming,

she shall be clothed with glory.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life,

**We glorify you.**

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,

**We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope,

**We worship you.**

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

**Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our sister Elsbeth.  
We thank you for giving her to us to know and to love  
as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth.  
In your boundless compassion, console us 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.  
**Amen.**

**TIME OF REMEMBRANCE:** *We take time to share Elsbeth's story.*

### WORD

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

### **FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
<sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal;  
a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
<sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
<sup>5</sup>a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;  
<sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose;  
a time to keep, and a time to throw away;  
<sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew;  
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;  
<sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate;  
a time for war, and a time for peace.

**PSALM 46** (*we will read responsively*)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

**"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."**

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**DUET: *Largo and Vivace from Sonata #4 in D minor (Telemann)***

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith – being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

## GOSPEL HYMN: *Beautiful Savior*



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 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright 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!

## GOSPEL READING: *John 14:1-6*

A reading from John. <sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In 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? <sup>3</sup>And 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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er-  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

## 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.

### **COMMENDATION**

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

*Silence for reflection.*

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

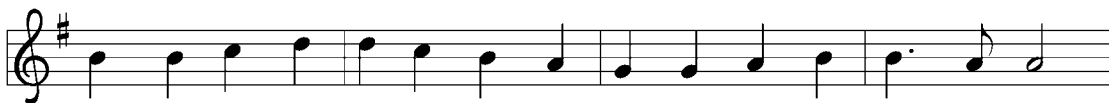
**Amen.**

## 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: *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

## POSTLUDE: *Presto from Concerto in G minor (Bach/Marcello)*

**Assisting with Today's Service:**

<b>Presiding Pastor:</b>	<b>Rev. Tor Kristian Berg</b>
<b>Recorder Musicians</b>	<b>Vicki Boeckman and Silke Harper</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Donna Hillard</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Walt Stoll</b>
<b>Sound Technician:</b>	<b>Kyler Smith</b>
<b>Reception Coordinator:</b>	<b>Cathy Tanner</b>

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## Elsbeth Dudey

### June 27, 1927 — September 28, 2017

Elsbeth Dudey was born in 1927 in Empede, Germany, a farming town northwest of Hannover, and passed away peacefully in Everett, Washington. She was preceded in death by her parents Wilhelm and Else Vehrenkamp (née Asche), older sister Waltraud (Peter) Hanke and younger brother Hansjürgen (Helga) Vehrenkamp. Elsbeth was also preceded in death by her loving husband Karl, who passed away in 2013.

Elsbeth and her family lived through World War II in Hannover, Germany. Elsbeth immigrated to Stockholm, Sweden to find work and escape the poverty in post war Germany in 1952.

She immigrated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1956, where she met and married Karl Dudey in 1958. Karl and Elsbeth had two children Marc and Evelyn (Evy). Karl and Elsbeth moved to Bradenton, Florida in 1984 and to Bothell, Washington in 2000.

Elsbeth is survived by her son Marc and his wife Yan, and their sons Michael and Thomas of Houston, Texas, and by her daughter Evelyn and her husband Mark Glidden of Everett, Washington. She is also survived by her cousin Otto Heinrich (Karin) Vehrenkamp, niece Ursula Hanke, nephews Peter Michael (Barbara) Hanke, Uwe Vehrenkamp and Eike Vehrenkamp; all live in Germany.

*“I expect to pass through life but once. If, therefore, there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do to any fellow-being, let me do it now, and not defer or neglect it, as I shall not pass this way again.” (William Penn)*