

**The Celebration of the
Life and Resurrection of
Avis Doral Anderson Hornbaker
October 4, 2025**



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 calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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 sister Avis, 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *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 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!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In her baptism, Avis 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; 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; Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope;

We glorify you.

We praise you.

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 Avis. 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: Lacey, Kim, sister Shirley as read by niece Brenda, and Cathy will share with us before viewing a tribute to Avis in pictures and hymns.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

PSALM 121 (*Lacey Penner*)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:37-40

³⁷ Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away, ³⁸ for I have come down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.”

SERMON

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: *Mark Knutson, soloist*

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us out in peace.

COMMENDATION

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

Silence for reflection.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Avis.
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: *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856) (next page)

POSTLUDE: *For All the Saints*

Assisting with Today's Service:

Presiding Pastor:	Rev. Tor K. Berg
Organ / Piano:	Lucy Kay Osborne
Funeral Coordinator:	Donna Hillard
Sound Tech:	Ann Bormann
Camera Tech:	David Osborne
Usher:	Dan Bormann
Reception Coordinator:	Roger Steinke

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Beloved stay-at-home mom, devoted wife, caring grandma, cherished sibling, and treasured friend, Avis Doral Hornbaker passed away on 11/05/24. Born to Albert Gerald and Lovida Alice Anderson in Woodworth, North Dakota on 11/23/32, the family, including her older sister Loraine and brother Lowell, traveled west in 1936 to Washington, where her younger sister, Shirley, was born and where the economy could support a growing family.

The Anderson family shared a love for music, and when Avis attended Bothell High School, she played French horn in the band. It was there that she met Rex Kenneth Hornbaker, a trumpet player who had transferred from California.

On 07/15/50 Avis married Rex, and they began their own family with Cathy Ann, Kimberly Jo, and George Randall, settling first in Rex's Northshore family log house and later in their Shoreline home. She enriched her family's life with her wonderful cooking, seamstress skills, and exceptional eye for home décor that incorporated her love of beachcombing, crocheting, and making dried arrangements.

Always supporting her children's activities, whether concerts, scouting, or sports, she still found time to teach Sunday School, direct Vacation Bible School, serve as PTA President, and visit with neighbors over coffee. Vacations and weekends revolved around the greater family activities with siblings and their families, whether hosting picnics and family campouts; visiting her parent's farm for meals, walks to the river, and card games; or traveling to the ocean or favorite lakes for fishing and water skiing. Shared family times continued decades after those families were raised, when she and her siblings and spouses gathered monthly at a restaurant followed by card games that were always punctuated with clever banter and laughter.

As her children reached their college years, Avis pursued the administrative training at Shoreline Community College that prepared her to become the executive secretary to the Dean of Education at Seattle Pacific University. When her husband was offered advancement in the aerospace industry, they relocated to Glendora, California in the 1980's, where she became the assistant to the Vice President of Education at Azusa Pacific University. She was among the first staff trained and equipped with an Apple computer that began Azusa's transformation to office automation. In California, she and Rex enjoyed golfing and get-aways to their weekend home in Desert Hot Springs, where "garage saling" with friends was a regular pastime.

Upon retirement, Avis and Rex returned to Washington where they enjoyed a beautiful home on Camano Island overlooking Puget Sound and Whidbey Island.

They continued traveling to their Desert Hot Springs home in the winter, even after they downsized to their wonderful Inglewood Shores condominium at the north end of Lake Washington.

After Rex passed away in July of 2015, Avis filled her life with friends and family, growing and sharing her cherry tomatoes, reading, Internet researching, offering fascinating presentations to her church senior group, and preparing and often hosting her weekly Bible studies. In 2019 she published a short book, “Remembering North Dakota - Homesickness: A Disease of the Heart” where she captured the memories and playful anecdotes of her mother Lovida’s early North Dakota childhood and her transplant to Washington State. The pandemic caused Avis to lean on her computer skills as she attended church and weekly Bible studies over Zoom. Her iPad also allowed her to play weekly card games over the internet with her sister Shirley in Idaho.

Avis lived independently, driving herself to church, with only a few hours of weekly assistance from care-giver and friend, Ebony Jallow, until February of 2024, when a brush with COVID and an inoperable growth put pressure on her brain, suddenly depriving her of most speech, cognition, and memory. She received wonderful care from all the staff at Blueberry Gardens 4 Adult Family Home, where her home manager, Queen, marveled at all the friends and family that constantly visited her. She noted how those frequent visits were a direct reflection of the way Avis lived her life, blessing all those around her.

Avis is survived by her sister Shirley Smith in Grangeville, Idaho; daughter Cathy Hornbaker in Puyallup, Washington; daughter Kim Penner in Kenmore, Washington; son Randy Hornbaker in Anderson, California; granddaughter Lacey Penner in Milton, Washington; wonderful nephews, nieces, and friends, as well as her generous Inglewood Shores neighbors and faithful Bible study friends. We all rejoice in her “home-going”.

Prayer of Acceptance

Father God, I believe that all have sinned, including me, and are unworthy to be in relationship with a just and perfect God. Yet, You loved us all so deeply, that You willingly sacrificed Your own perfect Son, Jesus, to die the death we deserved, so that You could offer us the free gift of salvation; the gift of relationship with You now and a future life with You throughout eternity with all who have accepted you. Lord, I gratefully accept that gift with joy.



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