

To remember and to thank God for the life of
Arvid B. Brekke

April 24, 1925–July 1, 2022

July 23, 2022 | 1 p.m.

Arvid chose the scripture and songs in the service as representative of his faith and Norwegian heritage.

Prelude Hymn Selections

Welcome

Military Honors

Gathering Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

Psalm

Psalm 121

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

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.

Solo

“My Heart Is Longing” –Norwegian folk tune
Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

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.

Prayer of the Day

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our brother, Arvid. We thank you for giving him 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.**

A Life Remembered

Psalm

Psalm 96:1–6

- ¹O sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
³Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

ELW 504: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who
 to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with
 wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 weap-ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,
 has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,
 he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 they can - not win the day. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Reading

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;

²he makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters;

³he restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil; for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 12:32–34

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Solo

“Who Is This Host Arrayed in White” –Norwegian folk tune
Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

Sermon

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

ELW 856: How Great Thou Art



All: 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
All: 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
Solo: 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
All: 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!

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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

To each petition the assembly responds:
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Solo

"Lord's Prayer" –Albert Hay Malotte
Blake Nawa`a, tenor solo

Commendation

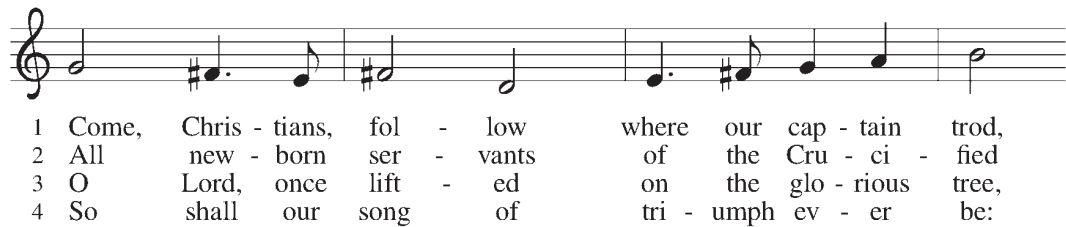
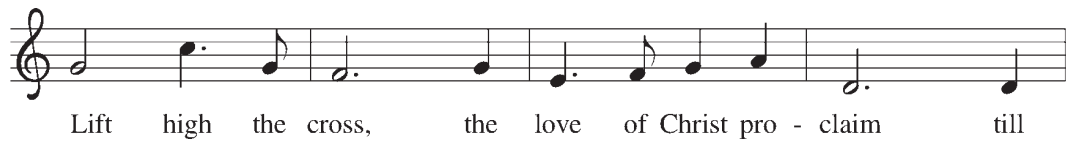
Let us commend Arvid to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

Silence is kept.

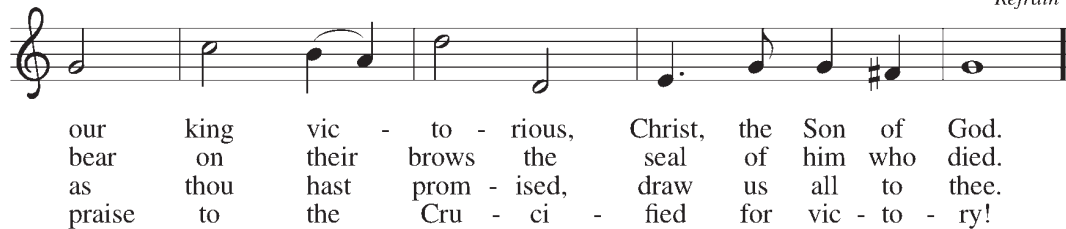
Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Arvid Bjarne Brekke. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious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

Hymn

ELW 660: Lift High the Cross



Refrain



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Sending

Let us go forth in peace, **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

The family requests all remain seated to enjoy the postlude.

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony V* –Charles Marie Widor

Recessional

“Who Is This Host Arrayed in White” –Norwegian folk tune

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April 24, 1925–July 1, 2022

Arvid Bjarne Brekke was born on April 24, 1925, in Storla, South Dakota, and grew up in Mt Vernon, South Dakota. He passed away on July 1, 2022, in Parker, CO. He graduated from high school in Mt Vernon and received his Bachelor's degree from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD, in 1947. He later attended the University of Minnesota and earned a Master's Degree in Hospital Administration in 1959. He served in the U.S. Army Field Artillery during the Korean War.

On November 8, 1952, he was united in marriage to Berniece J Samdahl in Devils Lake, North Dakota. Arvid and Berniece had four children, Karen, Erik, Kent and Kurt. He was very devoted to his family and enjoyed many activities with family—camping, hunting, fishing, skiing and vacation travels.

Arvid served in Executive positions at Swedish Medical Center, University of Colorado Health Administration, Colorado Hospital Association, and Voluntary Hospitals of America, Mountain States. He was active in the health care field, serving in many capacities as a member and

officer at the state, regional and national levels.

Music was a very important part of Arvid's life and he was active in sacred choral music his entire life. He conducted choral groups for over 53 years in Minnesota, South Dakota, Iowa and Colorado. He was a long-time member of Augustana Lutheran Church in Denver, CO. He was conductor of the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Singers and Senior Elite at Augustana Lutheran Church.

Arvid was very proud of his Norwegian heritage and made many trips to Norway visiting relatives. He was a member of Sons of Norway. Arvid insisted on carrying on many Norwegian traditions, especially during the Christmas season—lutefisk, lefse and music.

Arvid was preceded in death by his wife Berniece and son Kent. He is survived by his daughter Karen, son Erik (Janice) and son Kurt, grandchildren Matt (Allie), Jay (Gina), Kimberly Gulbrandson (Nathan) and Beau. Great grandchildren Elizabeth, Benjamin, Bauer, Torren and Kaeden.

Welcome

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Inurnment

Augustana Memorial Garden
Denver, Colorado

You are invited

to greet the family at a reception
in Fellowship Hall
following the service.

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may be designated to:

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Preacher/Presider:

Pastor Caitlin Trussell

Organist:

Andrew Peters

Soloist:

Blake Nawa`a

Ushers:

Emmett Cruson
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