



To remember and to thank God for the life of
Arvetta Jeanette Hjelmstad

October 20, 1938–June 1, 2025

June 7, 2025 | 2 p.m.

Prelude ♦ Hymn Selections

Welcome

Gathering

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

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.

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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 sister, Arvetta. 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.

A Life Remembered

Thad Zipp and JoDee Nice

Readings ♦ Betty Boyd

Joshua 1:9

A reading from Joshua.

⁹“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Psalm 23

Read in unison.

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy

shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Gospel ♦ Matthew 25:14–16, 19–21

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

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once ¹⁶the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’”

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

Sermon ♦ Pastor Karen Ullestad

Hymn ♦ ELW 742: What A Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

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 congregation responds:
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Commendation

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

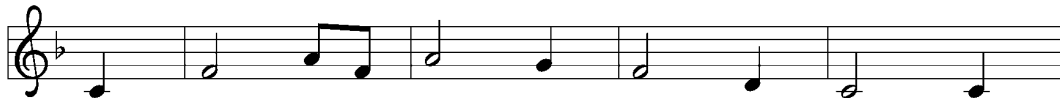
Silence is kept.

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

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.**

Hymn ♦ ELW 779: **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

NEW BRITAIN



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.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Sending

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

Postlude ♦ Recessional on “Amazing Grace”

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In Loving Memory of

Arvetta Jeannette Hjelmstad

October 20, 1938 – June 1, 2025

Arvetta Jeannette Hjelmstad was born in Sturgis, South Dakota, on October 20, 1938, and passed away peacefully in Littleton, Colorado, on June 1, 2025.

Arvetta got her teaching diploma in 1959 at Black Hills Teachers College in Spearfish, South Dakota. Back then you could become a teacher in two years. She became a full time homemaker during the time she had her three children. After being a homemaker for 10 years, she started her own commercial drapery business that she owned for 27 years. All three of her kids worked at her drapery workroom during the summers and in between jobs.

Arvetta married John Leroy Hjelmstad December 3, 1973. After they were married they became members of Augustana Lutheran Church. Over the years she was very involved at the Church. Her ministry includes: Leader of Deborah Circle; ministry of church plants, bandage rolling; member of the Congregation Council; council representative for Global Mission Committee; council representative for Senior Ministry; Library Committee; Funeral Reception Committee; coordinating meal for clients of Interfaith Hospitality Network; gathering and sorting greeting cards for New Beginnings Church; assisted with Senior Luncheons and All Daughter's Tea, helped with the needlepoint projects for the pews, and

always help with decorations on the tables for church functions.

Arvetta is survived by daughter JoDee Nice of Reedsport, OR; son Tim Zipp (Val) of Parker, CO; son Thad Zipp (Lisa) of Lakewood, CO; grandchildren: Natalie (Jon) Hanna of Littleton, CO; Jackson (Nicole) Zipp of Raleigh, NC; Virginia Zipp Raleigh, NC; Tyler (Kathy) Nice of Eugene, OR and six great-grandchildren.

She had several passions in life. She loved to paint, garden, read romance novels, loved any western show, was a major chocoholic, and a collector of many things. In her own words "Anyone who really knows me knows I am a collector. Nothing is too small. I pick up paper clips, pennies, unusual colored or shaped rocks, and a favorite is seashells . . ." How she wanted to be remembered in her own words "Loved my family more than anything—like to paint, do crafts, eat, smile, lunches out. 2 C's are My Favorite Foods Chocolate & Chicken."

Her smile, positive attitude, quick wit, and compassion will be missed. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and will be dearly missed by all including many other relatives and friends.

We'd love it if you would write a favorite memory about Arvetta on the mortuary website:

<https://www.horancares.com/obituaries/arvetta-hjelmstad>.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard Him call.
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work, or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found that place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too, will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author Unknown

Welcome

- Restrooms and water stations are located downstairs beneath the west entrance; handicapped accessible restrooms are on the east side of the sanctuary in the hallway behind the chancel.
- You are welcome to have your water bottles with you during worship.
- An elevator is available at the Fairfax Street entrance.
- Handicapped parking and entrances are available at the Fairfax Street and Elm Street entrances. Additional parking is available on the south side of the building.
- Please make sure your cell phones are silenced during worship.

Interment

Fort Logan National Cemetery
Denver, Colorado

You are invited

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

Memorials

may be designated to:

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