

# *St. Luke Lutheran Church*

**June 14, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

**Pastor: Rev. Daniel Tisdel**



**A Celebration Of Life  
Of  
Herbert "Herb" H. Wolf  
10-20-30 – 05-05-25**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**Kathleen Peters, Harpist**

**MEMORIAL VIDEO**

**PRELUDE**

**Beth Stauter**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Pastor Daniel Tisdel**

[P] 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 Herbert, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, Herbert was clothed with Christ. In the day of Christ's coming, he shall be clothed with glory.

[P] 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.

**[C] We glorify you.**

[P] 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.

**[C] We praise you.**

[P] Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

**[C] We worship you.**

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

**[C] Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

## ***"A MIGHTY FORTRESS"***

**ELW #504**

## **GREETING**

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

**[C] And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[P] Let us pray.

[P] O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today your child and servant, Herbert. 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.

**[C] Amen.**

## **GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

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

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Isaiah 41:9-10, NIV****Read by Rudiger Wolf, Godson**

I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Psalm 121, NIV****Read by Kimberly Ayogu, Herbert's Caregiver**

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING: John 14:1-7, NIV****Read by John Wehner. Godson**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."

**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12a, NIV****Read by Pastor Daniel Tisdell**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## REMEMBRANCES AND POEMS

“Arm of Angels” &

“If I Should Go Tomorrow,”

Read by Grace L. Wolf, Great-Granddaughter

“Someone Special”

Read by Caroline Wolf, Daughter & Remembrance

## HOMILY

Pastor Dan Tisdell

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *“AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND”*    **ELW #779**

## APOSTLES’ CREED

**[C]** I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.**

(\*universal)

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Read by Bettina Wolf-Blake, Goddaughter

**[P]** Let us pray.

**[B]** 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,

**[C]** **hear our prayer.**

[B] 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,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[B] 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,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[B] 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,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[B] 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,

[C] **hear our prayer.**

[B] 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.

[C] **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead, and in whom our hope of resurrection dawns. The sting of death has been removed by the glorious promise of his risen

life. And so, with all of the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts

of heaven, we praise your name.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST** (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

***“EL SHADDAI”***

**Led by Andy Wadsworth**

(By John W. Thompson & Michael Card)

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

[P] Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

[C] **Amen.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

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

[C] **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.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER - GERMAN**

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name; dein Reich komme; dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden. Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute. Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern; und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen. Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.

### **COMMENDATION**

[P] Let us commend Herbert to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

*Silence is kept.*

[P] Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Herbert.

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.

**[C] Amen.**

### **SENDING**

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

*A procession may form and leave the church, the ministers leading.*

### **SENDING MUSIC/VIDEO**

***“WE ARE FREE”***

***From the movie, Gladiator***

### **SENDING BLESSING**

[P] The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God’s sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**[C] Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

[P] Our service here has ended, our service to the world has just begun. Let us go forth in peace.

**[C] Thanks be to God!**

**Herbert H. Wolf**  
**10-20-30 – 05-05-25**  
Resident of Sunnyvale

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Herbert H. Wolf, who departed this life on May 5, 2025, at the age of 94, surrounded by his loved ones. Herbert will be remembered for his wisdom, kindness, integrity, and love, which will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who knew him. Born on October 20, 1930, to Gerhard and Elise Wolf (Lohrengel) in Poehlde am Harz, Lower Saxony, Germany, Herbert was the middle son among 3 boys. He lived a life characterized by hard work, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to those he

cherished. He emigrated with his young family to San Francisco, CA on May 17, 1957. After starting his career at Volkswagen in San Francisco, he had an opportunity to own an automotive repair business, Fremont Corners Shell in Sunnyvale, which he owned for over 25 years.

Herbert was a devoted husband, father, grandfather ("Opa") and great grandfather ("Opa Tik Tok"). He always had a twinkle in his eye when his great-grandchildren, Grace and Ethan, came to visit. Herbert enjoyed playing his favorite card game, Skat, and traveled for international competitions where he was highly respected. He was a passionate soccer fan and would watch any game anywhere. He was a member of the Sunnyvale Rotary Club, the San Francisco Concordia Sport Club for 60 years, and served as both President and Board Member of the Germania Verein in San Jose for 51 years.

Herbert is survived by his two children, Reinhard (Debra) Wolf and Caroline Wolf; his two grandchildren, Erik Wolf and Alexandra (Daniel) Allen; and his two great-grandchildren, Grace and Ethan Wolf. He also leaves behind extended family members in the Bay Area and Germany. Herbert was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Renate Wolf (Loens), and his life partner of the last 30 years, Hertha Hoche (Domas), with whom he traveled extensively.

Auf Wiedersehen, Herbert. Your warm smile and valuable advice will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to St. Luke Lutheran Church, the American Kidney Fund, or a charity of your choice in Herbert's memory.