



Sigurd Karl Theodore Lee
October 4, 1926 – December 9, 2021

The Funeral Service of
Sigurd K. Lee

December 16, 2021
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN



Pre-service Music

Soloist Daniel Neubauer

Invocation

Opening Prayer: *Psalm 130*

Hymn 534 vv.7, 8, 14 *Jerusalem the Golden*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61:1-3 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.”

Hymn 263 vv.1, 2, 6 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:31-39 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Soloist "Behold a Host..."

Jenny Haugen

Arranged by Rachel Cordes

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-7 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

Hymn 227 vv. 1, 6, 10 Salvation Unto Us Is Come

Sermon Text

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Sermon

Rejoice In The Lord Always

The Reading of the Obituary

Psalm 23, read in unison

C: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

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

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn 406 vv. 3 *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

Benediction

Remarks

Peter Bloedel

Terry Schultz

Erik Lee

Hymn 593 *On My Heart Imprint Thine Image*

Military Honors Ceremony

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Officiant: Pastor John Petersen

Organist: John Baumann

Media Center: Dave Norris

Pall Bearers: Nathan Aaberg

Stephen Korper Jr.

Ron Mathison

Jeff Quint

Erik Soule

Ron Younge



We rejoice that Sigurd, Christ's faithful servant, rests now in his eternal home in Heaven.

Sigurd Karl Theodore Lee was born on October 4, 1926 at the Madison General Hospital in Madison, WI. He grew up on a farm just off Highway 12/18 near the Liberty Corner Tavern south of Deerfield in Dane County. He was baptized by Rev. Lauritz Gutebo at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church and confirmed by Rev. George Gullixson twelve years later. He spent his youth working on a dairy farm with his father and brothers, going to school, and playing sports.

He graduated high school in June 1945 and immediately left to serve in WWII in the Merchant Marine from 1945-1947 running oil from the Persian Gulf to Italy.

He entered Bethany Lutheran College in 1947 and graduated in 1949. He went on to the University of Wisconsin at Madison and graduated with a B.A. in English in 1951 and later completed a master's degree in theater in 1965. He then served two years in the Marine Corps in the Korean War 1952-1954.

He taught public and parochial schools in southern California 1954-1960 when he was called to teach and begin a drama program at Bethany Lutheran High School and College.

In 1968 Sigurd and Donna Ann Korper of Chicago, IL were married at Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church. They were blessed with two children: Caroline Marie and Erik Sigurd. They later divorced.

Sigurd Karl worked tirelessly for forty years 1960-2000 at Bethany Lutheran College teaching English and humanities courses as well as directing plays which offered two major productions each school year usually a drama in the fall and a comedy in the spring as well as a mid-winter performance called Readers' Theatre.

He spent his retirement in his home reading many books and receiving guests. He was a member of numerous coffee groups, book clubs, and Bible studies and the leader of a depression-support group called Encourage One Another at his church for many years beginning in the year 2000.

Sigurd was preceded in death by his parents Peter and Agnes and his older brothers Olaf and Gerhard and sisters Elizabeth and Eunice and younger brother Roald and his nephew Jeff Anderson. He is survived by a daughter, Caroline Marie Lee, of Mankato, MN, a son, Erik Sigurd Lee, of Vitoria, Brazil, his wife Tessy Neves Dias and three granddaughters, Agnes, Melina, and Hanessa, as well as thirteen nieces and nephews.

Sigurd entered God's Kingdom on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Blessed be his memory.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15