

Funeral Service
In Thanksgiving for the Life of
Jeffrey Timothy Benedictson
October 31, 1962 – July 4, 2026



July 27, 2026 – 2:00pm

Hosanna Lutheran Church

Officiating Pastor: Rev. Anna Thede

PRELUDE

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 brother Jeffrey, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ, 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.

HYMN: ACS 1040 – Love Has Brought Us Here Together

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 Jeffrey Benedictson. 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.**

MEMORIES OF JEFFREY

FIRST LESSON: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
a time to weep and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn and a time to dance;
a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

SECOND LESSON: Psalm 121

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

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5, 9-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

SPECIAL MUSIC: La Califfa (George Carmichael)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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, **C: 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, **C: 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, **C: 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, **C: 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, **C: hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we give you thanks because by his death
Our Saviour Jesus Christ destroyed the power of death and
By his resurrection 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
Shall be able to separate us from your love
Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and forever. Amen.**

COMMENDATION:

Let us commend our brother Jeffrey Benedictson to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer.

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

PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, holy and powerful, by the death and burial of Jesus your anointed, you have destroyed the power of death and made holy the resting places of all your people. Keep our brother Jeffrey Benedictson in the company of all your saints. And at the last, O God, raise him up to share with all the faithful the endless joy and peace won through the glorious resurrection of Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

C: And let light perpetual shine upon him.

BLESSING:

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: ELW 779 – Amazing Grace

The family of Jeffrey Benedictson wishes to thank you for your presence today, your prayers, and your expressions of sympathy. They invite you to attend a light reception after the service.



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Jeff was born on October 31, 1962, in Calgary, Alberta. He passed away on July 4, 2026, in Edmonton, Alberta at the age of 63 years.

He had a very short but courageous battle with cancer and passed away with his sister Cindy and close friend Pat Becker at his side.

We will miss his warm and gentle soul.

He is survived by his father, Gilbert Benedictson and his sister, Cindy Benedictson. Jeffrey was predeceased by his mother, Frances Benedictson.

Donations in Jeffrey's memory may be made to the Terry Fox Foundation: <https://terryfox.org>

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