

**A Service of Thanksgiving and Praise
For the Life of Aric Jon Tobritzhofer**

June 27, 1994 – March 27, 2018



**St. Peter Lutheran Church, Afton, Minnesota
April 6, 2018 – 11:00 A.M.**

PRESERVICE MUSIC

SOLO: “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

RINGING OF THE BELL AND PROCESSIONAL (*Stand.*)

WELCOME

HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

LSB 733
Verses 1, 5, 6

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

P: In Holy Baptism Aric was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sins. St. Paul says: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

C: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of 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.

KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Aric and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

A WORD FROM THE FAMILY (*Be seated.*)

FIRST READING: Psalm 23

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: John 10:14-15, 27-29 & 14:1-6 (*Stand.*)

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SOLO: "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone" (*Be seated.*)

HOMILY: Dennis M. Drews, Vacancy Pastor

APOSTLES' CREED (*Stand.*)

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

NUNC DIMITTIS – Words of Simeon

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace: Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: “I am the resurrection and the life,” says the Lord. “He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.”

Let us pray. Lord God, our Shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “On Eagles’ Wings”

LSB 727

Verses 1, 3, 4

P: We go forth in peace,

C: In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(Upon completion of the service we will proceed to the church’s fellowship hall for a luncheon to which all are invited.)

Officiant: Pastor Dennis M. Drews, Vacancy Pastor

Organist: Mrs. Alicia Walton

Soloist: Mr. Virgil Polinske

Guitarist: Mr. Peter Schneider

Aric Jon Tobritzhofer

Aric Jon Tobritzhofer was born on June 27, 1994, the son of Daniel and Wendy Rae (Veith) Tobritzhofer. He was baptized at Risen Christ Lutheran Church shortly after his birth. He received his education in Hastings, Minnesota where he grew up. At the time of his death he was living in Apex, North Carolina.

Aric grew up in Hastings and enjoyed climbing trees (including granny's apple tree) as a youngster (while barefoot), playing hockey, football, paintball, 4-wheeling, snowmobiling, and hunting with his friends. He had a mischievous side with a good sense of humor. He was independent and had a charm that people were drawn to.

Aric is preceded in death by his mother Wendy Rae Veith. He is survived by his father, Daniel (Joetta) Tobritzhofer, Jr.; brother Daniel (Kaity) Tobritzhofer III; step-brothers Michael and Joshua Kickbush; grandparents Daniel and Linda Tobritzhofer and Kenneth and Linda Veith; great-grandfather Neal "Mike" McPhillips; aunts Jody (Mark) Marcy, Kelly (Gregg) Wallner, Patty (Jeff) Hajney, Tammy (Ross) Kwiatkowski; uncle Derek (Jenny) Veith, and several nieces and nephews and other loving family and friends.