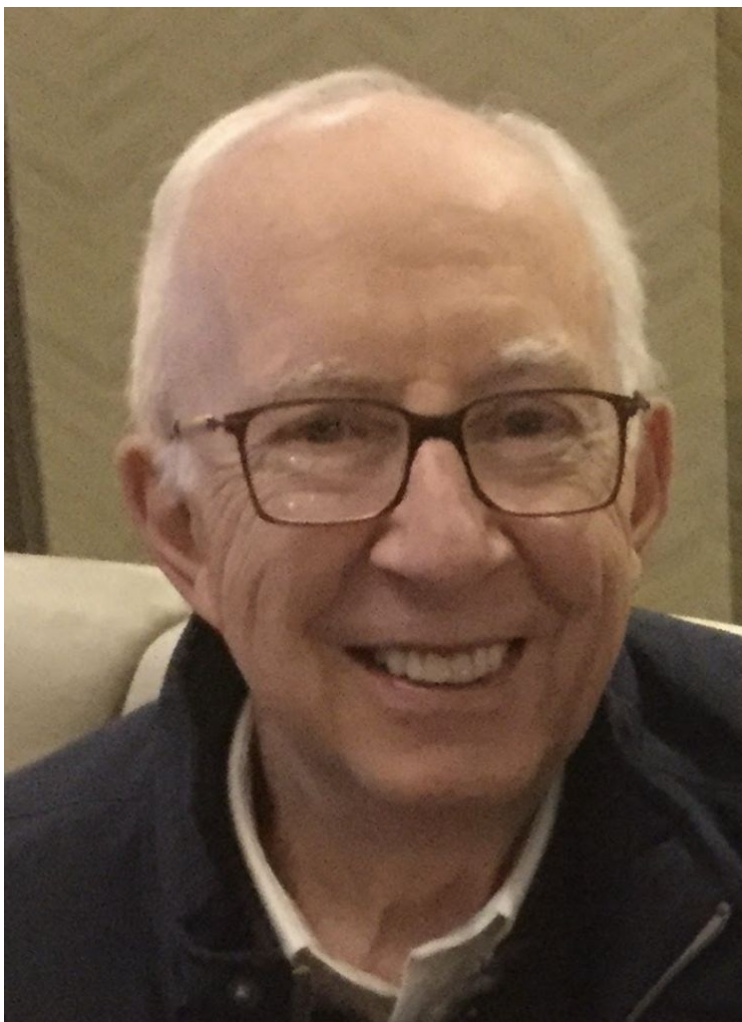




A Celebration of the Life of

John Richard Eppley

May 17, 1933 - September 8, 2026

Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

GATHERING

INTRODUCTION

P: Welcome in the name of the Holy One. We are gathered to worship, to proclaim hope in Christ, and to remember before God our brother John, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to God's care and keeping, and to comfort one another in our grief. May the God of consolation who comforts us in sorrow, give us strength to comfort one another, today and always.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ. In his baptism, John was clothed with Christ and named Child of God.... Thanks be to God for the gift of baptism.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

ELW #773

APOSTOLIC 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: Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend those who mourn that, casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

READING

Psalm 23

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

Dan Eppley, Arden Lovagnini, Christopher Lovagnini

GOSPEL READINGS

Matthew 11:28-30, John 13:34-35

SERMON

Pastor Lisa Janke

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Michael Eppley-Ishida

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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

After each petition: P: God of comfort, C: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, 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.

SENDING

FAREWELL

P: John, our companion in faith, we entrust you to God. Go forth from this world in the love of God who created you, in the mercy of Jesus who died for you, in the power of the Holy Spirit who receives and protects you.

C: May you rest in peace and rise in glory, where pain and grief are banished, and life and joy are yours forever.

COMMENDATION

P: Let us commend John to the mercy of God, our maker and redeemer. Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, John. 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.

P: Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;

C: and let light perpetual shine upon him.

BLESSING

P: May the God who creates, ☩ redeems and restores us to new life, bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

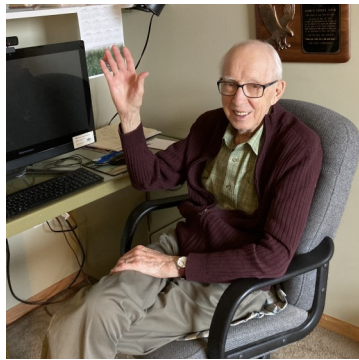
RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On Eagle's Wings"

ELW #787

POSTLUDE

Following the service, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon.



Service Participants

Pastor	Rev. Lisa Janke		
Organist/Pianist	Deacon Travis Beck		
Eulogists	Dan Eppley, Arden Lovagnini, Christopher Lovagnini		
Special Music	Michael Eppley-Ishida, saxophone		
Ushers	Loren Else, Sarabeth Watson	Livestream Video	Curt Britson