

# In celebration of the life of DeVon W. Schmidt

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
Bloomington, Minnesota  
November 21, 2025  
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE  
WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, ...  
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.

**We glorify you.**

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. **We praise you.**

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

**We worship you.**

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

HYMN *How Great Thou Art* ELW 856

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**  
Let us pray. O God ...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EULOGY Eric Schmidt, son  
SPECIAL MUSIC *On Eagle's Wings* soloist

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 23 Anna Schmidt, daughter-in-law  
John 6:37-40 Jennifer Lang, niece  
A poem  
John 14:1-7 Brian Houghton, son-in-law

## SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC *Amazing Grace* soloist

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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

Each petition ends "Lord, in your mercy..."  
Congregation responds "...hear our prayer."

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## COMMENDATION

CLOSING HYMN *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838

DISMISSAL  
POSTLUDE

### *Participating Today*

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| Preacher | Pastor Per Halaas |
| Pianist  | Kristi MacKay     |
| Soloist  | Olisa Chua        |

**DeVon William Schmidt** was born August 27, 1942 to William and Nealy (Henning) Schmidt in Springfield, MN. DeVon attended Wabasso Public Schools and graduated in 1960. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1961 and served 4 years, spending 2 years at Tachikawa AFB in Japan and 17 months at Ellsworth AFB in South Dakota. DeVon attended Willmar Area Vocational Technical School for 2 years, earning an electronics engineering degree in 1968.

DeVon married Mary Pedersen on June 13, 1970 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Belview, MN. They were blessed with 2 children, Kay and Eric.

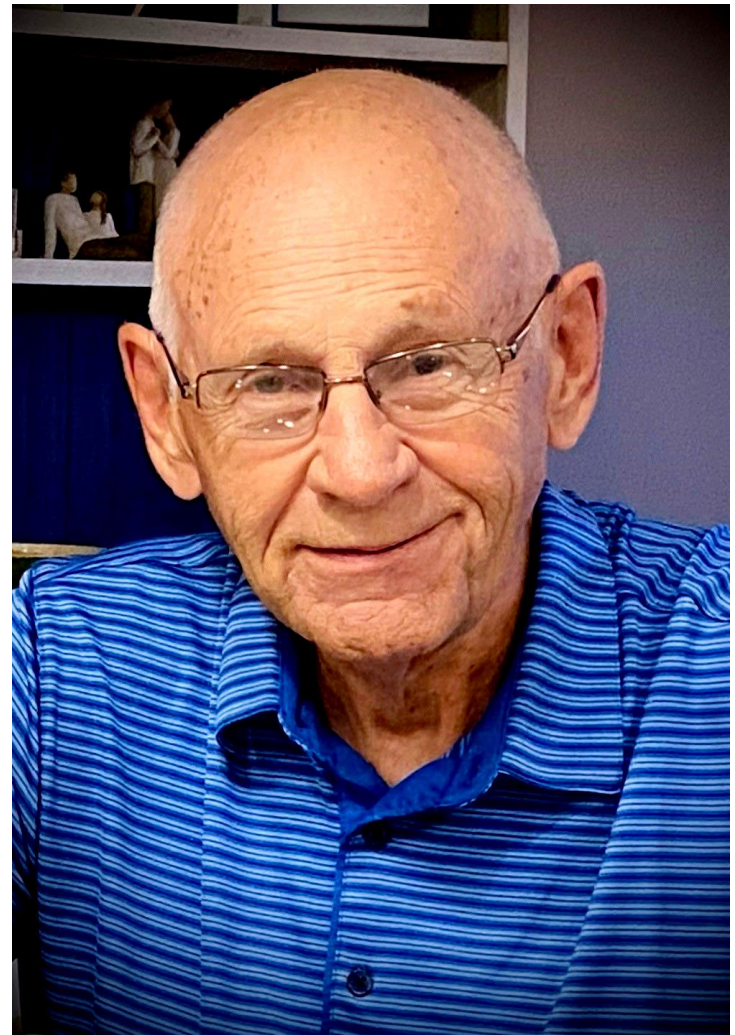
DeVon worked in the communications business for 21 years before starting Telesystems, Inc. with a business partner in 1993. He continued to work until he was 70 years old. DeVon was a Local 292 Union member for 38 years. When he wasn't working, you would often find him helping his children, friends and relatives figure out a solution to a problem.

DeVon enjoyed coaching Kay in soccer and basketball and Eric in baseball and basketball. Fishing and hunting were also favorite pastimes, particularly deer hunting with Eric and extended family at Rice Creek near Delhi, MN. DeVon kept a close eye on all the Gophers and professional sports teams, especially the Vikings.

As the grandchildren started playing sports, DeVon was their #1 fan, never wanting to miss a game or be late and often taking them to practice or warmups. He was so proud to attend each of Luke's and Noah's 12U baseball tournaments in Cooperstown, NY, Luke's soccer national championship win in Chattanooga, TN and many other tournaments for each of the grandchildren.

DeVon was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Evelyn, Helen, Florence, Darlene and Ruth.

DeVon is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary, daughter Kay (Brian) Houghton and son Eric (Anna) Schmidt; grandchildren Luke, Noah and Ellie Houghton, and Henry Schmidt.



**DeVon W. Schmidt**

**August 27, 1942**

**October 31, 2025**