

A celebration of the life of
Steven Olson

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Bloomington, Minnesota
August 21, 2026
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 *Here I Am Lord* ELW 574

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 Jason Olson, Son

READINGS: Psalm 23, Britta Olson, Granddaughter
Matthew 11:25-30

SERMON

HYMN *Beautiful Savior* ELW 838

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 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ELW 742

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Participating Today

Preacher	Pastor Per Halaas
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band

Steven will be dearly missed by his family and friends as he passed away at Southdale Hospital on July 31 after a brief illness.

Steven and his wife, Mary Elizabeth celebrated 50 years of marriage in May. They have one son Jason (Melanie) and two grandchildren Britta and Jonas.

Survived by his wife, son and grandchildren, Steven is also survived by his brother David (Karen) and several cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by parents Milton and Marvyl Olson and numerous extended family.

Steven was a beloved member of Christ the King Lutheran Church for more than four decades, where he served in various roles as an usher, chore crew, worship band member and choir member. He was a passionate lifelong musician who would play his saxophone not only at church but at Meadow Woods, where he lived since 2017. He was part of the Minneapolis and St. Paul Postal Bands for more than 30 years, playing at various sites throughout the Twin Cities.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Steven and his family moved to Hayward, where his father ran the hardware store before moving to Albert Lea where he would graduate from high school in 1964. Steven attended Waldorf College for two years before joining the Navy from 1964-68. As a Hospital Corpsman, Steven served on the USS Denver and USS Dubuque troop carriers during the Vietnam War. Following his service, Steven began a 32-year career with the United States Postal Service, first as a letter carrier in St. Paul before moving on to the Bulk Mail Center in Eagan.

He met Mary Elizabeth in a singles group at Central Lutheran Church, and they married on May 8, 1976.

Steven enjoyed spending time outdoors, tending to a veggie garden, playing in a bowling league, going for walks or bike rides, playing golf, fishing or attending a Twins, Wild (North Stars) or Gophers (hockey and wrestling) game over the years.

In recent years, Steven expressed his creativity through artwork with the Campus Club at Martin Luther Manor. He became a prolific potter, painter, and crafter, always eager to help newcomers feel welcome while fostering longtime friendships with a warm smile or a conversation.

May his memory be a blessing to those who knew him.



Steven Olson

May 5, 1945

July 31, 2026