



Gerald “Jerry” Maynard Olsen

July 9, 2026

April 7, 1935
birth

June 2, 1935
baptism

July 4, 2026
death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETING AND WELCOME

- P** Welcome to worship as we gather to proclaim Christ crucified and risen, to remember Jerry, to give thanks for his life, to commend him to our merciful redeemer, and to comfort one another in our grief.
- A** When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, 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.
- AU** **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.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(hymn) 823

“Praise the Lord! O Heavens”

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- AU** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brother, Gerald Maynard.
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 your aid, so we may see in death the gate to eternal life,

that we may continue our course on earth in confidence

until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone

before us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AU **Amen.**

WORD

GRADUAL HYMN

(hymn) 764

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

READINGS

The scripture reading will end, “Word of God. Word of life.”

Please respond “Thanks be to God.”

First Reading

Romans 8:37-39

Gospel

John 3:16-17

SERMON

HYMN

(hymn) 765

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

CREED

- A** We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

AU **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.

THE PRAYERS

*Each petition will end "God of mercy,"
Please respond "hear our prayer."*

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- A** And also with you.



HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW Setting 4

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
...one God, now and forever.
Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed,...
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,...
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (1975)

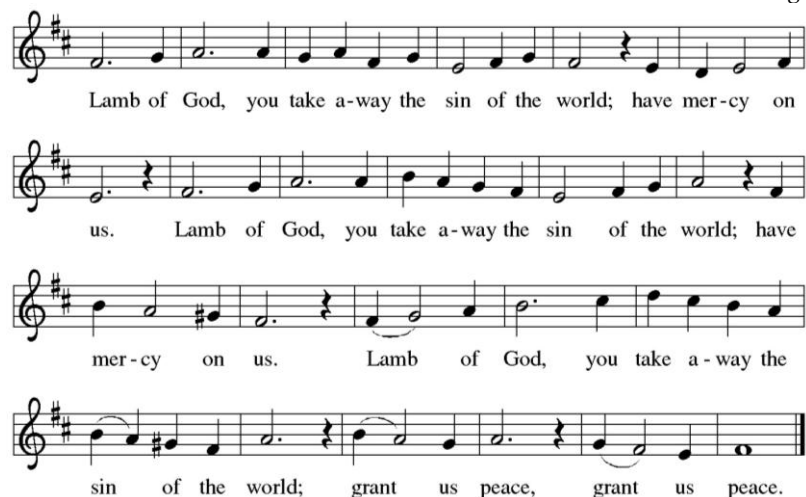
- A** Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory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

Communion

All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 4



Musical Reflection

Improvisation on "Abide with Me"

Prayer after Communion

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

(hymn) 564

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

stanzas 1, 3 & 4

REMEMBRANCE

SENDING

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Jerry, 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.
- All** May you rest in peace and rise in glory,
where pain and grief are banished,
and life and joy are yours forever.

- P** Into your hands, O merciful Savior,
and in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection
we commend your servant, Gerald Maynard.
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.

- P** Rest eternal grant him, O Lord;
All and let light perpetual shine upon him.

BLESSING

- P** The risen Christ give you all joy and peace in believing
that you may abound in hope.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.
- All** Amen.
- Let us go forth in peace.
- All** In the name of Christ. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!"

stanzas 1-2: all sing;

stanza 3: organ improvisation;

stanza 4: all sing

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
2 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,
organ 3 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be
4 What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we

God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
when not yet be - gun, was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
all with mu - sic crowned, our voic - es gai - ly blend - ing.
love is first and last, the end and the be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in
For Christ goes with us all the way to - day, to -
He will one day, oh, glo - rious grace, trans - port us

Sav - ior, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
him here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.
mor - ow, ev' - ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
to that hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life
Sing out! Ring - out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell
A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness! We

in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us ne - ver!
the sto - ry! Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!
are yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

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Music: Philipp Nicolai; arr. hymnal version

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POSTLUDE

"Menuet Gothique" from *Suite Gothique*

Léon Boëllmann

The congregation is invited to gather for a luncheon and mutual conversation and consolation.

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The Urn

The urn was designed and turned by Muriel's nephew-in-law,
Greg Just. It is made of 660 pieces of White Ash
and the crosses are of Purple Wood.

THANK YOU

Jerry's family would like to thank you for your support, thoughts,
prayers, and for your shared memories and presence today.



SERVING TODAY

Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preaching</i>
Reverend Alexandra Jacob	
<i>granddaughter-in-law</i>	<i>assisting minister</i>
Marta Brown, <i>granddaughter</i>	<i>reader</i>
Karin Dykstra, <i>daughter</i>	<i>remembrance</i>
Erik Jacob, <i>grandson</i>	<i>crucifer</i>
Sonja Risendal, <i>granddaughter</i>	<i>urn bearer</i>
Nikolas & Savannah Dykstra,	
<i>grandson & granddaughter-in-law</i>	<i>element carriers</i>
Andy Jacob, <i>grandson</i>	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

MEMORIALS may be directed to:

Central Lutheran Church Organ Restoration Fund
Minnesota Streetcar Museum

INTERMENT

At Lakewood Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota on
Friday, July 10, 2026.

This service is being streamed live on the internet. www.centralmpls.org



Gerald "Jerry" Olsen

1935 – 2026



Gerald "Jerry" Maynard Olsen (91), of Richfield, Minnesota, entered into eternal rest on July 4, 2026, after a long and wonderful life.

Jerry was born to Maynard and Alice Olsen on April 7, 1935, and was baptized two months later on June 2, 1935.

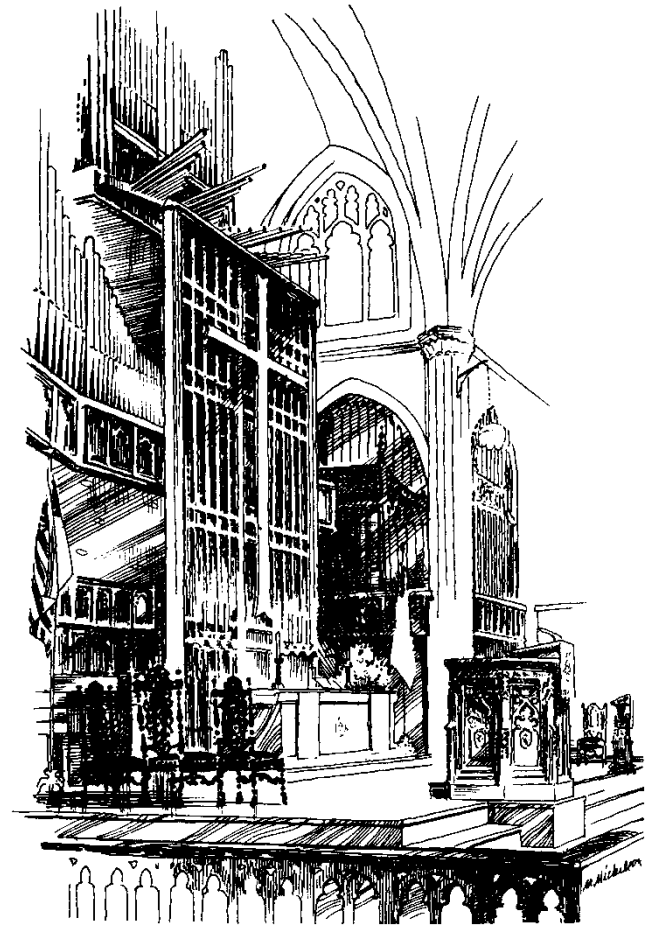
In Jerry's younger years he was an Eagle Scout, succeeded in riding all 43 streetcar lines in the Twin Cities, adventured in the woods and on the Mississippi riverbanks, and enjoyed spending time lakeside on his 14' runabout boat.

In 1958, Jerry was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served two years active duty in Germany and four years at Fort Snelling in the reserves. Upon discharge, Jerry tuned and maintained organs at ten churches in the Twin Cities metro area for 25 years. In addition, he graduated from Northwestern Electronics School and had a successful 30-year career with General Electric. All the while, Jerry continued to tend his other interests, including his beautiful garden, his faith and 66-year membership at Central Lutheran Church, and his 27-year volunteer service at the Minnesota Streetcar Museum.

His truest devotion was to his wife of nearly 61 years, Muriel. The two were married on November 20, 1965, and together they had two daughters, Kirsten and Karin.

He is survived by his wife Muriel; brother Paul Olsen; daughters Kirsten (Bob) Jacob and Karin (Darren) Dykstra; and grandchildren Andy (Alexandra) Jacob, Sonja (Brady) Risendal, Erik (Sally) Jacob, Marta (Brandt) Brown, Nikolas (Savannah) Dykstra, and Sophia Dykstra.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; siblings Marilyn (David) Samuelson and Thomas Olsen; and sister-in-law Patricia Olsen. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



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