

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF  
*Joyce Evangeline (Gunnerson) Ekegren*

January 3, 1925 — December 6, 2019



TRANSFIGURATION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BLOOMINGTON, MINNESOTA  
DECEMBER 13, 2019

# A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving in Memory of *Joyce Evangeline Ekegren*

December 13, 2019  
11:00am

*Joyce* Evangeline Ekegren, age 94, of Le Center, MN, formerly of Bloomington MN, was born January 3, 1925 in Annandale, MN. Joyce died December 6 at Central Health Care Le Center, MN. Joyce was a 1942 graduate of Annandale High School, attended business school in Minneapolis and worked as an accountant, secretary and manager. Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Robert; parents, Raymond and Ellen Gunnerson; sisters, Harriet, Elaine Hugill, Carol Anderson and Judy Grev; brothers, Harry, Donald, Douglas and Colin. She is survived by her children, Diane Ericson, Robert Ekegren and Cheryl (Dennis) Ekegren-Kirby; grandchildren, Michael, John and David; sisters, Ardella (David) Rued, Annette (Ivan) Russell and brother-in-law, Julian Grev.



PRELUDE

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR (MICHAEL BURKHARDT/ROBERT HOBBY)  
PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND (WILBUR HELD)  
HOW GREAT THOU ART (JOYCE JONES)

ENTRANCE HYMN 856

HOW GREAT THOU ART

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;**

*Refrain*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!  
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how great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain***

WELCOME/PRAYER

VIDEO REMEMBRANCE

SOLOIST

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
 who abide in his shadow for life,  
 say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
 my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain—All**

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
 bear you on the breath of dawn,  
 make you to shine like the sun,  
 and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

SOLOIST

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
 and famine will bring you no fear;  
 under his wings your refuge,  
 his faithfulness your shield. **Refrain-All**

SOLOIST

For to his angels he's given a command  
 to guard you in all of your ways;  
 upon their hands they will bear you up,  
 lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain-All**

## PSALMODY

## PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
 he leads me beside still waters;  
 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
 for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;  
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff—  
 they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD  
 my whole life long.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

## MESSAGE

REV. DR. ED TREAT

## HYMN 779

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

**’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

## PRAYERS

## SOLO

LORD’S PRAYER  
ROB REID, SOLOIST

## COMMENDATION

L: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Joyce. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her 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.**

L: Let us go forth in the Peace of Christ.

**Refrain**

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**

POSTLUDE

THANKS BE TO THEE (G. F. HANDEL)



Your presence today is greatly appreciated. Following today's service you are invited into the Fellowship Hall for a time of refreshments.

Interment will be in the Ft. Snelling Cemetery.  
Memorials preferred to the TLC Foundation.





**Please God**

My children are grown now, and I have wonderful grandchildren. I love them all, but please, God, let me remember that I have lived, loved and enjoyed this life. Do not let me take away from their enjoyment by complaining about every ache and pain. I have earned them all.

Please keep me from mentioning my swollen joints, stiff knees, poor eyesight and anything else that isn't as good as it once was. Let me remember that I have enjoyed a full and wonderful life, and have been blessed in so many ways. Now is not the time for me to begin complaining.

Please let my mouth be closed while my ears are open to hear the fun they are having. Let me remember that I am still setting an example for them, and that if I keep quiet, they will forever think that I never had a single ache or pain in my life, and that I miraculously escaped the ills of old age.

They will, in later years, remember me with pleasure and say "I wish I had her genes. She never had anything wrong with her!"

That, dear Lord, will be the best legacy I can leave them.

Found in her belongings





## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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