

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION FOR THE LIFE OF

LEO EUGENE OSBECK

January 3, 1934 — March 11, 2026

Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 11:00 AM

Albert Lea United Methodist Church

702 S. Highway 69, Albert Lea, Minnesota

Officiating: Rev. Gad Wandera Maiga

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude – 10:55 AM

“O How I Love Jesus”

*Processional Hymn – 11:00 AM

“When Morning Gilds the Skies” – UMH #185

Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Opening Words – Rev.

Gad Wandera Maiga

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Eternal God,

You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

We come before you today with hearts both heavy and

thankful—heavy because we grieve the loss of Leo, thankful because of the gift of his long and faithful life. Comfort all who mourn, surround this family with your peace, and remind us of the hope we have in the resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Affirmation of Faith – Psalm 23

(NRSV, Responsive)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

People: 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.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

All: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Congregational Hymn

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” – UMH #474

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading – John 14:1–3

(NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 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? 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.

Congregational Hymn – *Please remain seated as we sing.*

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling” – UMH #348

New Testament Reading – 1

Corinthians 15:20–22, 51–57

(NRSV)

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality,

then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Family Reflections

Marcie Drayton and Annika Citsay

*Congregational Hymn

“This Is My Song” – UMH #437

Please stand as you are able.

Homily — Rev. Gad Wandera Maiga

“A Life That Points Us Forward”

A reflection on Leo's faithful life and the promise of resurrection in Christ.

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

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.

Amen.

Commendation

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, **Leo Eugene Osbeck**.

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.

Benediction

Go now in the peace of God,

who gives us strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

And may the love of God,

the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit

be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

*Recessional Hymn

“When We All Get to Heaven” – UMH #701

Please stand as you are able.

Announcement of Fellowship

Following the service, the family invites you to a time of fellowship and sharing of memories in the church hall. The pastors and immediate family will recess first, and you are invited to follow and join them.

Interment

Following fellowship, we will proceed to Geneva Cemetery for the interment.

Participants

Officiating:

- Rev. Gad Wandera Maiga

Scripture Reader:

- Lorene Olson

Family Reflections:

- Marcie Drayton
- Annika Citsay

Urn Bearer:

- Corey Israelson

Organist:

- Merle Stensrud

With Gratitude

The family of Leo Eugene Osbeck sincerely thanks you for your presence, prayers, and support during this time.

A Word of Hope

As we remember **Leo Eugene Osbeck**, may you find comfort in his life, strength in one another, and peace in God's abiding love.

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