



Giving Thanks for the Life and Faith of
Marge Halvorsen
June 30, 1932 – August 22, 2025

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University Lutheran Church of Hope, Minneapolis + September 4, 2025, 11am.

+Indicates the Assembly should stand as able

Spoken assembly words are marked in **boldface**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

PRELUDE

HYMNS MARGE LOVED

+GATHERING WORDS

+ HYMN

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

ELW 742

+GREETING AND PRAYER

FAMILY REMEMBRANCES

Mark Halvorsen

READINGS

Philippians 4:4-9, Kelly Reich, Nephew
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, Rosalie Eldevik, Friend

HOMILY

Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ HYMN

How Great Thou Art (vss. 1 & 4)

ELW 856

+PRAYERS

Following each petition:

God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+THE LORD'S PRAYER

Using these words or what is familiar to you.

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.

+ **HYMN**

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

+**COMMENDATION**

+**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. John Helgen (2025)

Following the service, please join the family for a reception.

Worship Leaders

Minister Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

Musician Paul Stever

Hospitality Members of University Lutheran Church of Hope



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Marge Halvorsen

Marge Halvorsen was born June 30, 1932, in Minneapolis, to Bernard and Esther Benson. Marge was an only child, and lost her father at an early age before High School. Marge grew up in NE Minneapolis and graduated from Edison High School, class of 1950. Marge met her husband, Roy, in November of 1956 and were married at ULCH on Aug. 3, 1957.

Marge attended both the University of Minnesota and Macalester College. She earned her BA degree in Accounting. Her many jobs throughout her life were related to math, accounting, or banking. She was especially proud of working at the original Twin City Co-Ops Credit Union on University Ave., which is now Blaze CU.

Once Lucia and Mark were born, Marge stayed at home to raise them and volunteer at their school. After Lucia and Mark were adults, she took accounting classes to update her skills and get back into the work force part time.

Volunteering was such a big part of Marge's life. Marge volunteered in both Lucia and Mark's elementary classrooms along with the PTA fundraising drives. She also participated in lobbying on behalf of the Roseville School District. Marge volunteered for both the Falconeers Card Club and Roseville Senior Center, where she held multiple positions on the respective Boards.

Marge's dedication to church was evident throughout her years helping with Sunday School, Credit Union Board, helping in the kitchen for funerals and weddings, rummage sales, folding newsletters for mailing, serving communion, serving coffee and cookies, and many other events.

Marge and Roy spent a lot of time traveling to visit friends and relatives. When they weren't visiting others, they took many road trips to see the U.S. Marge and Roy were so proud to have been to all, but 3 of the 50 states. Each summer when Lucia and Mark were children, the entire family would ride the train to Seattle to visit relatives and friends. In 2006, Marge and Roy traveled with family to Norway and Sweden when they were invited to a family reunion. They were thrilled to meet so many distant relatives and learned so much more about Marge's ancestry.

Marge was an avid reader who always carried a book in her purse wherever she went, along with keeping multiple other books in her vehicle. She would also cut out the daily crossword puzzle from the Pioneer Press and carry a few of them in her purse. Marge also kept multiple crossword puzzle books and Sudoku puzzle books throughout the house.

Marge and Roy enjoyed dancing together at many events and also enjoyed attending many local concerts and supporting the artists by buying their CDs. Marge's love for baking started after her first job at Christenson's Bakery. Her desserts were well loved and requested for many events.

Marge loved her family and was so proud of both Lucia and Mark. She was always there to support and encourage them throughout their lives. Marge lived a long and interesting life, and will be deeply missed by her loved ones.