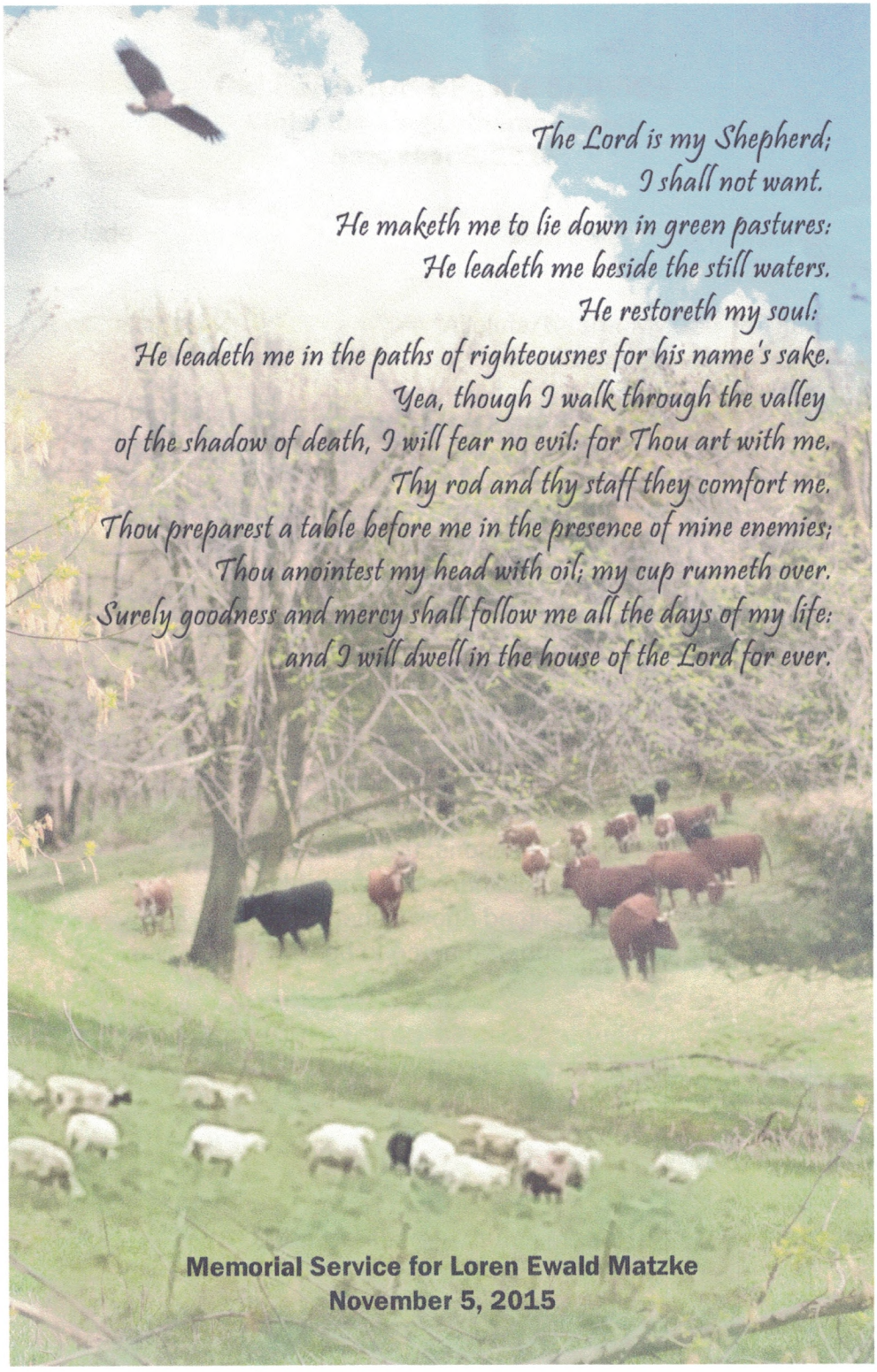
The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousnes for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
Memorial Service for Loren Ewald Matzke
November 5, 2015

FINAL HARVEST

by Barbara W. Weber

He was bound to the land from the day of his birth
His roots anchored deep in the fertile earth
Nurtered, sustained by the soil he grew
And his life, like furrows, ran straight and true.

In faith, each spring, he planted the seeds
In hope, to reap his family's needs
With patience, he waited for the harvest to come
To gather the fruits of his labor home.

Ever turning seasons, the years sped past
Til the final harvest came at last
Then claimed anew by beloved sod
He was gathered home to be with God.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

Christ the King Lutheran Church
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Prelude	*David Mertesdorf, Organist* *Phil Hess, Pianist*
Processional	"Alleluia/Nearer My God To Thee" *Faith Solano (recorded)*
Welcome, Prayer & Song	"Jesus We Enthrone You" *Paul & Hilary Kyle*
Scripture Reading	I Cor. 15:50-58 *Laurence Meissner*
Congregational Hymn	"Blessed Assurance"
Tribute	*Ken Fritts*
Presentation	*Sacred Horse Society*
Honor Song	*Darwin Strong*
Message with Songs	*Paul Kyle*
The Lord's Prayer	*Shelli Ricci*
Recessional	*David Mertesdorf, Organist* *Phil Hess, Pianist*

The family wishes to express our sincere gratitude for your support during this time of loss. We invite you to share a fellowship lunch following the service in the community room.

INTERMENT

St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery
Rapidan, MN
December 26, 2015

Loren Ewald Matzke, age 80, of Good Thunder, passed peacefully in his daughter's home in Mankato on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Loren Matzke was born August 21, 1935 to Ewald and Meta (Hausburg) Matzke in Mankato. He graduated from Rapidan High School in 1953. Loren served in the Army National Guard from 1957-1963. He was united in marriage to Margaret Meissner on July 14, 1963 in Copperas Cove, TX and celebrated every day of his loving marriage. He had a shepherd's heart all of his life, becoming completely responsible at age 12 for his flock of sheep. In 1975, he became the first organic farmer in the Good Thunder area and continued farming and ranching organically until shortly before his death.

Loren enjoyed traveling, writing, and studying the history of his family and Minnesota lands. He strongly believed in the power of love and need for reconciliation for all communities. Loren was actively involved with Native Americans in recent years. He was a faithful member of the body of Christ and treasured fellowship with family and friends.

Loren is survived by his wife Margaret; three daughters, Ruth (Keith) Anderson of Fairmont, Deborah Matzke-Lewis (Scott) of Good Thunder, Joanna "Faith" Solano of Mankato; 12 grandchildren, Ana, Aaron "Buddy", Drew, Malachi and Matthew Anderson, Meghan Lewis, Rebekah, Charity, Jeriel, Rachel and Daniel Hess and Charley Solano; one-great grandson, Jacob Johnson; brother-in-law, John (Mary) Mertesdorf of Good Thunder; other in-laws; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Norma and Barbara.