



# Lois Karen Nesseth

October 11, 2025

March 7, 1936  
sunrise

May 1, 1936  
baptism

September 24, 2025  
sunset

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

Wilbur Held

### GREETING AND WELCOME

**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** 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.  
O God of grace and glory,  
we remember before you today our sister, Lois Karen.  
We thank you for giving her 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.

### HYMN

"God Is Here!"

(hymn) 526  
stanzas 1, 2 & 4

## WORD

### READINGS

Each reading will end, "Word of God. Word of life."  
Please respond "Thanks be to God."

First Reading

I Corinthians 13:8-13

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-11

### HOMILY

### HYMN

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

(hymn) 517

### THE PRAYERS

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

### LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

**AU** 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 and ever. Amen.

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"I Will Always Remember the Days of Old"

John Ylvisaker

## LOIS'S POEMS

"Cotton Aprons"

"Knots"

"Unknown"

"Flax Field"

"My Soul"

"Aspen Tree"

*read by Lois's granddaughters*

*Kate Kabat*

*Sara Pearl Kabat*

*Rivers Nesseth*

*Liv Nesseth*

*Emma Karsell*

*Catherine Karsell*



## SENDING

## HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

*(hymn) 838*

## FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

- P** Lois, 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.
- AU** **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,  
we commend your servant, Lois Karen.  
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.
- P** Rest eternal grant her, O Lord;
- AU** **and let light perpetual shine upon her.**

## 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.

**AU** **Amen.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**AU** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Fantasia in C Major, BWV 570

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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## SERVING TODAY

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Pastor Stephanie Friesen       | <i>presiding</i>      |
| Pastor Brian Gutzmann          | <i>preaching</i>      |
| Robin Helgen                   | <i>soloist</i>        |
| Clifton Nesseth, <i>nephew</i> | <i>violinist</i>      |
| Joel Bolen                     | <i>organist</i>       |
| Bill Berg                      | <i>sound operator</i> |

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## THANK YOU

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

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## Lois Nesseth

1936 – 2025



Lois Karen Nesseth, 89, was born in Detroit, Michigan and died peacefully in Minneapolis, Minnesota surrounded by the love of her family.

She grew up alongside her four brothers in a hardworking family that first made its way in Detroit's auto and plastering industries before starting a farm in Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula. Lois held warm memories of those years, when long hard days were balanced by the simple joys of family life. From an early age she loved music, especially the piano, and she carried

that passion for classical playing throughout her life. After graduating from St. Olaf College, she returned to the Upper Peninsula, where she married and began her career as a teacher and as an extension agent—writing a newspaper column and guiding farm families in food preparation, nutrition, and family care.

In the 1970s, her brothers launched a manufacturing business, and within a few years they decided to move to Wisconsin to be closer to more of the dairy farms who would purchase their equipment. Lois relocated to Barron, Wisconsin with her three boys and 20 other members of the Nesseth family. The move was a true family effort, requiring 23 trips with a single semi-truck to transport all of the households and the equipment.

Lois raised her sons through their formative years in Barron before life's opportunities and family needs led her to new chapters in Northfield, Minnesota, Salt Lake City, Utah, Big Sky, Montana, and eventually back to Wisconsin and Minnesota. She carried with her a steadfast belief that every move, every change, held the promise of a new beginning—if only one had the courage to embrace it.

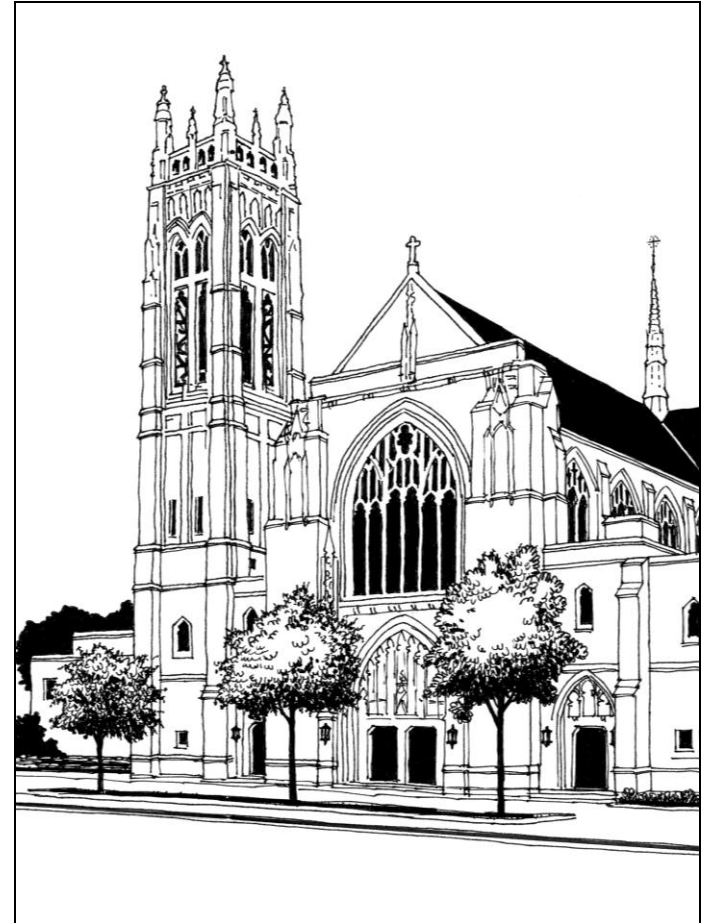
Lois was a proud and devoted mother to her three sons—Kris (Carolyn) Karsell, Hans (Kelly) Kabat, and Lars (Allison) Nesseth. Nothing brought her greater joy than her six granddaughters: Catherine (Zachary) and Emma, daughters of Kris and Carolyn; Kate and Sara Pearl, daughters of

Hans and Kelly; and Liv and Rivers, daughters of Lars and Allison. Each was a bright light in her life, and she cherished them dearly.

Serving meals—for one guest or many—was her favorite undertaking, when she overfilled her many dishes and bowls with bounty from her urban garden and always served dessert. In addition to her garden, Lois will be remembered for poetic emails and writings, kitchen cupboards papered with family photos, her special way with children, beloved chicken and dumplings recipe, and her love for dogs.

She is survived by her brother, Clinton (Connie) Nesseth, and many nieces and nephews.

Lois joins in peace her parents, Clifford Bryce and Pearl Viola, and her brothers Bryce, Dennis, and Raymond. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them all.



**Lois Nesseth**

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