



Mariel Louise (Hanson) Wolter

March 10, 2026

January 3, 1933
birth

October 8, 1933
baptism

February 18, 2026
death

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Give Me Jesus"

*African American Spiritual,
arr. Tom Trenney*

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, Mariel Louise.
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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

(hymn) 597

WORD

READINGS

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

First Reading

Proverbs 17:17

Second Reading

I John 4:7-19

Gospel

John 10:27-29

SERMON

HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

(hymn) 781

CREED

P We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

AU **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

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

LORD'S PRAYER (1789)

A 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 REMEMBRANCE

George Frideric Handel

"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," from Messiah

REMEMBRANCES

SENDING

HYMN

(hymn) 537

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

FAREWELL AND COMMENDATION

P Mariel, 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.
A 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, Mariel Louise.
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;
A 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.
A Amen.

Let us go forth in peace.

A In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Setting, Paul Manz

Chorale Improvisation on "God of Grace and God of Glory"

The congregation is invited to gather for a luncheon and mutual conversation and consolation.

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SERVING TODAY

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>preaching</i>
Christopher Wolter, son	<i>reader & remembrances</i>
Bill Pederson	<i>soloist</i>
Isaac Drewes	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>sound operator</i>

PALLBEARERS

Frederick Wolter	Max Wolter
Timothy Wolter	Karl Wolter
Christopher Wolter	Gustav Wolbar
Jeffrey Wolter	Emilie Wolter

MEMORIALS may be directed to:

Memorial Blood Centers
 Operation Bootstrap Africa
 Donor's Choice

INTERMENT

At Lakewood Cemetery, in Minneapolis, Minnesota today.

THANK YOU

Mariel's family would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers. The memories that you have shared with us, along with your presence here today, have been greatly appreciated. God bless you.

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Mariel Wolter

1933 – 2026



Mariel Louise Wolter was born to Orville and Juanita (Krause) Hanson in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, moving to Hawley, Minnesota, in 1934 where her father was a grocer. She enjoyed reading and attended school in Hawley until graduating in 1951. She was confirmed at Hawley Lutheran Church in 1946. She came to Minneapolis and trained as a nurse at Fairview Hospital, where she met her future husband, Frederick Wolter, MD. They were married in Hawley in 1954.

Fred and Mariel lived in north Minneapolis until 1998, where they raised sons Frederick, Timothy, Christopher and Jeffrey. She was interested in local affairs and got involved as a Den Mother, PTA president, party delegate and promoter of the Boys' Club. Her lifelong interest in learning motivated her to get a teaching degree, from the University of Minnesota in 1972.

She was hired full-time as a social studies teacher in Burnsville in 1974. This led to a 30-year career in which she earned recognition as the district's 1980 Teacher of the Year. In this position she helped thousands of students understand economics, U.S. history, and the workings of American government. She also encouraged many of them to take part in the YMCA Youth in Government program and trained numerous student teachers over the years. She was always looking for creative ways in which to engage student interest.

Fred and Mariel came to Central Lutheran in 1967 and joined the following year. Mariel taught VBS, helped read Scripture and serve communion, and served on the church council, including one term as president. She was also in a club for women that studied investing and took part in Worship II (contemporary worship). In 1982 they began to take in Ethiopian refugees and helped them get established in this country. Mariel also supported charities benefitting disadvantaged children and loaned modest amounts of money to small businesses in Third World countries.

Fred and Mariel enjoyed various trips to professional conferences, later Elderhostel adventures. Mariel's interest in Operation Bootstrap Africa led her to visit Tanzania in 2008, where she sponsored students at a girls' school. Her friendly and positive manner has endeared her to many people who will miss the ways in which she has blessed their lives.

She is survived by her four sons, Frederick, Timothy, Christopher and Jeffrey Wolter, two daughters-in-law (Martha Grussing, Laura Kasdorf), five grandchildren (Frederick, Emilie, Max and Karl Wolter, Gustav Wolbar) and three great-grandchildren (Calvin, Autumn and William Wolter) as well as a sister Connie Olson, brother-in-law Roderick Olson, one nephew (Warren Wolter), two nieces (Jane Hicks and Maren Ahlberg) and other relatives and friends.

Mariel's husband of 61 years preceded her in death in 2016. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them both.



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