

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Amen.**

We sing our farewell to this beloved member of our community.

+ SENDING HYMN “Come, We That Love the Lord” ELW #625

POSTLUDE

You are invited to a reception in the Christian Life Center.

Pastor
Pastor Phil Ruud

organ & piano
Megan Engel



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LORI LYNN KOCH

February 23, 1956—April 7, 2026



“I have fought good fight; I have finished the race;
I have kept the faith.”

- 2 Timothy 4:7

Memorial Service
LORI LYNN KOCH
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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

✠ GATHERING ✠

Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Savior of the world.
We are gathered to worship, to proclaim Christ crucified and risen,
to remember before God our sister Lori, to give thanks for her
life, to commend her to our merciful Redeemer, and to comfort
one another in our grief. **Amen.**

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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. 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.

Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the
dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.
We glorify you.

Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all
humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life,
we praise you. **We praise you.**

Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow,
our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.
We worship you.

To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever. **Amen.**

+ GATHERING HYMN *“Shall We Gather at the River”* ELW #423

and strength to meet the days to come. May our memories bless and
inspire us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

+ COMMENDATION

Merciful God, we entrust Lori to your eternal care.
Look upon her with favor and joy,
as a child of your own creation,
a sheep from your own fold,
a sinner you redeemed with love on the cross.
Receive her into your holy presence, into your everlasting peace,
into the light and song of all your saints. **Amen.**

Rest eternal grant to Lori, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon her.

+ BENEDICTION

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good so that you may do God’s will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in God’s sight;
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

“Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.”
43 He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Pastor Phil Ruud

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “*My Life Flows On in Endless Song*” ELW #763

THE PRAYERS

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

We pray for your church. We give thanks for the layers of Lori’s steady faith: her active worship life and the quiet time spent in devotion; going on a mission trip or mentoring youth directors. Show us ways to grow in faith, love, and joy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the well-being of your creation, from the dairy farms like Lori grew up on to the beaches and glaciers of special places she visited. Bless animals domestic and wild alike—the 4H cows and the elephants, the cats and the koalas. Bless all the people and cultures shaped by different places. Give us a measure of Lori’s curiosity and appreciation in our own explorations of your world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for peace and justice. In each season of her life, Lori used her gifts to build up family and community. We give thanks for her farm work, her teaching, and 4-H involvement. We give thanks for her speaking and writing, and especially for her Creative Memories business and mentoring of women. In the seasons of our lives, show us how we might contribute to your beloved community. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for parents and those who nurture. We give thanks for Lori’s wisdom and wit as a mother, grandmother, and friend. We give thanks for her laugh, her pranks, and her sincerity. Help us delight in all the things you make possible, and when we are afraid or overwhelmed, guide us into what we should do first. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all grace, we give thanks for all the saints who rest in your love. Surround Lori’s family and friends with your love, that we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness,

+ APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our sister Lori. 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 faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

read by Dan Koch

A reading from Ecclesiastes.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- ² a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- ⁵ a time to throw away stones
and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
- ⁶ a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
- ⁷ a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
- ⁸ a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-18

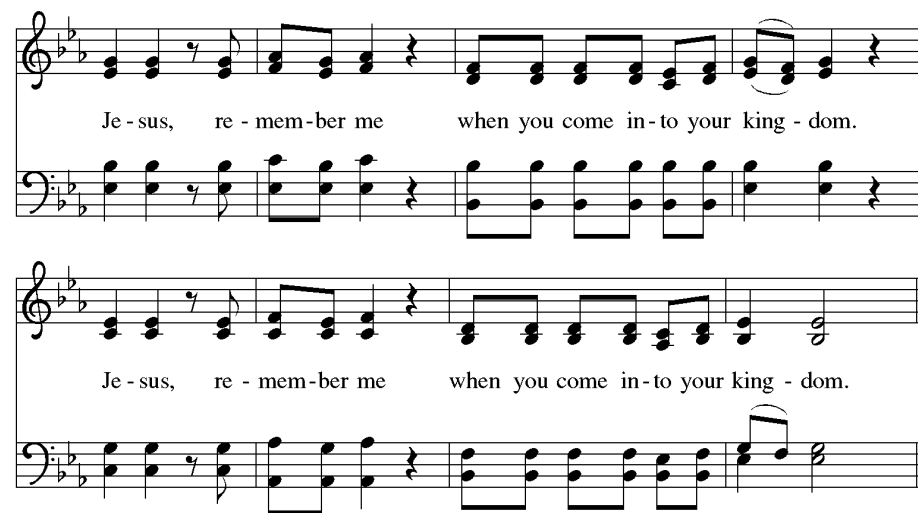
led by Ashley Keller

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
¹⁰ **even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”
¹² **even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴ **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ **Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**
¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ **I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

FAMILY REFLECTIONS

offered by Danielle Koch and Lindsey Crosby, daughters

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Jesus, Remember Me” ELW #616



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:32-43

A reading from the gospel of Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³² Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said,