

Be faithful,
even to the point of death,
and I will give you
the crown of life.
Revelation 2:10b

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE IN THE LIFE OF

Lois Joan Behm
October 15, 2026

As we gather today, our hearts are heavy with grief. We come to the One Who has conquered sin and death for us – Jesus Christ. He is the One to Whom we turn for comfort and peace as we give thanks to Him for the victory that He has granted to our sister in the faith, Lois Behm –one of God's saints in light! May He give you a rich sense of His presence and His peace as you walk in His love each day.

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GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

GREETING

(Assembly responses appear in **bold.***)*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation that we ourselves have received from God.

Thanks be to God.

PLACING OF THE PALL

(The Pall is placed on the urn as a visible reminder of the covenant that the Triune God made with Lois in Holy Baptism. Just as she was clothed in Christ's righteousness when she was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, so the covering of white reminds us of the robe of righteousness that covers her for all eternity through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the Pall is placed on the urn, the following words are spoken.)

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. Romans 6:3–5

Let us pray. O God of grace and glory, we remember before You today our sister, Lois. 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.

Amen

PROCESSIONAL *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* *(see insert)*

SHARING OF FAMILY MEMORIES

WORD

FIRST READING Psalm 139

SECOND READING Revelation 7:9-17

HYMN *When Peace, like a River* *(see insert)*

SERMON

CONFESSION OF FAITH

God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our Christian faith.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

SOLO *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte

BLESSING

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* *(see insert)*

Pastor Joe Behnke *Officiant*
Nancy Severeid *Musician*

Lois Joan Behm

Lois J. (Slagter) Behm, age 85 of Plymouth, passed away October 9, 2026. Lois is survived by her husband, Ron; daughters, Dawn Lund (Jim) and Rhonda Palmersheim (Jamie); grandchildren, Christina Clukey (Ryan), Melissa Lund, Matthew Lund (Mercedes), Gerrit Severeid, and Cooper Severeid; great-grandchildren, Caden & Sienna Clukey, Solomon Lund; other cherished relatives and treasured friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Louise (Dykema) Slagter; siblings, Rodney, Lowell, Glynora (White), and Arvid.

Lois lived a God-kissed life. Not a perfect life, but a life full of God's countless blessings. Raised in rural Priam, Minnesota, by two hardworking, faithful, and stoically Dutch parents (If you ain't Dutch, you ain't much!), Lois learned early on that God provided all you needed, perhaps not all you wanted, but certainly all you needed.

In high school, Lois was diagnosed with encephalitis and spent several weeks at Sister Kinney Institute in Minneapolis, far removed from family and friends, but becoming the "fighter" she was until her last breath. Lois' resilience carried her through encephalitis, breast cancer, a near-fatal car crash, and several other surgeries and falls. Lois relied on her faith, her family, and her desire to live as much life as possible, to bring her through life in her earthly home.

After returning from Minneapolis, she met the love of her life and future husband of 66 years, Ronnie Behm. This relationship could have been short-lived, considering he met her shortly after her recovery and considered her "pretty sickly." But God persisted and joined them together as one on September 16, 1960. They led an amazing life together, meeting life-long friends through the Minnesota Jaycees, their churches in Robbinsdale, at Beautiful Savior (BSLC) and Shepherd of the Desert (SOTD) in Ariz., and neighbors in New Hope, Plymouth, Scottsdale, and SummerWood. They traveled the world together, but most importantly, they traveled this journey of life together, living out the vocations that God planned for them.

Lois worked to support Ron during his college years and in his early years at General Mills. But she was most proud of her work as a Title I Aide with the Robbinsdale School District. She loved showering her students with care and compassion, with a little bit of Jesus sprinkled in. Lois volunteered extensively in her churches as a Sunday School teacher, church librarian, Stephen Minister, and committee member. She loved studying God's Word among fellow women in her long-standing Christ Care group at BSLC, Bible study at SOTD, and Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Lois' favorite things in life were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved them fiercely and unconditionally, sometimes even rewriting history to make them all "perfect." She did have an incredible memory, so maybe she was right! She loved planning birthday surprises for her grandchildren, slipping a little treat on their pillows when they came to stay in Arizona, and presenting them with gifts and care packages, all overflowing with treats, but more importantly, her love. She worked diligently (with many, many questions) to learn about who they were by what they did, who their friends were, and what dreams they had. Her greatest desire for each of them was to know and love Jesus.

In her final months, Lois longed to be in heaven. She told everyone she could that she couldn't wait to be in heaven to see Jesus and her family. She was a faithful witness of God's enduring love to the end. Lois loved her God and her family fiercely. She is irreplaceable.

Lois' family is incredibly grateful for the love and care shown to her by the SummerWood staff, Park Nicollet Hospice, Beautiful Savior Care Ministry, and her devoted friends who held her hand when it was needed most.