



*“Do Not Be Afraid. I Am The First And The Last, The Living One.”
By Rudolf Schäfer*

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*A Service of Thanksgiving
Celebrating God's Gift of Eternal Life For*



Lois Jeanne McNeice Caka

September 6, 1936 - October 27, 2022

COVER ILLUSTRATION – “I Am The First And the Last” by Dr. Rudolf Schäfer presents the awesome vision of our Lord Jesus as He revealed himself to the apostle John in the opening scene of the Book of Revelation. There Christ was standing amid the seven golden lamps which signified the church. Schäfer captures the essence of the vision as Christ upon the cross, shedding His precious blood to win forgiveness for the sins of mankind, dominates the entire image. Our Lord’s humble entrance into this world as the Babe of Bethlehem is shown in the left foreground. A joyful choir of angels proclaims the Christmas gospel above the stable and a gleaming star announces the Savior’s birth. In the right foreground stands the empty tomb with its resplendent guardian angel so that all might know that Jesus has conquered death for us. The beautiful life promise of the rainbow extends from the cross to the open door of the tomb. The risen Lord walks in the nearby garden behind the tomb awaiting the arrival of the women. The angels ascending from the empty tomb are carrying home the life harvest of God’s people. Over all is the extended hand of God the Father surrounded by the countless hosts of heaven, prophets and apostles, faithful men and women of God (including Martin Luther), those who have already received their share of God’s gracious gift of eternal life. Schäfer painted this masterpiece for the altar of the village church in Oberjesigen, Germany.

Opening Hymn

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

Text: Joseph M. Scriven; Tune: Charles C. Converse – “Converse”

Invocation

Opening Prayers

Scripture Readings



PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13–18

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.



ST. JOHN 11:17–27

[17] Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. [18] Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, [19] and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. [20] So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. [21] Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [22] But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” [23] Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” [24] Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” [25] Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, [26] and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” [27] She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

Sermon Hymn
THE OLD RUGGED CROSS
By George Bennard

Sermon

There is no more poignant or powerful opportunity for the proclamation of the Biblical message of Law and Gospel than the moments in which Christians celebrate the home-going of a loved one to eternal life in the mansions of heaven. The funeral sermon is designed to declare that wondrous Gospel and to set before all present this day the truth that every believer is a sinner saved by grace alone. Salvation cannot be earned. It can only be given as a free gift by the God whose love for us moved Him to give His only Son to die in our place upon the cross so that we might live with Him forever.

Obituary

LOIS JEANNE MCNEICE CAKA

Lois Jeanne McNeice Caka was born on September 6, 1936, in Houston, Texas. She was baptized on August 16, 1942, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, by Pastor Elmo Miertschin, and confirmed on April 2, 1950, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Houston, by Pastor Walter Huber. She passed away peacefully on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Medical Center while in hospice care.

Lois graduated from Lutheran High South in 1954. In 1955, she went to work for Texaco Oil Company as a file clerk. Lois met Johnnie Caka in 1954, at Bulldog Drive-In on North Shepherd Drive. They were married on June 2, 1962, at Our Savior Lutheran, by Pastor W. A. Gerdes. They had two wonderful sons, Gary Wayne Caka and Steven Paul Caka.

She is survived by her husband, Johnnie of 60 years; Gary, their oldest son, and his wife Tanya Renee Baggett; Steven and his girlfriend, Sarah Rose; their grandchildren Justin Tyler Caka and his wife April, and their daughter Lillie and Trevor Heath Caka and his soon-to-be wife.

Visitation will be from 6-8pm, Thursday Nov. 3, 2022, at Pat H Foley Funeral Home located at 1200 W 34th St, Houston, Texas. Funeral Services will be held at Pat H Foley Funeral Chapel as well, on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at 11am. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery located on Antoine Dr near I/10. A bereavement meal/celebration of Lois' life will follow after the funeral/burial services, at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 5000 W. Tidwell Rd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Our Savior Lutheran Church & School as well as Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church located on W Rittenhouse Rd.



Prayers

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 ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Text: Fanny J. Crosby

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All Glory to God Alone