

**Mon Jeremiah 11:18-20** God informed Jeremiah of the evils which Jews had done to themselves (such as worshiping with satanic cults, 17), and he found out later that he had been blacklisted by those same cultists. Suffering at the hands of idolaters is not out-dated; it happens with Christians in other lands—just as Jesus faced bloody opposition by setting His face toward Jerusalem. In such straits, we need to test our own minds/hearts so that we be God-pleasing in our motivations and in pursuit of God's business (20).

**Tues Mark 9:14-29** Their discussion/argument centered on the right method for exorcising the demon who controlled and tortured the lad. His father—almost in despair—begged Jesus: "If you can, do something to help us!" Jesus fed his weak appeal back to him (What do you mean when you say) "*If you can!?*") and then opened the gates of heaven via faith in Him. We join that father in responding: "Lord, I believe you are my Savior; help me overcome my weakness of faith in moments of crisis. Thank You!"

**Wed James 3:13-18** The Holy Spirit uses James to hold our feet to the fire, i.e., to self-examine our motives. Are they godly, or are they selfish? Is our basic character meekly wise, or is it aggressively stupid? It's not only God who looks for godly wisdom in our demeanor, but our fellow Christians depend on us to *treat them gently, be willing to yield, full of mercy and good conduct, impartial and solid*. What goes around . . . comes around.

**Thurs Psalm 31** If verses that are bright with reverent devotion were color-coded, vv. 1-5, 14-16, and 19-24 would be sunshine yellow. When David was about to collapse (9-13), God came to his rescue (14-16) with goodness (18) and *sheltered him in the secret places of His presence* (20). *Oh, love the LORD, you saints! Be of good courage, for He shall strengthen your heart* (21).

**Fri Mark 9:30-37** If we hesitate to ask questions in Bible Class, it's because we don't want to look foolish (32), and when Jesus faces us with His own questions, we get embarrassed (34), for we are selfish. Further, let's pay close attention to how we treat the younger generation, for they depend on us to nurture them in God's Word and daily godliness.

**Sat James 4:1-6** Evidently James lived in a violent world, and Christian Jews in such a world got sucked into that black hole. They prostituted God in order to feed their pleasures (2-3), cheated on Him by loving His enemies, and frustrated the Holy Spirit's yearning to sanctify them. Even with all that going against their best interests, God did not disavow them but kept them close to His heart.

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 54:1-7

<sup>1</sup> O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might. <sup>2</sup> O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth. <sup>3</sup> For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. Selah <sup>4</sup> Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life. <sup>5</sup> He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them. <sup>6</sup> With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good. <sup>7</sup> For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

**HYMN: TLH #354**

**"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** ♪ And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

**P** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Welcome!** We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book in the hallway near the entrance. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

✠ **Sept. 26:** Orlando Service 8 am  
✠ **Sept. 26:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a  
✠ **Sept. 28-30:** SE Pastoral Conference in Cincinnati  
✠ **Oct. 3:** Communion Sunday  
✠ **Oct. 3:** Quarterly Voters' Mtg

**Bible Class & Sunday School** began last weekend at 9:15 am and continued this morning. Please be sure to schedule this important hour for growth in God's Word into your Sunday mornings. For the next several months, we will be studying the Gospel of Mark in Bible Class. If you miss a class, weekly recaps will be posted on YouTube on Sunday evenings, and I would encourage you to tune in there.

**Thank you** for joining the family of Loye and Bill Issitt III this morning as we memorialized their loved ones. It has been a difficult year for many, and that is especially true of the Issitt family. Please keep them in your prayers, that the Lord may bless them and keep them ever in His love.

**CLC Call News** Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, **has returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Seminary graduate Nick Naumann **has returned** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Greg Tincher is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. Shirley Rosenberry is struggling with severe knee pain which has greatly limited her mobility. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain and suffered a recent fall. Friend of Immanuel Craig and Kay Owings are both at home and are still recovering from their bouts with COVID. Liz Hartmann continues to recover from eye surgery, but is still having various health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Last Week:** WH – 41

**Total Offering** = \$1,956.50

General = \$1,206.50 | Propty. = \$100 | ILC Schol. = \$50 | Memorial = \$600

**Cleaner (10/02):** Custodio | **Acolyte (10/03):** Maxwell Kuehne

## DEVOTION – Ecclesiastes 3:11a

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time.”*

### The Best Is Yet to Come

#### PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER

**P** Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands we all rest and upon whose hands we all depend, teach us to number our days, that we may seek wisdom from Your Word. Give us the grace to live by faith in your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to fulfill our individual callings to Your glory. When Jesus appears at the end of time, may we also appear with Him in glory even as You have promised. We commend to Your Fatherly goodness the family and friends of Loye and Bill. Let the pains of their loss be lessened by the promises of Your Word. Let their passing serve as an encouragement to all of us to direct our thoughts heavenward, so that we may truly seek that one thing needful--the precious truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord--and receive the blessing of that truth--life everlasting. We ask for these blessings and all others in the name our blessed Savior, Jesus, in Whose name we also join to pray:

**C** 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**C** *♫* Amen, amen, a – men.

**CLOSING HYMN: TLH #334**

**“Let Me Be Thine Forever”**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** *♫* A – – – men.

#### INTROIT

*Ps. 37:4-7*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

**P** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**C** Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

**C** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

**P** Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.



*My soul waits for the LORD more than those who watch for the morning.*

*Psalm 130:6*

#### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for “Glory be to the Father”*

**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

*2 Corinthians 12:9a*

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.



## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C** ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

**GOSPEL READING – Mark 9:30-37** They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant

**P** We have come here today to comfort one another upon the death of our sister-and-brother-in-Christ, Loye Issitt and her son, Bill Issitt III, and to draw encouragement from the word of our God. Listen then to the living words of our life-giving God, Who reminds us concerning our mortal lives:

*"All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass." (Is. 40:6b-7)*

In view of that fact, we implore the Lord:

*"LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor." (Ps. 39:4-6)*

Why is this the case? What hope do we have? God informs us:

*"As through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord." (Rom. 5:18-21)*

Yes, through Jesus' blood and righteousness we have been given the promise of eternal life. Consequently, we confess with Peter:

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pet. 1:3-5)*



Bill was very computer-savvy and became a computer tech and worked for State Farm for several years. He continued working for State Farm until he became disabled due to diabetes.

Bill met Davell Hardgrave, and they were married in 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. Together, they were blessed with two children, Donella and Zoey, both of whom attended Immanuel Lutheran School for several years.



As Bill continued to battle various health problems related to his diabetes, he had to spend the majority of his time at home. He was hospitalized numerous times with various health problems through the years. When home, he was kept good company by the family's many beloved pets.

The Lord saw fit to call Bill from this earth shortly after his mom's heavenward call, and he was survived by his father Bill, his sisters Beth (Paul) and Edee (William), his wife Davell, and his daughters Donella and Zoey. He was preceded in death by his mom, Loe.

**HYMN: Below "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

**1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;**

**There is no shadow of turning with Thee.**

**Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;**

**As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!**  
**Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have**  
**needed Thy hand hath provided;**  
**Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,**

**Sun, moon and stars in their courses above**

**Join with all nature in manifold witness**

**To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]**

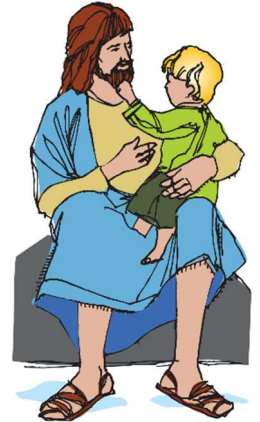
**3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,**

**Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**

**Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,**

**Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

of all." <sup>36</sup> And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."



**EPISTLE READING – James 3:13-18** Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH** *Explanation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Creed*

*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**HYMN: TLH #518:1,5-7 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"**

**SERMON – Isaiah 50:4-10** The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup> The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

### **Trust in the LORD—He’s Been There Before**

**I. He’s been where you’ve been**

**II. He’s been where you won’t be**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

- ☞ **♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Hymn: TLH #145**

**“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”**

#### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

- ☞ **♫ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

#### **GENERAL PRAYER**

### **✠ Memorial Service for Loye Issitt and Bill Issitt III ✠**

Loye Issitt, of Haines City, FL, died on January 15, 2021. Loye was born on May 6, 1945, to Lloyd and Juanita Rogers. Her father served in the United States Air Force, and, as such, Loye moved and travelled extensively with her parents in her formative years. She was raised in a Christian household and remained a devout Christian her entire life.



Loye met Bill Issitt in 1964 at a drafting design school in Orlando, FL. They were married on December 4, 1965. Loye and Bill were blessed with three children, Bill, Beth, and Edee. Through their children, they were blessed by the Lord with four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Christian education was a priority for Loye, and she first was introduced to Immanuel Lutheran Church by enrolling her children at Immanuel Lutheran School.

Loye was a very loving person. She was a child magnet who loved to be around children. She was a hugger too; most members of Immanuel probably received a hug from her at one time or another.

Loye began battling for her health within the last ten years of her life as she dealt with kidney failure. Being taken home to heaven by her Savior, Loye was survived by her husband Bill, her children Bill (Davell), Beth (Paul), and Edee (William), her grandchildren Donella, Zoey, Erin, and Olivia, and her great-grandchildren Mason and Brook. She was preceded in death by her parents Lloyd and Nita.

**Hymn: WS #723**

**“What Wondrous Love is This”**

Bill Issitt III, of Haines City, FL, died on February 2, 2021. Bill was born on June 19, 1969, to Bill and Loye Issitt. He was raised by his parents in a Christian household and attended Immanuel Lutheran School as a child.