

The Victory Service of



William Herbert Hartmann

September 3, 1949 – March 21, 2021

Sunday, March 28, 2021 12:00 p.m.
A Divine Service of Immanuel Lutheran Church – CLC
Winter Haven, FL
Pastor Sam Rodebaugh

The Invocation

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

The Prayer

O Lord, almighty God and Father, we praise You for the uncountable proofs of Your faithfulness and mercy. We thank You that You have given our brother to drink of that well of water which springs up into everlasting life. And we thank You that now in Your mercy, you have delivered him from all the labor and sorrow of this present life and received him into the rest and peace of Your heavenly kingdom. Grant unto us Your grace so that we too may make ready for the unknown hour and for a blessed departure from this world. Enable us to use our allotted time well in the study of Your Name, working while it is day before the night comes when no man can work. And at last do for us what You in love have done for our departed brother, deliver our souls from despair, and let us fall asleep in peace and obtain the crown of everlasting glory. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #207 v. 2,4-6

"Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

Reading of the Obituary

William H. Hartmann (Bill) was born on September 3, 1949 to James Edwin Hartmann and Corinne Louisa Fischer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was baptized into the Christian faith at Atonement Lutheran Church, and later confirmed in the faith at that same church in 1963. Bill received his elementary and secondary education in Milwaukee, WI, went on to receive a degree from the University of Wisconsin, and subsequently graduated from the Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, WI.

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me.... For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." (Ps. 139:1ff)

Bill married Elizabeth (Liz) Gehrau at Woodlawn Lutheran Church on February 28, 1970. Bill is survived by his wife Liz, father James Hartmann, children Dana (Paul) Peterson, Kristine (Joel) Gerbitz, Timothy (Elaine) Hartmann, Kurt Hartmann, Kathryn (Joe) Gallo, twenty-one grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 3 brothers. He was preceded in death by his mother Corinne Hartmann.

“Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. . . . Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. ⁵ Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!” (Ps. 127:1ff)

Bill dedicated his life to the ministry serving multiple congregations in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida, and Pennsylvania, and as foreign missionary for many years in Malaŵi, Africa. Since 2008, Bill and Liz have enjoyed being members of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, Florida.

“Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!” (Ps. 24:7-10)

Hymn: Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See *Family Ensemble*

Lord, when Your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.

The Exhortation of Scripture

"Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue." (Job 14:1-2)

"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." (Psalm 39:5)

Thus says the Lord:

"You are dust, and to dust you shall return. By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, because all have sinned. There is no respect of persons; we die the common death of all men; for the wages of sin is death."

(Gen. 3:19; Rom 5:12; Rom. 2:11; Rom. 6:23)

"But blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who has loved us and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, and has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (2 Cor. 1:3; 1 Pet. 1:3)

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Being delivered for our offenses, He was raised again for our justification and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. He is the First Fruits of those who sleep, and says:

"I am the Resurrection and the Life; he who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

(1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 4:25; 2 Tim. 1:10; Jn. 11:25)

In light of these promises: We now have confidence that our beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother-in-Christ has been given the crown of everlasting life. May we also be found in constant readiness for our final days, ever waiting for our Lord in the light of His Word, that through His power resting on us, we may overcome the world and be counted worthy at last to reign with Him eternally in heaven. May God grant it. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #370

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

1st Scripture Reading

Select verses from Psalm 25

- P** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
- P** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
- C** Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
- C** My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- P** Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
- C** Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

2nd Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?"¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hymn: TLH #341

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

The Sermon Text

Psalm 94:17-19

"Unless the LORD *had been* my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence. ¹⁸ If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O LORD, will hold me up. ¹⁹ In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul."

The Lord's Loving Support System: For Bill and For You

Response

"The Nunc Dimittis"

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Prayer

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, in this hour of grief, comfort the surviving family and friends of Bill Hartmann. By Your grace enable us to say in humble submission: "Thy will be done." And forgive us our sins when we forget that Your will is always good and best. While our hearts are filled with sadness at his departure, yet we know You prepared him well, and our lips speak praise that You have removed him from all the trials and tribulations of this life and received him to Yourself in heaven. Sustain us by the power of Your holy Word which promises strength and help in time of need. Comfort us with the precious hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting through Jesus Christ Your Son, our living Lord and Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor

The Benediction

Hymn: TLH #200 v. 1, 7-8

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"