

In Living Hope of the Resurrection

A Victory Service of God's Word

LOUISE MARY COUTRE

April 8, 1936 – June 30, 2015



Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia IL

Tuesday, July 7, 2015 • 11:00 a.m.

Preservice Devotion: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

GREETINGS, INVOCATION, AND PRAYER

OPENING READING (in unison)

Psalm 23

C The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

Yea, 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 runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

HYMN

“**Abide with Me**” (see insert)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

John 10:27-29

Philippians 3:7-14

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Romans 8:18-25,31-39

HYMN

“**Amazing Grace**” (see insert)

ADDRESS

Romans 8:28–30

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. ³⁰ Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called;

whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God's Best for Louise and for You

1. The Bible is the best book
2. Church is the best place
3. Jesus is the best (and only) Savior
4. Louise received the best outcome
(and so will all who believe)

HYMN **“Rock of Ages”** (see insert)

PRAYERS LORD'S PRAYER BENEDICTION

HYMN **“I'm But a Stranger Here”** (see insert)



Officiant Pastor David Pfeiffer
Organist Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Following the service, a graveside committal service will be held at Chapel Hill Gardens West in Oakbrook Terrace, IL with a meal to follow at Alpine Banquet House, 11141 West Roosevelt, Westchester, IL

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On April 8, 1936, the LORD blessed Joseph Dagay and Gertrude (nec Porath) with the gift of a child, Louise Mary. The Holy Spirit then blessed Louise with new life in Christ by water and the word in holy baptism. The LORD led Louise to nurture and cherish this gift of faith in her Savior Jesus her whole life. “Lulu,” as they called her, was one of seven sisters and one brother raised in Cicero, IL, where her father operated his scrap yard and auto parts business.

On November 20, 1965, Louise began a life long commitment to her husband, Donald James Coutre. They took up residence in Addison, IL where they would live out their days together. Don and Louise were blessed with a Christ centered marriage as they raised their two children: Christopher and Cynthia.

Louise kept busy and worked hard at everything she could lay her hands on. She has experience as a social worker, teacher, tie saleswoman, and has dedicated many hours to various volunteer efforts such as the Addison Historical Society.

Among those dedicated volunteer efforts was Louise’s commitment to her church and her Lord. In 1971, Louise and Don were compelled by God’s Word to leave their fellowship with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. They joined the fellowship of the Church of the Lutheran Confession and became members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Addison, IL.

As a member of Immanuel (later Ascension when the church moved to Batavia in 2005) Louise gave herself to the work of the Lord. She served for many years as president of the Ladies Group and, even up to her last days, as a dedicated Sunday School teacher. God blessed Louise with a gift for crafty and creative Sunday School lessons. Her solid grasp of Biblical teaching and love for her Savior made its impression on many children over the years.

In later years, Louise battled issues with low blood pressure, until, on June 30, 2015, the Lord, in his infinite wisdom, grace, and perfect will, took Louise to be with Himself for eternity. Her body is laid to rest at Chapel Hill Gardens West in Oakbrook Terrace, IL where it awaits the resurrection at the Lord’s return on the last day. Her earthly pilgrimage was completed at 79 years, 2 months, and 22 days. “Because He lives, we shall live also” (John 14:19)

Louise was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings: Yvonne, Joseph, and Carol.

She leaves behind in this time of grace: her husband, Donald Coutre, her son Christopher and his wife Su Chin of Naperville, IL, and their two children Joshua and Timothy; her daughter Cynthia of Mankato, MN; and her sisters: Shirley, Tina, Elaine, and Dorothy; along with other family members and church members.