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Pentecost 19

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #10

“This is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

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

C  A - - - men.

P Pastor

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

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.

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. 122:1, 6, 8-9

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

P Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for You, and let Your prophets be proven faithful.

C Hear the prayer of Your servants, according to the blessing of Aaron upon Your people.

P I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

C Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!

P For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"

C For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

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.

The musical score consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble clef staff with a melody line and a bass clef staff with a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding melody lines.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 117:1

P Alleluia. Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

C 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 Let us pray. . . . You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 10:12-21 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is

not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge-- ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you-- ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

HYMN: TLH #59:1-3, 6

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

SERMON – Matthew 22:34-46 But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to

him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." ⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴² saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? ⁴⁵ If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Jesus Keeps the Main Thing the Main Thing

- I. The great commandments condemn and confine us
- II. The greater Christ fulfills the Law and frees us

OFFERTORY

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

C ♪ 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 #297

"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

C ♪ 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.

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENECTION

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.

HYMN: WS #764

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

✝ Announcements ✝

ILC Scholarship Fund

— As the second semester of school approaches, we are looking to make another disbursement from the ILC Scholarship Fund in order to assist with the high school tuition of Joel Bernthal. Looking forward to next school year, we are projected to have two students from our congregation attending ILC in Eau Claire, WI. In preparation for this, please consider donating to the “ILC Scholarship Fund” to help our member families who seek to continue their children’s Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Oct. 20:** Board of Trustees & Church Council
- ✝ **Oct. 27:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✝ **Nov. 3:** Reformation Service & Potluck Meal
- ✝ **Nov. 3:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.
- ✝ **Nov. 3:** Ladies of Immanuel

Lutheran Spokesman Subscriptions

This announcement is coming a bit late, but your Lutheran Spokesman subscriptions were renewed at the beginning of July. The subscriptions were \$14 to renew per member, and if you would like to contribute to help offset this cost, simply make a note of your intentions on your offering envelopes. This is a freewill offering; the subscriptions have already been renewed and will continue coming until June regardless.

Petty Cash

If you are able and willing to donate to petty cash, there are a number of supplies and services provided at Immanuel through the use of petty cash.

Letter Writing

We have a number of members that would like to make it to church but are unable for various reasons. Most of these members you can find on the next page in the “Shut-in/Encouragement List.” I have heard from several different people over the past few years that they greatly miss the Christian fellowship that church attendance often affords. Paul directs us in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”* If you know any of the individuals on the list, (or even if you do not!) please take the time over the coming weeks to reach out with Christian encouragement in the form of a letter or a phone call. I cannot express strongly enough how much a kind word from a friend can help an individual in a time of sickness or loneliness.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is still recovering from his hospital stay, but we praise the Lord for great progress so far. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis and had an operation this past week.

CLC Call News Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Trinity, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Timothy Wheaton, Living Word, Blue Springs, MO has accepted the call to Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane, WA. has returned the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Pastor Rob Sauers, Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third full-time foreign missionary.

Last Week (10/13) WH – 35 Orlando – 13

General = \$1,978.79 | Benevolence = \$75 | Propt. Improvement = \$80
Tuition = \$675 **Total Offering = \$2,808.79**

October Usher: Mark Moorehead | **Cleaning (10/26):** Ream
| **Acolyte (10/27):** Landon

Pride vs. Humility

"We have plenty of people nowadays who could not kill a mouse without publishing it [on social media]. Samson killed a lion and said nothing about it: the Holy Spirit finds modesty so rare that He takes care to record it. Say much of what the Lord has done for you but say little of what you have done for the Lord. Do not utter a self-glorifying sentence!"

(- Charles Spurgeon)