

**November 17, 2019**

**Pentecost 23**

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HERE IS THE  
BRIDE GROOM!  
COME OUT TO  
MEET HIM!



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<sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! <sup>7</sup> For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, <sup>9</sup> when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. <sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways." <sup>11</sup> Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #606****"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"**

**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.*

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**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. 36:4-5, 7-8; Is. 35:10*

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

**P** The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

**C** They shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**P** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

**C** Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

**P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

**C** Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!



## 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

*Rev. 20:2*

**P** Alleluia. I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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*

**♩ 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 – Isaiah 35:1-10** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup> then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It

shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

**EPISTLE READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.



## **The Baptism of**

**Aaron Samuel Rodebaugh**

*Sponsors: Josh and Kelsey Rodebaugh*



## **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: WS #750**

**“See This Wonder in the Making”**

**SERMON – Matthew 25:1-13** "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

### **Keeping Your Lamps Well Trimmed and Burning**

I. The foolish one puts off filling the oil until tomorrow

II. The Wise One fills your oil so that you live “Tomorrow”

### **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 #609**

**“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”**

## - 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.

### **PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION**

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- 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.

- ☞** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: WS #703**

**"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Baptism** – Join us in welcoming the newest member of our congregation at Immanuel: Aaron Samuel Rodebaugh. Aaron Was born to Pastor and Jess



Rodebaugh on Saturday, November 9, at 12:03 pm, weighing in at 7 lbs 9 oz and 19.75 in. We praise the Lord for bringing him to the living waters of baptism this morning and granting him new life in the Holy Spirit! Thank you to all of you for your prayers and support over the past several months and for the gifts. We truly appreciate our Immanuel family.

### **Looking Ahead...**

✠ **Nov. 24:** Orlando Service 8 am

✠ **Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day  
Service 10 am

**Treasurer's Report** We thank the Lord for a positive balance of \$244, compared to a year ago when we had a \$10,981 deficit. Tuition is \$400/mo. with 19 students this year compared to \$350 with 14 students a year ago. Both increases have provided a substantial increase in tuition; \$5,248 more in first 9 months in 2019 compared to last year. The funds have improved tremendously in the last 3 months. We thank the Lord for the generous gifts with \$5,085 more in the Property Improvement Fund compared to the last quarter. This fund had a \$2,980 deficit last year.

**CLC Call News** Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Trinity, Spokane, WA. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called Mr. Jay Sydow of Lexington, South Carolina to serve as high school math and science teacher beginning the 2020-2021 school year.

**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. Crystal Shaw has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating. Bill Issitt Sr. is progressing very well. Loyal Issitt is receiving regular dialysis.

**Last Week (11/10)** WH – 24 Orlando – 15

General = \$801 | Missions = \$300 | Tuition = \$22

**Total Offering = \$1,123**

**November Usher:** Darrin Ream

| **Cleaning (11/23):** Moorehead

| **Acolyte (11/24):** Grant B.

**Baptizing Babies?** In the great commission of our Lord as recorded in Matthew chapter 28, He tells us to make disciples of "all nations." Following the command to 'make disciples' He uses two participles. The participles are 'baptizing' and 'teaching.' By this He tells us how we are to make disciples, that is by baptizing and teaching. We believe and practice this as the ancient apostolic church did.

With adults we teach and baptize. With infants we baptize and teach. In either case it is the all-powerful Word of God that makes the disciples. When we baptize an infant, the Holy Spirit creates faith in the heart with the invocation of the name of the Triune God, 'in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Baptizing in His name gives entrance into the family of God. (Titus 3:5; Jn. 3:5-6; Acts 2:38)

With adults we teach and baptize. It is the all-powerful Word of the Gospel which creates faith in the heart of an adult as well as in an infant. (Rom. 10:17) When an adult professes faith in the Christ, we baptize him. This strengthens the faith. It acts in the same manner as the sacrament of the altar or the Gospel in the Word. We teach and then baptize adults because they are able to understand language.

With infants we baptize and then teach, since they are unable to understand language and confess with their tongue. Christian parents bring their children to baptism confident of the power of the Word to create faith and at the command of Jesus. Our confidence lies exclusively in what God proclaims to be true about this washing of water: "Baptism now saves you-- not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience-- through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." (1 Pt. 3:21)