

February 9, 2020

Septuagesima Sunday

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"YOU SHALL  
GO TO ALL TO WHOM I SEND YOU

AND YOU SHALL  
**SPEAK**

WHATEVER I COMMAND YOU."



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 10:12-18*

<sup>12</sup> Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted. <sup>13</sup> Why does the wicked renounce God and say in his heart, "You will not call to account"? <sup>14</sup> But you do see, for you note mischief and vexation, that you may take it into your hands; to you the helpless commits himself; you have been the helper of the fatherless. <sup>15</sup> Break the arm of the wicked and evildoer; call his wickedness to account till you find none. <sup>16</sup> The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land. <sup>17</sup> O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear <sup>18</sup> to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #498:1-4** "Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations"

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

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

**P** Pastor

### CONFESSON 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. 108:3-5; 105:1*

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

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

**C** I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples; I will sing praises to You among the nations.

**P** For Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

**C** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let Your glory be over all the earth!

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

## 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

*Jer. 1:8, 9b*

**P** Alleluia. "Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you," declares the LORD. "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth." 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. ... 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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 1:4-10** Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 25:14-30** "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.

<sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents



came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## 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 #439**

**“O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

**SERMON – Acts 17:22-34** So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup> And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup> for "'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a


man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." <sup>32</sup> Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." <sup>33</sup> So Paul went out from their midst. <sup>34</sup> But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

## The Unknown God

- I. Gives us hints so that we seek Him
- II. Reveals Himself so that we know Him

### 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 #507 "Spread, Oh, Spread, Thou Mighty Word"**


### - 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 BENEDICTION

- 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 #772 "On Galilee's High Mountain"**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Lent Begins** later this month with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Lent is a 40 day period of time in which we mourn our sins, preparing our heart for the events of Holy Week. To help you adequately prepare, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each

Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation. Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is "Drawn to the Cross."

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Feb. 8:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Feb. 22:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday 6:30

**The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat** will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. *ManUp!* offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: [www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020). Visit our website, [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org), for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at [plstrike7@aol.com](mailto:plstrike7@aol.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!

**CLC Call News** Mr. Darin Lau, Eau Claire, WI returned the call to serve as high school math and science teacher at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has returned the call to Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

**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 due to poor health. **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. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon.

### **Last Week (2/2)** WH – 50

General = \$1,940 | Tuition = \$2,550 | CLC Missions = \$50  
School Fund = \$69 | ILC Scholarship = \$80 **Total = \$4,689**

**February Usher:** Joe Ireland

| **Cleaning (2/15):** Goodwin  
| **Acolyte (2/16):** Mason G.