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Lent 2

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# LORD I BELIEVE HELP MY UNBELIEF



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 115:1-9*

<sup>1</sup> Keep Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness! <sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" <sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. <sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. <sup>5</sup> They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. <sup>6</sup> They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. <sup>7</sup> They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. <sup>8</sup> Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them. <sup>9</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #19:1-4**

**"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"**

**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. 25:1ff*

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

**P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**C** Let not my enemies exult over me. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

**P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O My God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

**C** 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!

**P** Good and upright is the LORD; He instructs sinners in the way.

**C** For Your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef. The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**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

*Is. 45:22*

**P** "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other."

# 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. O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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 – Isaiah 45:20-25** "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. <sup>21</sup> Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. <sup>22</sup> "Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. <sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' <sup>24</sup> "Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are

righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. <sup>25</sup> In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

**EPISTLE READING – James 5:13-20** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



## **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 #454:1-4, 7**

**"Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"**

**SERMON – Mark 9:14-29** And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

## **Am I “Beyond Repair”?**

*That depends on whom you ask!*

### **OFFERTORY**

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

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**✪ 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.**

**- 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 #784****"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"****✠ Announcements ✠**

**Lent Began** a few weeks ago. To help you adequately prepare for our Savior's passion, 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 "Three Words of Truth."

**Confirmation Next Sunday** Two of our members, Ella Bernthal and Grant Ream, will be confirm their faith and so join Immanuel as communicant members next weekend. We will not be having Bible Class next weekend, and the service will be a special examination service, during which Ella and Grant will share with the congregation all that they've learned. Please be sure to attend the service next weekend and freshen up on your Catechism knowledge! There will be a small luncheon following the service in honor of the confirmands.

**Looking Ahead...**

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Mar. 11:** Lent Service 6:30 pm
- ✠ **Mar. 15:** Confirmation Sunday
- ✠ **Mar. 15:** Auditing Committee
- ✠ **Mar. 29:** Trustees and Council
- ✠ **Apr. 5:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.



**Church Work Day** was a productive day. Thank you to those of you who gave up your Saturday morning to help out. There is still much work to be done around the property, so if you have time and would like to donate a few hours, please speak with Pastor to see how you can help out. Thank you!

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**CLC Call News** Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. < > **Teacher Neil Bernthal**, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher.

**Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney/. 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. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon.

**Last Week (3/1)** WH – 47 Wednesday Lent – 21

General = \$1,744 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 | CLC Missions = \$50  
Tuition = \$1375 **Total = \$3,216**

**March Usher:** Steve Goodwin

| **Cleaning (3/14):** Ream

| **Acolyte (3/15):** Mason G.