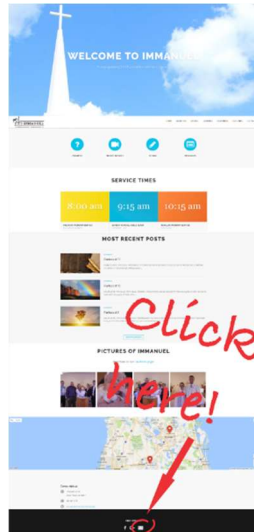


Lent Began a few weeks ago. To help you adequately prepare for our Savior's passion, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation. Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is "Three Words of Truth."

E-Giving is an option here at Immanuel. If you are more comfortable using electronic forms of payment than you are cash or checks, Immanuel now has a PayPal account. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com," or you can go to our church website and click the "PayPal" button at the bottom of the page for a direct link (see image to the right). If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family." Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your offerings as well as include your envelope number. I pray this service will be beneficial to our congregation.



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** recently had an operation in Gainesville and is recovering there. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** recently underwent hip replacement and is recovering at home. **David Kleinschmidt** is recovering from sickness. **Elsie Kleinschmidt** is sick and receiving treatment. **Jo Ann Sedberry** is mostly housebound.

If You Have extra time available, please write a letter or place a phone call to one of the individuals on our shut-in list. Thank you for your Christian encouragement!

Last Week (3/22) WH – 59 Wednesday – 18

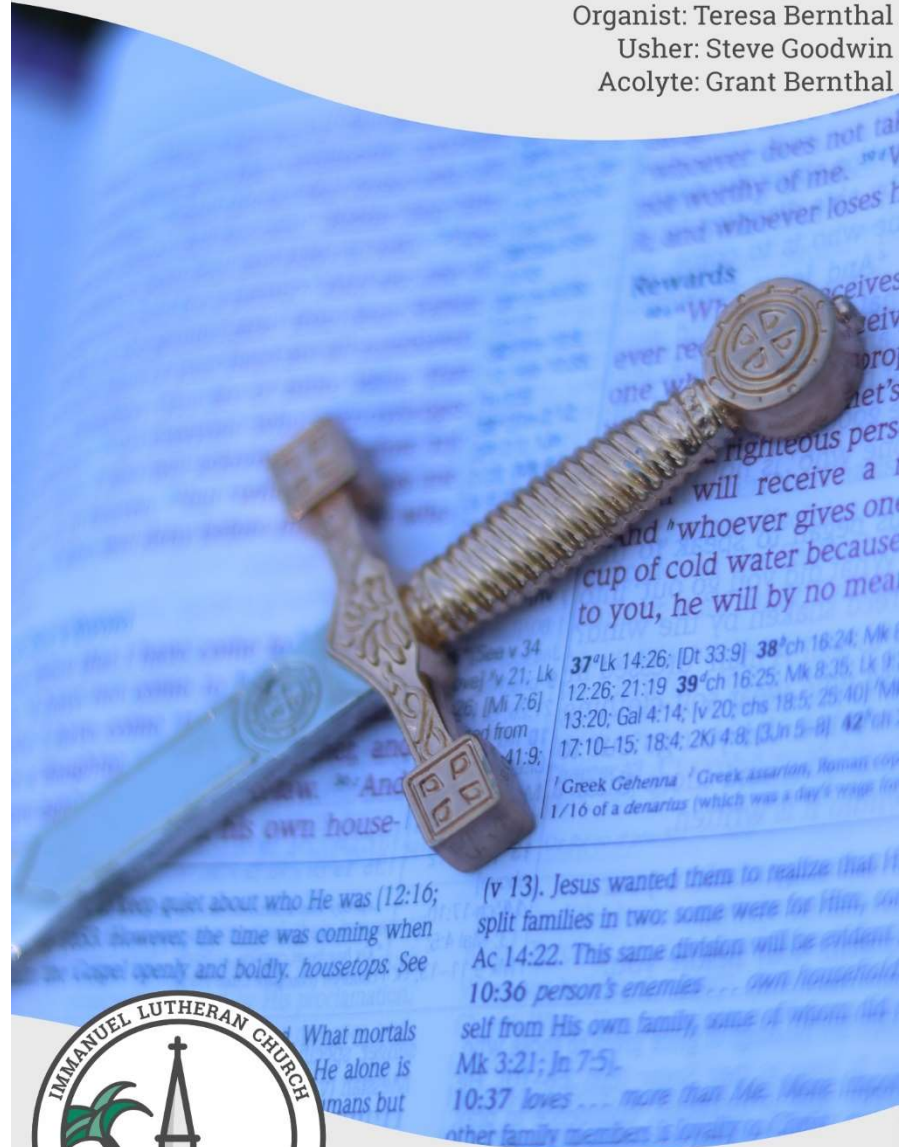
General = \$1,248.58 | Scholarship = \$50 **Total = \$1,298.58**

March Usher: Steve Goodwin | **Cleaning (3/28):** Goodwin
 | **Acolyte (3/29):** Mason K.

March 29, 2020

Lent 5

Organist: Teresa Bernthal
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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalms 115:1-9

⁹ How O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #744:1,3

“How Great Thou Art”

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

C *A - - - men.*

P Pastor

C Congregation

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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**

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: TLH #409

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

✠ Announcements ✠

Regular Services have been put on hold for the time being. Considering everything that we know about the COVID-19 epidemic as well as the guidance from our elected officials, it has been decided to cancel our regular Sunday worship service for this Sunday. We hope we will be able to resume as normal soon, and we must leave it all in the Lord's hands. Please pray that the Lord would deliver us from this epidemic so that we may resume our fellowship with one another here at Immanuel. Please be checking your E-mail or phone for further announcements over the rest of the week.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Apr. 1:** Lent Service 6:30 pm
- ✠ **Apr. 5:** Palm Sunday Worship with Communion
- ✠ **Apr. 10:** Good Friday 7 pm
- ✠ **Apr. 12:** Easter Worship (No Orlando Service)
- ✠ **Apr. 19:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.

Martin Luther on Pandemic – During our current virus crisis, it is instructive to hear what Martin Luther had to say about the situation the world was in 500 years ago during the Bubonic Plague. This is an excerpt from a letter entitled “*Whether One May Flee from a Deadly Plague*” on how best to practically and spiritually overcome:

You ought to think this way: “Very well, by God's decree, the enemy has sent us poisons. Therefore, I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine, and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance infect and pollute others, and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, He will surely find me and I have done what He has expected of me, and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me, however, I shall not avoid place or person, but will go freely.”

SERMON – Matthew 10:32-42 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

Peace Through Pain

- I. Jesus will Divide!
- II. Jesus will Offend!
- III. Jesus will Save!

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 #410

"Jesus, Lead Thou On"

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. 43

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

- P** Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people,
- C** **From the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge.**
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- C** **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**
- P** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
- C** **Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.**



GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

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

1 Cor. 1:25, 31

- P** "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'"

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. Almighty God, be merciful as You look upon Your people, that by Your great goodness we may live under Your direction and protection in both body and spirit; 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 – Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:21-31 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the 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.**

OFFERING HYMN: Soloist

"Be Thou My Vision"