

Last Week (7/12 & 19) WH – 32 Orlando – 11 | WH – 21
General = \$1640 **Total Offering = \$1,640**
Usher: Goodwin | **Cleaning (8/1):** Ream | **Acolyte (8/2):** Mason G.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 27-Aug. 1, '20.

Mon Isaiah 55:10-11 This earthly illustration gets us thinking about cause and effect (10). Plants depend on water (the universal solvent) to transport vital nutrients to their roots, nourishing them to produce fruit and seeds for consumers. Which illustrates how God sends His word down from heaven to transport His grace and mercy so that souls may flourish, grow to maturity, and bear fruit to eternal life. That's why we drink God's Word.

Tues Matthew 13:1-9 From a floating pulpit Jesus gave an agronomy lesson. More specifically, a lesson about the grain farmer suffering loss of seed; loss by predatory birds, loss in stony soil, and loss by competition from weeds. So why bother farming? Because when seed does fall on good/cultivated soil, God sees to it that seed can overcome all obstacles and flourish to harvest (8). Human survival depends on God's hand in the process. Stay tuned.

Wed Romans 8:18-25 During our own season of growth, we hear ourselves groaning, lamenting, and sighing—and for good reason. We put up with our aches and pains, our shortages, our losses—because we see light at the end of the tunnel. We groan within ourselves because we want to get past the barriers; we are eager for our reunion with our Lord and Savior, Jesus, who has promised that we can be WITH Him, fully and forever. Yes and Amen!

Thurs Psalm 65 approaches God with praise—praise especially because God has provided atonement for our transgressions (1-4). We ask Him to find time for us (5) among His other activities as Creator (6-8) and Preserver of life via H₂O (9-10). We depend on God to keep Earth in orbit season after season, to bless pasture, vineyard, orchard, and grassland—which join us in praising You, O God, in this little corner of Your kingdom (11-13). Hallelujah!

Fri Matthew 13:18-23 The success ratio for God's Word may seem low, for His Word gets discarded by lack of understanding, is thwarted by ungodly appetite, stunted by passing fancies, and suffocated under adversities. Yet God doesn't quit broadcasting His Word, for success comes wherever people read the Bible, understand what God is doing via Jesus, are nourished by the Spirit, and produce fruits of faith. Thanks be to God!

Sat Acts 14:1-18 *Now it happened* is an understatement, for Jesus was seeing to it that His Word was sown, sprouted, and bore fruit (1). However, wherever Jesus is winning souls, Satan stirs up trouble (2-4), and soon the missionaries realized it was time to move on (6-7). Lesson #1 for idolaters: Jesus is responsible for performing genuine miracles (8-11); Lesson #2: Idolatry and God's religion are incompatible, as is perfectly clear to those who know God—though it's not clear to those who don't (12-18).

July 26, 2020

Trinity 7

Organist: Teresa Bernthal
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Lord
teach us to
PRAY



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! ⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #245:1-3 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"

1. God loved the world so that He gave

His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone
Are built on this chief Corner-stone.

3. God would not have the sinner die,
His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach
How man the blessed goal may reach.

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

C *A - - - men.*

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

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 #505

"O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness"

1. O'er the gloomy hills of darkness, Cheered by no celestial ray, Sun of Righteousness, arising, Bring the bright, the glorious day. Let the morning Of Thy blessed Gospel dawn.
2. Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness, Grant them, Lord, the glorious light; And from eastern coast to western May the morning chase the night And redemption, Freely purchased, win the day!
3. Fly abroad, eternal Gospel; Win and conquer, never cease. May Thy lasting, wide dominions Multiply and still increase! May Thy scepter Sway th'enlightened world around! Amen.

✠ Announcements ✠

Please consider donating offerings to the Tuition Grant Fund and the Building Fund. Both funds are running low. Thank you!

School begins in a few weeks

here at Immanuel School. Please remember to keep the teachers and students in your prayers, that the Lord would grant health to all of us and continue to enable us to share the Word daily in our classrooms.

Shut-in/Encouragement List. 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 a heart operation recently and is recovering. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Bob Doriot recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain. Mark Moorehead is recovering from surgery and has begun therapy. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Belinda King is struggling through a prolonged respiratory illness that has greatly affected her ability to continue working as a nurse. Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. Loye Issitt is hospitalized.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ Aug. 2: WH Masks-On 9 am
Communion Sunday
- ✠ Aug. 9: Orlando Service 8 am

HYMN: TLH #506:1-3,6 "Send Thou, O Lord, to Every Place"

1. Send Thou, O Lord, to every place Swift messengers before Thy face, The heralds of Thy wondrous grace, Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
2. Send men whose eyes have seen the King, Men in whose ears His sweet words ring; Send such Thy lost ones home to bring; Send them where Thou wilt come,--
3. To bring good news to souls in sin, The bruised and broken hearts to win; In ev'ry place to bring them in Where Thou Thyself wilt come.
6. Raise up, O Lord the Holy Ghost, From this broad land a mighty host; Their war cry, "We will seek the lost Where Thou, O Christ, wilt come."

SERMON – 1 Timothy 2:1-6 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

God Teaches Us *Why* to Pray

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 #400:1,3,5 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
5. Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

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. 67:3-7

- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- P** God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!
- C** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in two systems. The first system shows the vocal line in treble clef and the piano accompaniment in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a C-clef and contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the left hand and a melodic line in the right hand. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment, with the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a melodic line.

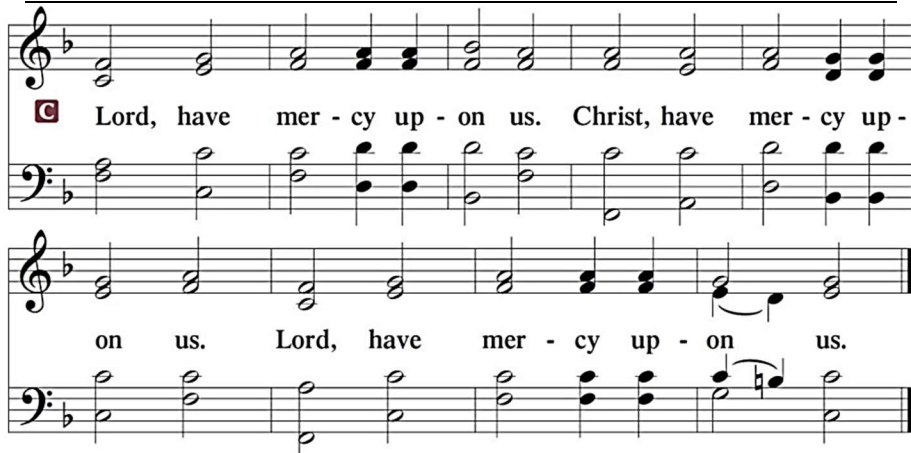
VERSE OF THE DAY

Matt. 9:37b-38

- P** Alleluia. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 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

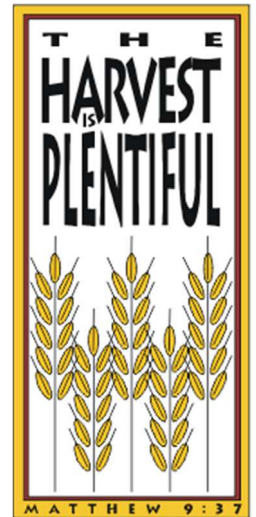
TLH #237:1

- 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. Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; 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 – Jonah 4:5-11 ⁵ Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. ⁶ Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a

worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 9:35-38 ³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."



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.**