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Trinity 12

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*A tree is known
by its fruit.*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 37:7-11

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

⁸ Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. ⁹ For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. ¹⁰ In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. ¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #652:1,3,4

"I Lay My Sins On Jesus"

1. I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.
3. I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces, I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.
4. I long to be like Jesus, Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy Child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heavenly throng
To sing with saints His praises, To learn the angels' song.

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 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

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 31-Sept. 5, '20.

Mon Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Obviously, people who honor God and live as His dear children reach out to others—in this case, *foreigners*, who are then nurtured by the Holy Spirit to *join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants*. It's very clear that God has always had a heart for non-Jews; since He loves them, God urges us to move forward in our mission endeavors to reach and rescue them. Yea and Amen!

Tues John 15:1-11 Father&Son are concerned about the health of their vines and maintain productivity by *cleansing* the vines with a pruning knife. More precisely, the pruning knife is the Word He has spoken to us (3), the words/message that remain in our hearts (7), God's cherished precepts (10). How else would you expect God to operate with His children but by His loving maintenance, to correct and care for us in His vineyard?

Wed 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 *When I am weak, then I am strong* is not a riddle. Just follow the line of thought: Jesus was protecting Paul from harmful pride by afflicting him with a *thorn in the flesh*. [All it takes is a sliver in thumb or eyelid to bring things to a screeching halt.] When Jesus declined to lift that *infirmity*, Paul caught on that Jesus was controlling his life for his spiritual benefit, and he got to really understand *When I am weak, then I am strong*.

Thurs Deuteronomy 8:1-3,11-20 What's good about the pandemic? It may be that God is using it to *humble us and to test us, to make us know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD*—as Jesus pointed out to Satan (Matt.4:4). How amazing that God makes use of a microscopic virus to remind us of our mortality and refocus our thinking to the LORD, who works in mysterious ways His purpose to fulfill.

Fri Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus was always on the move—even crossing borders in order to meet somebody who needed His help (21-22). But why did He seem so aloof? For the good reason that He was testing her willpower and her faith in Him, of course. The way to build muscle is to make muscles work harder than before. Same with the muscle of faith-dependence on God.

Sat Acts 16:6-15 North-west Turkey was bypassed (6-8) on this trip because of more urgent need farther west, in the borderlands of Europe. In response to God's call, the mission team sailed across the Aegean Sea to the seaport of Philippi. Although the missionaries did not find the man-of-the-vision, they discovered others whom God had prepared for the gospel, women who were meeting at Riverside Park for Sabbath worship. Apparently Lydia was a leader, and she convinced the missionaries to lodge in her home; she and members of her household became converts. Praise the Lord and hallelujah!

for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G 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.

G ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 51

P O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

G Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

G Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

G Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit.

P O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "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

Ps. 34:1-2

- P** Alleluia. I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. 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

- 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 and merciful God, by Your gift alone Your faithful people render true and laudable service. Help us steadfastly to live in this life according to Your promises and finally attain Your heavenly glory; 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 29:18-19 In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 12:31-42 Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. ³² And whoever speaks a

✠ Announcements ✠

Services at Immanuel are now being live-streamed to our church YouTube page. This means you can watch the service as it is happening, if the need arises. You are encouraged to continue attending in person.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Aug. 30:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 6:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 6:** Communion
- ✠ **Aug. 13:** Orlando Service 8 am

Bible Class will not be resuming on Sunday mornings as normal. Instead, the **current** plan is to conduct online Bible Classes on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. I plan to start Bible Class at 6:30 pm this Wednesday. I will send out the information via e-mail this week; if you have any questions about what you might need or how to use Zoom, I will happily help you with that.

E-Giving is available for those who wish to use it. 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. If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family." Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your. **Property Improvement** and **Tuition Grant Fund** are two areas that could currently use some help.

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 building back her strength. David Kleinschmidt has been struggling through several health problems.

Last Week (8/23) WH – 26 Orlando – 11

General = \$775 | Building Fund = \$25

Total Offering = \$800

August Usher: Mike Sheffield

| **Cleaning (9/6):** Rodebaugh

| **Acolyte (9/7):** Mason G.

1. Evening and morning, Sunset and dawning,
Wealth, peace, and gladness, Comfort in Sadness;
These are Your works and bring glory to You.
Times without number, We wake or we slumber,
Your eye observes us, From danger preserves us,
Shining upon us a love that is true.
2. Father, oh, hear me, Pardon and spare me;
Calm all my terrors, Blot out my errors
That by Your eyes they may no more be scanned.
Order my goings; Direct all my doings.
As best it may be, Retain or release me;
All I commit to Your fatherly hand.
3. Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me;
Though billows tower And winds gain power,
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.
My joys increasing, My peace never ceasing,
These I shall treasure And share in full measure
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

What is “Lutheran”? There are so many churches in our day, sorting them all out can be quite confusing! What “Lutheran” originally meant – and what it still means here at Immanuel – can be summed up with three basic ideas about how we gain eternal life:

- ✠ **Grace Alone** — Because we are sinners, we do not deserve God’s love. Instead we deserve punishment and separation from God and His goodness, forever. But, in an unprecedented act of grace, God showered his sacrificial love on undeserving sinners. God the Father sent God the Son to suffer the full punishment for our sins, and to die in our place. Heaven’s doors are open to us, not because of what we do for God, but because of what He has done for us through Jesus. Sinners are saved by God’s undeserved love – by grace alone.
- ✠ **Faith Alone** — Jesus has suffered the full punishment for all people’s sins. But this doesn’t mean that all people will end up in heaven. The gift of salvation is free but is received only through faith. Faith *isn’t* just acknowledging that God exists. Faith *isn’t* trying to follow a bunch of rules and commandments. Faith means trust. Christian faith is freely given to sinners by God the Holy Spirit; it means having a heart which trusts that God kept His promise to send a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus.
- ✠ **Scripture Alone** — The only reliable way to find out what God says is through the Bible. The Bible was written by men but authored by God. Human ideas change. Logical conclusions can be wrong. Traditions can become outdated and unprofitable. Only the testimony of the eternal and all-knowing God is completely reliable. “Scripture alone” means that the Bible stands as the foundation for our thinking in every area.

word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come.³³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit."³⁴ You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.³⁵ The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here."⁴² The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

School Children Sing

“O Magnify 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.**

HYMN: TLH #396:1,5,6 “Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

1. Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Tho' pressed by many a foe;
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;
5. A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up the dying bed.
6. Lord give us such a faith as this; And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

SERMON – James 3:1-12 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The Power of the Spoken Word

- I. With our words, we have become death
- II. With His Words, Christ has become life

OFFERTORY

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

- G** *♪* 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 #395:1-3,8 “O God, Thou Faithful God”

1. O God, Thou faithful God, Thou Fountain ever flowing,
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy art bestowing,
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin!
2. Grant Thou me strength to do With ready heart and willing
Whate'er Thou shalt command, My calling here fulfilling;
To do it when I ought, With all my might, and bless
The work I thus have wrought, For Thou must give success.
3. Oh, let me never speak What bounds of truth exceedeth;
Grant that no idle word From out my mouth proceedeth;
And then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,
My words grant power and grace Lest I offend the weak.
8. And on that solemn Day When all the dead are waking,
Stretch o'er my grave Thy hand, Thyself my slumbers breaking.
Then let me hear Thy voice, Change Thou this earthly frame,
And bid me aye rejoice With those who love Thy name.

GENERAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

- G** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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.

- G** *♪* Amen, amen, a – men.