

Enrollment

High School			College								Seminary			
Class	2019-20	2020-21	Class	2019-20	2020-21	AA 2019-20	AA 2020-21	BS 2019-20	BS 2020-21	BA 2019-20	BA 2020-21	Class	2019-20	2020-21
Fresh.	22	20	Fresh.	7	4	2	1	6	1	1	2			
Soph.	33	20	Soph.	4	5	1	1	1	4	2	0	Junior	1	1
Junior	28	30	Junior	2	2			2	1	0	1	Middler	1	1
Senior	25	27	Senior	2	2			1	2	1	0	Senior	2	1
Part-Time			Special	1	1									
			Online	1	2									
TOTAL	108	97		17	16	3	2	10	8	4	3		4	3
TOTAL FULL-TIME	108	97		15	13	3	2	10	8	4	3		4	3

AA – Associate of Arts / BS – Bachelor of Science in Education / BA – Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Theological Studies. There are 50 resident students (28 in men’s dorm / 20 in women’s dorm / 2 in WH).

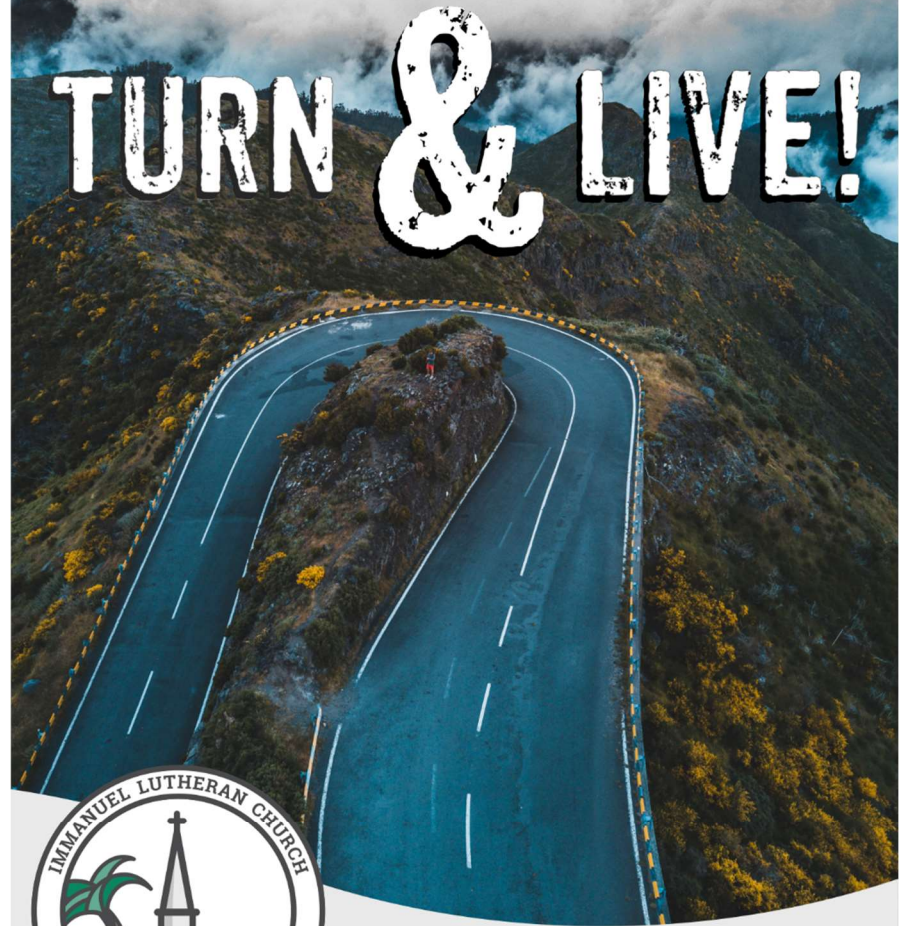
Board of Trustees (Mr. Tom Lentz, chair) - **Year-to-date General Fund** offerings are significantly behind expenditures, leaving a deficit of \$32,206. / The ILC Academic Center/North Hall debt has been paid in full, but **the ILC Building Fund will remain active** and still need donations for possible expansion and other projects. / The board has approved a reduction in mortgage interest rates for the Church Extension Fund (CEF)—**lowering the rate on all existing and future mortgages from 4% to 3.5% and will be effective November 1.** A new loan of up to \$70,000 was approved for Immanuel of Mankato for the removal and installation of a new gym floor. The floor was recently destroyed by flooding. **The Trustee’s budget** no longer includes debt service as the loan has been paid in full. / **Compensation:** The proposed FY22 budget includes a salary increase of \$75 per month, plus a 1.6% COLA adjustment of \$42 per month, for a total increase of \$117 per month. This would result in a proposed Tier 1 base salary of \$2,759 (\$3,759 Tier 2). The Board of Trustees is proposing an increase in the standard Retirement Plan contribution of \$10 per month on January 1 of the next two years. / **The ILC Planning Committee,** is working with an architectural firm in Eau Claire to develop a design concept for the construction of a new gymnasium on the ILC campus. The goal is to have a design ready for review by the April 2021 Coordinating Council, with a final proposal will be presented to the 2021 Convention. /The Trustees. . . **have engaged legal counsel** to create separate ownership of significant CLC assets, including the campus of ILC, the CEF and possibly other holdings; are working with Alerus **to possibly allow congregations to offer their called workers healthcare savings accounts;** intend to recommend the **establishment of a General Fund endowment** to the 2021 Convention; are working to **write the CEF guidelines** will be written into a single document and present to the next convention for adoption.

FY22 CBP Budget Proposal: Student revenue is down due to the COVID-19 pandemic with fewer total students and fewer students in the dorm. The budget includes convention-directed compensation increases. The budget was presented without any significant cuts.

October 11, 2020

Trinity 18

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 25:1-7

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ²O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #277

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down, Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place, And He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk Till traveling days are done.

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

Missionary Ohlmann has not been able to travel overseas since returning stateside in March. He has been working on the Online Theological Studies (OTS) program and conducting correspondence classes with several individuals. He has preached for Mission Festivals at several congregations and spent three weeks serving the preaching station in Conroe (Houston), Texas. **Missionary Evensen** continues his work in Togo. He has been using the time away from classes during the pandemic to translate OTS lessons into French and in correspondence with several contacts throughout Africa. **Pastor Michael Gurath** was unable to travel to Kenya this summer. **Pastor John Hein** is uncertain about travel plans to Liberia this fall. At our last convention, the Board of Missions was authorized to call a **third foreign missionary** but the calling process was suspended. The Board plans to bring a proposal for calling a third missionary to the 2021 Convention. **Foreign Affiliates:** Seminary classes have resumed in Tanzania and D.R. Congo, and visitations have just begun in Nepal, but most of our brethren are still working under very difficult conditions that greatly hinder the usual work of preaching the Gospel. It is our prayer that the LORD would give us all the strength to endure this present situation and enable us to see the new opportunities He lays before us under this current affliction. **Finances:** The General Fund supports projects and efforts that are ongoing in nature. **The Mission Development Fund (MDF)** provides funds for projects and efforts that are exploratory or nonrecurring. **KINSHIP** is used to fund humanitarian efforts which provide support for orphans, Bible school students, and widows. Emergency medical aid and disaster relief also come from this fund.

Immanuel Lutheran College Board of Regents (Pastor John Hein, chair) - Personnel: In July, we welcomed new **Professor Mark Weis**, called to replace retiring professor Paul Sullivan, to his newly remodeled professorage on campus. He began serving as Dean of Students on August 1. / **Professor John Reim** has announced his plan to retire following the 2020-21 school year, his 33rd year faithfully serving at Immanuel. **Our current girls' dorm supervisor**, Beth Sandeen, has indicated her desire to conclude her service at the end of the 2020-21 school year. **John Fox** has resigned from his position as grounds and maintenance worker after four and a half years at Immanuel. We thank the Lord for his service and pray that He blesses all his future endeavors. **Brett Lau** has been hired as a replacement and will soon begin working full time, Lord willing. / **Adjustments** to dorm occupancy, class schedules and locations, and cleaning procedures were made. Adjustments to extra-curricular activities were made to comply with state and county regulations, while still attempting to maintain a positive atmosphere by providing activities for the students. Plans for athletics and theater are ongoing, pending state and county regulations. / This summer, our Student Information System was changed to **Gradelink**. This new system offers a number of additional benefits, including online registration as well as an integrated communication system for distributing texts and emails to parents and students. The online registration, which was implemented this summer, should help reduce administrative workload. / **400 Ingram (Weis) Renovation:** With many volunteers involved, including students, much work was accomplished to prepare this home for Prof. Mark Weis. We thank all those who contributed their skills and time for this wonderful labor of love. This includes a kitchen remodel, bathroom updates, cabinetry, siding, windows, flooring, appliances, landscaping, etc. / **Security cameras and a new electronic lock system** were installed over the summer. The dorms are now locked 24/7, and the other campus buildings are locked most of the time as well. Key fob access has been customized for each individual on campus.

Board of Doctrine (Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck, chair) - The 2018 CLC Convention resolved to seek a final disposition of the 2015 Joint Statement at the 2020 (now 2021) Convention. We will present our report and recommendation on these matters to the Coordinating Council next spring. / We are nearing completion of a review of suggested edits of the Sydow Catechism. / Two former WELS pastors; Luke Willitz, Fairfax, MN and Jonathan Schnose, Dearborn, MI have passed the first stage of the colloquy process. We encourage our pastors and congregations to utilize these men as guest speakers and seek other ways to help acclimate them to our fellowship and ministerium.

Board of Education and Publications (Pastor David Naumann, chair) - As encouraged by the 2018 Convention, the board has begun updating current lessons and adding new lessons to *God's Hand In Our Lives*. Requests are out for willing participants to prepare teachers' notes and student lessons. Volunteers have begun submitting video teaching sessions of the series. / Current and archived *Lutheran Spokesman* articles are available on the website www.LutheranSpokesman.org. In addition, subscriptions to an audio edition of the *Lutheran Spokesman* are available. / The board plans to include electronic donations tabs in discreet locations on our CLC websites.

Board of Missions (Mr. Joel Krafft, chair) - **The Committee on Domestic Fields** has completed a mission-themed video Bible class study which has been distributed to pastors with the intention of helping congregations consider and discuss different aspects of evangelism. Each of the five presentations includes a thirty-minute video and a fifteen-minute discussion handout with application questions. The videos and handouts are available online: <https://tinyurl.com/yzxklnux>. / The committee has also completed a "Starting a Preaching Station" checklist, to help those congregations who are thinking about or are in the process of starting a preaching station (<https://tinyurl.com/y6kgkgtt>).

As with all CLC congregations, our five subsidized mission congregations have been variously affected by the ongoing COVID restrictions. **Living Savior** (Appleton, WI) has resumed services with worship on Sunday and Wednesday to spread out worshipers. Several instruction classes are in progress. **Zion** (Atlanta, GA) recently celebrated the confirmation of two young members. Pastor Gantt has resumed the circuit of visiting members in nearby states who are served by Zion. **Mt. Zion** (Detroit, MI) produced a "virtual VBS" this summer with volunteers from the congregation. They have resumed Sunday worship services and continue to conduct monthly services at a preaching station in Cleveland, Ohio. **Gift of God** (Mapleton, ND) has six young people in Catechism instruction, four of whom are from non-member families. Pastor Del Maas has accepted a call to serve also *St. Paul*, Ponsford, MN. **Ascension** (Tacoma, WA) has just recently resumed services and hopes to resume preaching station services in Oregon soon as well.

Domestic Missions' Membership

	Living Savior	Zion	Mt. Zion	Gift of God	Ascension
Communicants	27	25	32	54	24
Children	25	1	5	8	5
Total Members	52	26	37	62	29

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.

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. 147:1-6

- P** The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.
- G** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- P** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- G** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- P** He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.
- G** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

G 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*Matt. 28:18*

P Alleluia. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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 God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 21:28-32 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things."²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'"²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet."²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Oct. 12-17, '20.

Mon Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 One's sin-guilt cannot be dumped on someone else in the family (à la the proverb), and here God set the record straight (3-4). The *fair* way to deal with sinners is to hold each accountable for his own sins, repent of them (*get a new heart and a new spirit*), and escape punishment. God doesn't want anyone to go to hell, and neither do we.

Tues Matthew 21:28-32 This parable/story illustrates how repentance works. Both boys sinned against their father; the first with a rebellious retort, the second by lying. The first regretted his sin and reformed; the second did not regret his lie and did not reform. Same story with many others who faced off with Jesus (31-32). Lord, have mercy on us!

Wed Philippians 2:1-11 In our family and in our congregation, we bond with one another (1-2) by putting our personal interests second to the interests of others (3-4). We live in the shadow of our Savior, who put Himself second to the entire human race in order to square everyone with God (5-8). When He had finished that job, He earned the highest exaltation (9); sooner or later everyone will have to admit His lordship and bow before Him (10-11).

Thurs Psalm 25 has a background: David adulterated, cheated, lied, and murdered, but God had not given up on him (2 Samuel 11). Next, God sent Nathan to confront him, and David repented (2 Samuel 12). That was not the end of his troubles, for his son Absalom turned traitor, and forced David to flee for his life. That's the background; now let's read the psalm again.

Fri Luke 22:61-62 Peter put up a tough front to keep others at a safe distance but he couldn't bear to cold-shoulder Jesus. Why not? Because he felt the love of Jesus drawing him close. That's what brings a wayward child of God back from the brink (doesn't it?) to a tearful reunion with the Son of God, who loves us . . . all the way through His earthly life and into heaven.

Sat Acts 17:16-21 Paul didn't sit on his hands in the capitol city, but visited the local synagogue and interfaced with Jews and Gentiles alike, explaining what God had done for humanity. Of course, that meant he presented Jesus' death and resurrection. [In Greek, the word *Anastasis* (resurrection) sounded sorta like the name Anastasia, and that might mean a new goddess.] Greeks were not only polytheist idolaters, but great thinkers and conversationalists, too, so God took advantage of their human traits as access for Paul and the Holy Spirit to get onto the inside track with them.

✠ Announcements ✠

Pastor and Family will be out-of-town early this next week. We will be visiting Pastor Gantt and his family in Atlanta from Monday through Thursday.

Bible Class will not be held this coming Wednesday, due to Pastor being out-of-town. We will resume meeting on October 21.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ Oct. 11: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ Oct. 18: Masks-on Service 9 am
- ✠ Oct. 18: Trustees/Council
- ✠ Oct. 21: Zoom Bible Class 6:30 p
- ✠ Nov. 1: Voters' Meeting

CLC Podcasts: Are you looking for some daily encouragement for the low price of zero dollars? Take a listen to the *Morning Chapels from ILC Podcast* or the *Burden and Blessing Podcast*. These Biblical based, easily digestible episodes bring you daily devotions from the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College and discussion from CLC pastors addressing culture and current events in the light of God's Word. These podcasts are available through iTunes, Google Play, Spotify, and other podcast mediums. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" or "Burden and Blessing" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone.

CLC Call News Recently colloquized pastor Johnathan Schnose has been called to serve as resident vacancy pastor to Bethel, Morris, MN as well as Redeemer, Bowdle/Zion, Ipswich, SD.

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. 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. Mr. Beymer is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. Loye Issitt is building back her strength. David Kleinschmidt is in a rehabilitation facility going through physical therapy.

Last Week (10/4) WH – 47

General = \$1,140 | Tuition = \$350 | KINSHIP = \$600

Total Offering = \$2,090

Oct. Usher: Mark Moorehead

| Cleaner (10/17): Ream

| Acolyte (10/18): Mason G.

know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

EPISTLE READING – Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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 #318**“Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All”**

1. **Before Thee, God, who knowest all, With grief and shame I prostrate fall. I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought, of deed, and word. They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**
2. **O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: Oh, cast me not in wrath away! Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, But let Him draw to Thee my heart That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!**
3. **O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!**

SERMON – Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32 The word of the LORD came to me: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ²⁵ "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

The LORD Declares, “Make a U-Turn!”

- I. Turn from blaming others and repent
- II. Turn back to God and live

OFFERTORY

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

- ☞** **♫ 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 #331:1-2, 5-7**“Yea, As I Live, Jehovah Saith”**

1. **Yea, as I live, Jehovah saith, I would not have the sinner's death, But that he turn from error's ways, Repent, and live through endless days.**
 2. **To us therefore Christ gave command: "Go forth and preach in every land; Bestow on all My pardoning grace Who will repent and mend their ways.**
5. **The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.**
 6. **When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.**
7. **All praise, eternal Son, to Thee For absolution full and free, In which Thou showest forth Thy grace; From false indulgence guard our race.**

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- ☞** 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.
- ☞** **♫ Amen, amen, a – men.**

HYMN: TLH #50**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

1. **Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace. Let us each, Thy love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace. Oh, refresh us, Oh, refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness!**
2. **Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound; Ever faithful, Ever faithful, To the Truth may we be found!**
3. **So, when'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away, Borne on angels' wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey, May we ever, May we ever, Reign with Christ in endless day!**