

**HYMN: WS #751**

**“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

- 1. God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!**  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than  
any That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!
- 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!**  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice. Should a  
guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood.
- 3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!**  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed. Now that to  
the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

**✠ Announcements ✠**

**Welcome!** And congratulations to Hayden Morris and Mason Goodwin on the completion of their confirmation instruction and reception into full membership of Immanuel Lutheran Church. What a joy and privilege it is to have been able to take part in the instruction of such two fine Christian young men. Please continue to keep them in your prayers over the coming years! May the Lord bless you both!

**Looking Ahead...**

- ✠ **May 19:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30pm
- ✠ **May 21:** Last Day of School & End of the Year Program (6:30 pm)
- ✠ **May 23:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **May 23:** Promotion Sunday
- ✠ **May 26:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30pm

**Summer Schedule:**

- May 21** – ILS End of the Year Program at 6:30 pm (in the parking lot)
- June 24-27** – CLC Annual Convention
- July 11-17** – Miss Katie Naumann moves to Winter Haven, FL
- July 18** – Teacher Installation of Miss Katie Naumann
- July 19-23** – Vacation Bible School
- August 10** – Immanuel Lutheran School Resumes

**Branches Magazine:** It’s time to renew or subscribe. “The Branches” magazine is a publication designed and published by women of the CLC. It’s time to renew, subscribe for the first time, or purchase gift subscriptions for others in your life who may benefit. A subscription makes a great, year-long gift. \$15 for four, twenty-four page issues each year.

**Last Week:** WH – 30 Orlando – 12 **Total Offering = \$1,145**

General = \$710 | CLC Missions = \$150 | Property = \$110 | SAF = \$125 | Tuition Grant = \$50

**Cleaner (5/22):** Custodio | **Acolyte (5/23):** Grant Bernthal

May 16, 2021

**Ascension/Confirmation**

Organ: Teresa Bernthal

Usher: Ed Morris

Acolyte: Landon Goodwin

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
<sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**P** Pastor

**C** Congregation

### HYMN: TLH #213

**"Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"**

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies  
Christ, awhile to mortals given Reascends His native heaven.
2. There the glorious triumph waits Lift your heads, eternal gates.  
Christ hath conquered death and sin Take the King of glory in!
3. See the Heav'n its Lord receives, Yet He loves the earth He leaves,  
Though returning to His throne, Still He calls mankind His own.
4. See! He lifts His hands above See! He shows the prints of love.  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow Blessings on His church below.
5. Still for us He intercedes; His prevailing death He pleads,  
Near Himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race.
6. There we shall with Thee remain Partners of Thy endless reign,  
There Thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

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

**C** Amen!

## ✠ Examination – on the Ten Commandments ✠

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

- P** Having reviewed the law of God and standing guilty of all of them, I ask all of you before God, is this your confession that you repent of your sins, believe in your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and

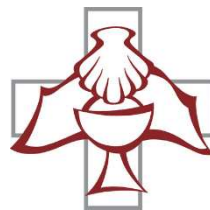
## ✠ Examination – on the Lord's Prayer ✠

- P** Both of our confirmands were baptized at an early age and cannot remember much of their baptisms, and yet today they stand before you to confirm the faith into which they were baptized. But first, let us review what God tells us about baptism.

## ✠ Examination – on the Baptism ✠

- P** After these two young men become full members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in a few moments, they will be granted all the rights and privileges of membership in this congregation, including the right to receive the Lord's Supper. We are not celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar today but let us also review what God tells us about the Lord's Supper.

## ✠ Examination – on the Lord's Supper ✠



*Confirmation*

### Mason Gage Goodwin

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

### Hayden Christopher Morris

**Isaiah 40:31** *"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."*

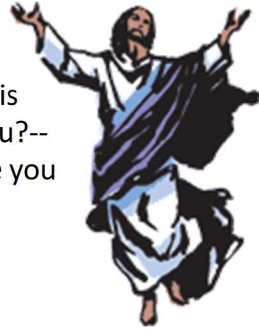
### CONFIRMATION PRAYER and the BENEDICTION:

*The blessing given by God for His people (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.

**C** Amen!

**SERMON – 2 Corinthians 13:5-6** Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you fail to meet the test! <sup>6</sup> I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.



## An Ascension Examination

### 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 #216 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

1. On Christ’s ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the head is, there as well I know his members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
2. Since Christ returned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in him alone, No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling your ascension,  
That I may serve you faithfully, Adorning your redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

- P** Jesus has graciously taught His disciples how to pray, inviting us to pray and promising to hear us. Let us therefore rise and raise our voices to our Savior in 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.

purpose by the Holy Spirit, to amend your sinful lives? Declare so by saying: *Yes, with the help of God.*

### **G** Yes, with the help of God.

- P** Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of God’s Word, announce the grace of God unto you. In the stead of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

### **G** Amen.

## ✠ Examination – on the Office of the Keys ✠

### The Gloria Patri

*Latin for “Glory to the Father”*

- P** Having confessed our sins and received absolution and forgiveness from God, we sing songs of praise to the Holy Trinity, in the form of the Gloria Patri.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther’s on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav’n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world’s sin.  
At God’s right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t’ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav’n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav’n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **G** Amen.



## ✠ Examination – on God’s Word ✠

**1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:44-53** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 1:1-11** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**P** In 2 Timothy 3:16, Paul identifies all of God’s Word as being profitable for doctrine and instruction, and therefore this congregation is a confessional church which bases all of its teachings on the Word of God. Each Sunday, we speak to one another using the words of the Apostles’, Nicene, or Athanasian Creeds, so that we might announce to each other and to the world our conviction based on God’s Word and our unity on the Scriptures. Therefore, let us boldly confess our hope and our faith with the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

*The Apostles’ Creed*

*The Apostles’ Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

- G** **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.**

## ✠ Examination – on the Trinity ✠

### HYMN: TLH #408

### “Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory”

- 1. Jesus Christ, my pride and glory, He, the true and living Light, Strengthens me with glorious might. Christ, revealed in sacred story, Whom I now as Lord confess, Teaches me true holiness.**
- 2. Let me live to praise Thee ever, Jesus, thou my heart's Delight, Thou who leadest me aright. Let me cling to Thee forever, All the fleshly lusts deny And the devil's hosts defy.**
- 3. Grant me, Lord, Thy Holy Spirit That in all I follow Him Lest the light of faith grow dim. Let me ever trust Thy merit, Let Thy blessing me attend, From all evil me defend.**
- 4. From all pain and imperfection, Gracious Lord, deliver me, Heaven's glory let me see. Keep me under Thy direction That the grace thou gavest me I may praise eternally.**