Mon Genesis 3:8-15 Adam hid in the bushes, for he was ashamed of himself. When God pressed him to confess and repent, he played the blame-game, and so did Eve. Satan had ruined God's dear children, but One greater than Satan thwarted Satan's game-plan by putting Jesus between us and Satan (15). We love Him who first loved us; thank You, dear Lord Jesus.

Tues Mark 3:20-35 Jesus didn't need buffers, for He was fully capable of defending Himself – with logic that was right-on (23-27). [Bad-mouthing Jesus is the same as bad-mouthing the Holy Spirit (28-30).] When His relatives tried to take Him home, He chose to remain with His spiritual family. Bottom line: One's blood relatives must come in second-best to God's family.

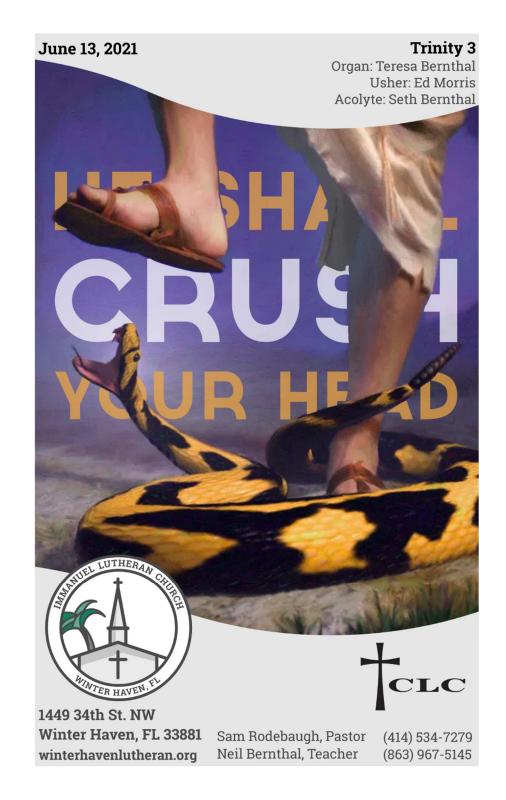
Wed 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 We trust God to treat us as He treated Jesus (13-14); therefore we do not lose heart (no matter how stressful life can get) because we know God is following His own recipe for our blessing. In other words, we overlook the stuff that's temporary and focus on blessings that are eternal.

Thurs Psalm 51:1-6 We know the drill: Don't face God until you face yourself; If you can't (or won't) face up to your cheating on God and your fellowmen, don't ask God to be nice. We are derelicts because we were born that way (5), and we are on a learning curve spiritually. For all these reasons we throw ourselves on God's mercy—which means we go to the foot of the Cross.

Fri Luke 8:22-25 We feel the sting of Jesus' question: "Where is your faith?"

Do we come to Jesus only after we have gotten too exhausted to do anything else? Jesus ought not be our last resort – but our ally in all of life's difficulties. Let's not be backward about "awakening" Him to our problems; He has put Himself into the same boat with us – to share our difficult times and to use His powerful influence to calm our troubled waters.

Sat Acts 27:13-38 The tensions were mounting for crew and passengers; their cargo/passenger vessel was being blown every which way, day and night, for two weeks; they were half-starved, sea-sick, groggy from lack of sleep, and they needed HELP. Paul knew God would rescue them in His own good time and in the best way (21-26) — as long as nobody cheated (27-32). God was teaching 276 people a good lesson, and they seemed to be catching on (35-38) that when you are facing death, it's high time to throw your excess baggage overboard and lighten yourself for the swim to safety. [That is, throw your burden of sins into the sea of God's forgiveness, and use Jesus as your life-jacket to carry you safely to the shore of eternal salvation.]



Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

+ Order of Divine Worship **+**

P Pastor

OPENING PRAYER

Congregation

HYMN: TLH #339:1,3,5,7 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the Fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
- 5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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.
- ☑
 ✓ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- 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.

HYMN: WS #773:1-3

"Rise, Shine, You People!"

- 1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2. See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- 3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.

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 #444:1 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

1. Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you, For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious! Against each foe you'll be victorious; Our God will set you o'er them all. Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna! The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield, And we as conqueror's hold the field. Amen.

+ Announcements +

CLC Publication Renewals are

due at the end of June. Please see the sheets near the entrance to check your address information, and please speak with pastor if you want to be newly subscribed or if you'd like to unsubscribe. \$14 for a

- 廿 June 24-27: CLC Convention
- ₱ July 4: Quarterly Voters' Meeting
- 廿 July 11-17: Katie Naumann Move
- ₱ July 19-23: Vacation Bible School

year of the Lutheran Spokesman, \$15 for a year of Daily Rest devotions.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u> will be held here at church July 19-23. This year, our theme will be "Children of the Heavenly Father." If you are interested in helping in any way or donating snacks, please speak with Pastor. Also, please start inviting any children you might know!

Last Week: WH – 51

Total Offering = \$1,421

General = \$751 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Property = \$400 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 KINSHIP = \$150 | Lutheran Spokesman = \$20

Cleaner (6/20): Custodio | Acolyte (6/21): Landon Goodwin

- 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected; But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected. Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is. Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God; He holds the field forever.
- 3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us. We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

SERMON - Mark 3:20-35 Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸ "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"-- 30 for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit." 31 And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." 33 And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Jesus is Lord!

He has bound Satan and set you free.

OFFERTORY

☑ ☐ 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.

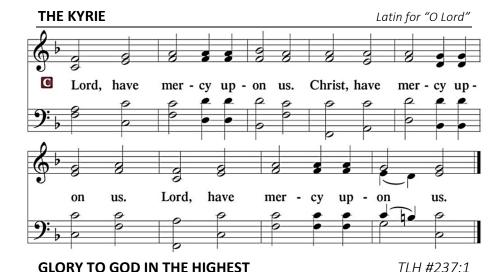
- O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to 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.

INTROIT *Ps. 28:6-9*

- P Blessèd be the Lord! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
- The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.
- The Lord is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
- Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.



P Alleluia. Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Alleluia.



- 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!
- Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON — Genesis 3:8-15 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts

of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

SECOND LESSON – Revelation 20:1-6 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. ² And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. ⁴ Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

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 #262:1-3 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

1. A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.