

October 9, 2022

18th Sunday of Pentecost

Organ: Teresa Bernthal

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"THE SAD SACK"



SAD SACK IS STOOPING.
HIS EYES ARE SO SAD.
HIS MOUTH IS DROOPING.
HIS COLOR IS DRAB.

THE CLOUDS OVERHEAD
MAKE THE SAD SACK FROWN,
'THO FLOWERS ARE SPREAD
ALL OVER THE GROUND.



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I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Welcome to all who worship with us today!

Happily, we come before “the LORD,” as the only God Who “IS” and ever shall be our Shepherd-Savior! Whatever our trials in this life, we have chosen to come before our great Savior God with joy. For, by faith in Jesus Christ, we are not aimless and misguided creatures of the world, who have no idea where we came from, where we are going, or what this life is all about. Rather, we rejoice that we have come from our God, we are going to Him, and this life is all about rejoicing in Him always and serving Him – the One Who has made us for Himself. May our heartfelt worship be acceptable to Him not only this hour, but every hour of our days on earth! Amen.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #27

“Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul”

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

C ♪ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

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 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

Psalm 34:2-4,17

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

P When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

C 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.

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). 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." The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 103:1

Alleluia. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Alleluia.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score for the Verse of the Day is written in G minor and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 – 1 Samuel 18:5-11; 24:1-12; and 26:1-

12 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul’s servants. 6 Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. 7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: “Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.”

8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?”

9 So Saul eyed David from that day forward. 10 And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul’s hand. 11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, “I will pin David to the wall!” But David escaped his presence twice.

24:1-12 Now it happened, when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, “Take note! David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi.” 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 So he came to the sheepfolds by the road, where there was a cave; and Saul went in to attend to his needs. (David and his men were staying in the recesses of the cave.) 4 Then the men of David said to him, “This is the day of which the Lord said to you, ‘Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.’” And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul’s robe. 5 Now it

happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's robe. 6 And he said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the Lord." 7 So David restrained his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on his way. 8 David also arose afterward, went out of the cave, and called out to Saul, saying, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed down. 9 And David said to Saul: "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Indeed David seeks your harm'? 10 Look, this day your eyes have seen that the Lord delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' 11 Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my life to take it. 12 Let the Lord judge between you and me, and let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.

26:1-12 Now the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?" 2 Then Saul arose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, by the road. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. 4 David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul had indeed come. 5 So David arose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Now Saul lay within the camp, with the people encamped all around him. 6 Then David answered, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you." 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him. 8 Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not have to strike him a second time!" 9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" 10 David said furthermore, "As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or

his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. 11 The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go." 12 So David took the spear and the jug of water by Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew it or awoke. For they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Acts 16:16-26 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

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.**

SERMON – Psalm 57:1-10 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by. 2 I will cry out to God Most High, To God who performs all things for me. 3 He shall send from heaven and save me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah God shall send forth His mercy and His truth. 4 My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth. 6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; Into the midst of it they themselves have fallen. Selah 7 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise. 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. 9 I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the [c]nations. 10 For Your mercy reaches unto the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

“You Too Can Choose to be Happy!”**OFFERTORY**

- 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.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

- C** **♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.**

PRAYERS & 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.**

HYMN: TLH #50

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 25 **Total Offering** = \$1,861.25

General = \$1,261.25 | Rent = \$600

- ✠ **Oct. 9** Pastor Fossum preaching 8am Orlando and 10:15am WH service
- ✠ **Oct. 16** 9:15am Bible Class 10:15am WH Mission Sunday, children sing and Communion
- ✠ **Oct. 16** Meal after church Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- ✠ **Oct. 19-21** Teachers’ Conference in Eau Claire, WI
- ✠ **Oct. 28** School Family Fall Festival 6 pm
- ✠ **Nov. 12** Work Day at the parsonage 9:00 am

Pastor Fossum Because of Hurricane Ian Pastor Fossum has moved his Sunday preaching schedule. He is preaching Sunday, October 9. He will also be here for the rescheduled Mission Sunday, October 16. Next Sunday there will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. (“HOW DO WE HANDLE BIBLE PASSAGES THAT SEEM CONTRADICTIONARY?”) with communion being served, the children singing, a meal following church, and the voters’ meeting.

Email If you would like to receive email updates of church services and church information, please email Neil Bernthal at immanuelsschoolwinterhaven@gmail.com and you will be added to the list. Thanks.

Mission Sunday Because of Hurricane Ian, Mission Sunday has been postponed to Sunday, October 16. The children will sing, the meal will be after the service, and we will have our voters’ meeting after the meal. Please bring some food to share. Thanks.

Call News Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran, Hecla, SD, has returned the call to serve as Resident East Africa Missionary, third full-time CLC missionary, to reside in Arusha, Tanzania.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; October 10 - October 15, '22

Mon Luke 17:11-19 Jesus noticed the piteous cry of the ten lepers, sent them to the authorities, and on their way, he healed them. One of them, seeing that he was healed, turned back, praised God with a loud voice, and fell before Jesus, giving thanks. Jesus noted his faith, most evident in his praise to God. May our faith be so evident!

Tues 2 Corinthians 9:10-15 Paul is discussing the offerings being collected for the believers undergoing tribulation in Jerusalem. He reminds the Corinthian Christians that not only will their offerings help the needy, but they will also result in overflowing thanks and praise to God on the part of the recipients.

Wed Genesis 8:15-19 Although Noah showed resourcefulness in sending out birds to determine how rapidly the flood waters were receding from the earth, he still waited until God, who had told him to go into the ark, also told him to come out, together with all the animals. Truly Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD, and walked with Him (Gn 6:8,9).

Thurs Genesis 8:20-22 Noah, and all those on the ark with him, faced the task of refilling the earth, but first Noah, like the healed leper (Lk 17:15), turned back and praised God. We are not told of his rebuilding his home, but we are told of his building an altar and offering a large thanksgiving sacrifice to God.

Fri 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Paul, a prisoner in chains, encourages young Pastor Timothy to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He rejoices that the word of God is not bound by his chains, but bringing salvation, peace and joy to many who join in praising God for His inexpressible gift! (2 Co 9:15).

Sat Psalm 111 Praise and thanksgiving go together. In this Hallelujah Psalm, we are reminded of a multitude of reasons to return thanks to the LORD God, including our creation, our preservation, and our redemption, that singular glorious work by which He gives righteousness forever! (Cp.v3,9).

“The Light That Always Shines Above the Clouds”

It’s so easy to take the light of the sun for granted, . . . That is, until the clouds hang heavy around us. Then we miss the sun, desperately! If we saw a hundred stars fall from the sky in a year, we would not tremble in fear, as long as our own sun still hung in the sky where God placed it!

The shining of the sun day after day, year after year is no accident. It tells us something truly wonderful about our Creator-God: He wants to shine upon the earth with the light of the sun!

What a happy thing a bright sun is, just because our God is the real light behind the light of the sun. The reason the sun comes up in the morning is because the Lord Himself still wants to dawn on someone’s heart with the Light of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For nearly two thousand years the Christian Church has called Jesus “the Light of light.” As long as the created sun comes up, the God of heaven is dawning upon the hearts of sinners with the Light of eternal life in His eternal Son, our Savior!

Perhaps the clouds of sin and affliction have hung, dark and heavy around you for some time. Don’t despair! Don’t you know that the created sun still hangs in the sky behind the clouds? So also, the eternal Son, who once hung on the cross for you, is now just behind your clouds, waiting to break forth upon your heart with His own Son-shine! It is as He promises: “I AM the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.” (Jn. 8:12)

Letter from Pastor Mayhew

Dear members of Immanuel, brothers and sisters in our ever-living Savior, In 1 Peter 4:10 the Holy Spirit penned the following through the Apostle Peter: “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” This short passage reveals several important Scriptural truths:

1. As Christians, we have all received a gift from God.
2. We, as Christians, are to be good stewards of that gift from God.
3. Our Christian stewardship involves serving others with the gift we have received from God. What a joy it is to know that we have received the gift of God’s grace in Christ, and also to be privileged to serve one another with it! Our stewardship of the grace of God involves our fellow believers and the unbelieving world around us. It includes ministering God’s grace to our fellow believers as we gather around His perfect Word to grow in our knowledge of His grace and as we encourage one another in our Christian

walk. It also means learning and studying God’s Word so we can admonish, comfort and instruct those who do not know or believe in Jesus and His salvation. It is clear that the members of Immanuel not only understand what the Apostle Peter describes here, but, more importantly, are eager to exercise such a stewardship of the manifold grace of God. The thought of serving with you in such a ministry is humbling and inspiring.

As I have prayerfully reflected on the call you have extended me, as well as the calls I have to serve the members of Grace - Sleepy Eye and Faith - New Ulm, the LORD has made it evident that He still has work for me to do here. Therefore I must return the call to serve you at Immanuel in Winter Haven. You have had a long vacancy already, and now you are dealing with the aftermath of a strong hurricane. You may feel discouraged. But remember that the LORD knows what is best for you, and wants what is best for you. As such He will use these current trials for your good, and will provide a shepherd for you according to His will and in His perfect time. You remain in my prayers as you wait for Him to bring it to pass. May our risen Savior bless your hearing and proclaiming of His Word throughout Florida.

In His service,
Nathanael Mayhew

Mission Budget

How is My Mission Offering Used?

We are privileged to share in the work of God’s Kingdom with our sister congregations in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Offerings that are designated for “Missions” are contributions to the General Fund of the CLC. These offerings support our mission of sharing the Gospel through Christian Education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College and Seminary (Regents); supporting mission congregations and outreach in North America, Latin America, Asia, and Africa (Missions); supporting Christian Education and Publishing (Education and Publications); and funding the business expenses of our church body (Trustees). Offerings to the CLC General Fund are budgeted for the various ministries that we have undertaken as a church body. The budgeted total revenue for this fiscal year (July 1, 2022 —June 30, 2023) is \$1,279,680.

Your Mission Dollar

Board of Regents — The CLC subsidizes the Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary (ILC) in Eau Claire. In this fiscal year, the total ILC operating budget is \$1,552,000. The

synodical subsidy is 49% of the operating budget. The balance of the operating expenses are funded via student revenue. www.ilc.edu

Board of Missions — Funding for domestic missions—currently four mission congregations, and foreign missions—aid to various sister church bodies in foreign fields, two full time missionaries, and additional part-time missionaries. www.lutheranmissions.org

Board of Education and Publications — Funding for various publishing projects, the CLC website, and providing resources and encouragement in Christian education. The Board of Education and Publications oversees the synod’s periodical magazines and the CLC Book House.

Board of Trustees — Funding to administer the financial affairs of the church body and the “Old Retirement Plan” of the CLC.

Additional Funds have been created to support various efforts in the CLC as offerings allow. None of your Mission offerings go to these funds, however, an offering can be designated for these funds at any time.

Mission Development Fund (MDF) — This fund finances various extra-budgetary projects and aid efforts. Examples of MDF projects: Bibles for missions, translations, exploratory mission work, rice aid in India, bicycles, motorcycles, disaster relief.

Kinship supports orphans in India, Nigeria, East Africa, Nepal as well as seminary students and pastors’ widows. Kinship also provides aid after natural disasters and for other humanitarian needs among our foreign missions.

Student Aid Fund (SAF) —This fund supports the grants, loans, and work-study offered to students at ILC in an effort to make the Christian education at ILC as affordable as possible.

ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) — These funds are used for larger maintenance and capital improvement projects on the ILC campus and its buildings.

Church Extension Fund (CEF) — These resources are loaned to congregations at low mortgage rates for building projects. Mortgage payments replenish the fund. A newly established Christian Education Fund — These funds will help start and promote Christian schools in our midst. The formal and final name for this fund is still under consideration.

Immanuel Lutheran College Building Fund— This fund is used to pay for new building projects on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, High School, and Seminary.