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Pentecost 15

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Blessed
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for they shall
see God



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. ¹³⁰The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #286 "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts"

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

INTROIT

Ps. 51:2,7,10-12

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

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

C **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- C** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'⁷ For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him?⁸ And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?⁹ "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

EPISTLE READING – Ephesians 6:10-20 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSON OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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: WS #768

"Be Strong in the Lord"

SERMON – Mark 7:14-23 And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁶ ¹⁷ And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹ since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And

he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Jesus is the Solution for Your Pollution

- I. Defiled from the inside out
- II. Cleansed from the outside in

OFFERTORY

WS p.16

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 Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #369:1,3,4,6 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

☞ *♪* We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER



Order of Holy Communion

pg. 17-21 in tan Worship Supplement



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

After the distribution, we continue with the communion liturgy starting on WS p.20.

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.

G Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: WS #764

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

✠ Announcements ✠

The 2018 Southeastern

Women's Retreat will be held from November 4-6 in Myrtle Beach, SC. The cost varies based on how many people will be staying in a room. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Pastor for a registration form. Immanuel currently has two members who are attending, and

they have kindly offered the extra seats in their car to any other women who would like to attend the retreat. Please consider attending!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Bible Class & Sunday School Resumed @ 9:15am
- ✠ **Today:** Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Sept. 9:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Sept. 16:** Education Sunday and Potluck

Morning Chapels from Immanuel Lutheran High School can now be listened to via podcast. If you are looking for daily nourishment from God's Word delivered from a source you can trust, look no further! These morning chapels are available through iTunes, Google Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you might listen to your podcasts. Search for "Morning Chapels from ILC" and subscribe to get daily comfort from God's Word delivered straight to your phone. If you are not interested in the podcast, but would still like to listen, you can also listen to these chapels each day at www.ilc.edu/2018-chapels/.

CLC Call News Pastor The Rev. Mark Gullerud, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Bowdle SD, and Zion Lutheran, Ipswich SD, has announced his retirement from the full-time public ministry effective October 2019. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. James Naumann, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown ND. Pastor Naumann has returned this call.

Bible Class & Sunday School began this morning. Even if you were unable to attend today, it's not too late to start joining with us! While the church service provides us the opportunity to receive the nourishment that our souls need, Bible Class is a great way to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord. We started a new study today comparing all of the different Christian churches in America. Each week we'll be looking at a different church, comparing its teachings to what Scripture says. Today we began with the Eastern Orthodox Church, and next up is the Roman Catholic Church. The study should take much of the coming year. I believe it will be very educational and eye-opening for any who attend. We hope to see you there!

Iglesia Luterana Confesional is a sister-synod in fellowship with the CLC based out of Juarez, Mexico. Our brethren have been beset with several tragedies recently. Last month, a 31-year-old seminary student named Miguel Sanchez was kidnapped and assassinated, having been mistaken for a drug dealer. Then, a little over a week ago, a 38-year-old seminary student named Carlos Holgin was called to his heavenly home after suffering a heart attack. The death of two out of their four seminary students is understandably disheartening. As you consider the difficulties facing our brethren south of the border, please keep them in your prayers and ask the Lord to comfort these families and our sister-synod.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Loye Issitt** continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

Last Week (8/26) WH – 28 Orlando – 14

General = \$1570 | CLC Missions = \$30 | Prop. Improvement= \$10
Total Offering = \$1,610

**September Usher: Issitt | Acolyte (9/9): Mason G.
| Cleaner (9/8): Ream**