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Pentecost 16

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**Be STRONG;
Do NOT fear!**



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¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #535:1-3,9 "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing"

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

G *♩* **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.

G *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

G *♩* **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.

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.

C  A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 28:1-2, 6-8

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

P The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

C To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

C Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P 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.

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Ps. 147:2-3

Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

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. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – James 2:1-10 My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the

Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 7:31-37 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

CONFESSION 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.**



Sunday School Teacher Installation



Hymn: TLH #629 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds"

SERMON – Isaiah 35:3-7 Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the

recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Be Strong, Do Not Fear!

- I. Don't trust what your eyes tell you
- II. Trust what your Christ tells you



OFFERTORY

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

- 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.

Hymn: TLH #263

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C**  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, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- 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, amen, a – men.

Closing Hymn: TLH #447

“Fight the Good Fight”

✠ 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...

- ✠ **Sept. 9:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Sept. 16:** Education Sunday and **Potluck** w/ presentations
- ✠ **Sept. 23:** Orlando Service

Immanuel Lutheran School 60th Anniversary service is scheduled for next week as our Education Sunday service. We are planning a Potluck with some presentations after the service, and the children will be singing during the service. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass; the sign-up list is on the table in the back. Please also reach out to anyone whom you think may be interested in coming for the service and meal, particularly any former students of Immanuel. 60 years is an amazing milestone and a testament to our gracious God.

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/. The ILC Morning Chapels and Daily Bulletin are also available through an e-mail subscription service. Submit your e-mail on the ilc.edu website to receive these e-mails five mornings a week.

Bible Class & Sunday School began last week and continued today. 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. For the foreseeable future we'll be undertaking a study of the various Christian religions in the world. Each week we'll be looking at a different church, comparing its teachings to what Scripture says. Today we continued studying 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!

CLC Call News Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. James Naumann, pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran, Jamestown ND. Pastor Naumann has returned this call. <> Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called the Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ.

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** is dealing with general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Liz Hartmann** is recovering from cataract surgery.

Last Week (9/2) WH – 57

General = \$2681 | CLC Missions = \$60 | **Total Offering** = \$2,741

September Usher: Issitt | **Acolyte (9/16):** Matthew
| **Cleaner (9/15):** Bernthal

Welcome!

If you are curious about what we believe and teach... At your convenience the Pastor is ready to arrange free Bible instruction classes at your home or at church for you and your family so that you may be sure of eternal life.

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