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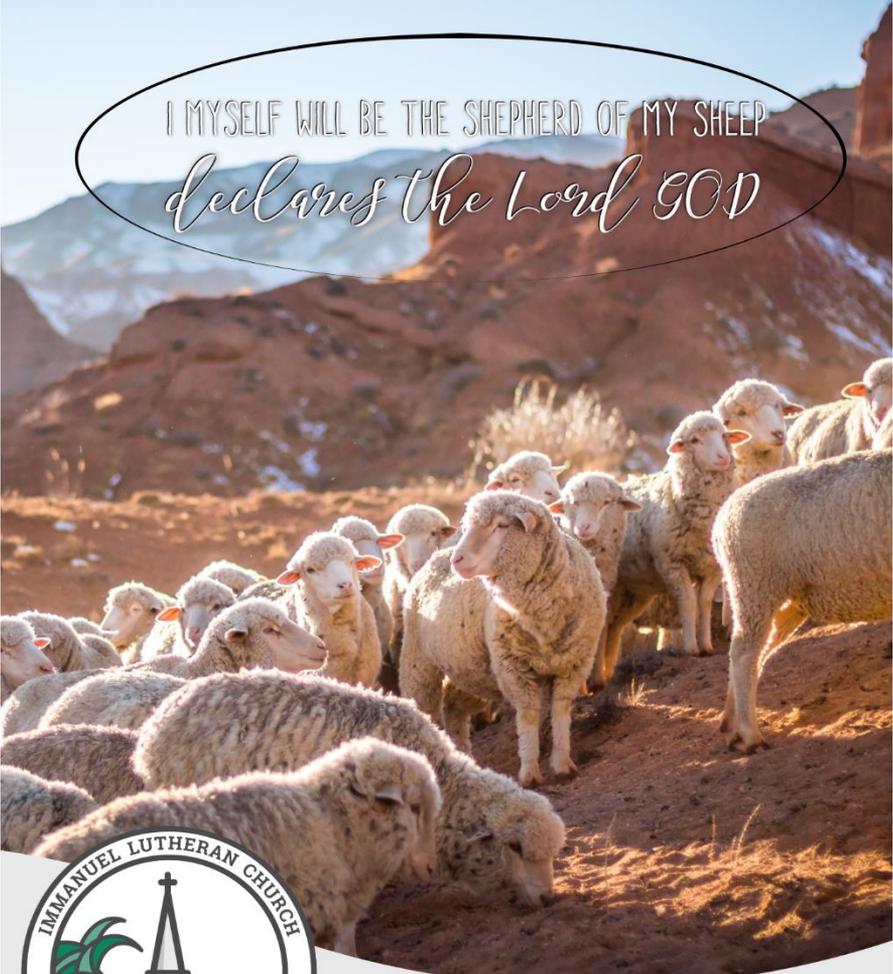
Pentecost 26

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I MYSELF WILL BE THE SHEPHERD OF MY SHEEP
declares the Lord GOD



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 2

¹ Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #360:1,2,4,6 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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

C *♩* 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.

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

Ps. 39:4-5,7-8,12; 2 Pet. 3:13

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

P In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

P Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

C And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

P Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

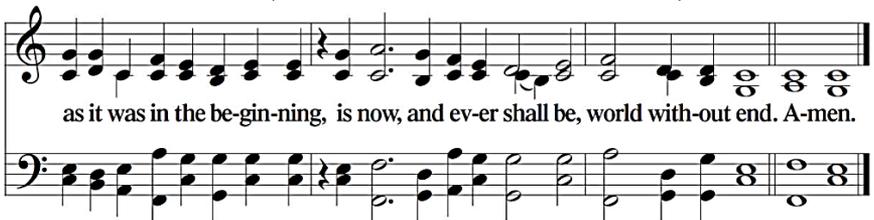
C Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

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*Ezek. 34:22*

Alleluia. Therefore I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be a prey. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

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

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*

G ♪ 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. ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G ♪ A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Revelation 22:6-15 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."⁷ "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me,⁹ but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."¹⁰ And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."¹¹ Let the

evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." ¹² "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 24:37-44 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴² Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

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 #606

"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

SERMON – Ezekiel 34:11-24 `For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³ "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶ "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." ¹⁷ `And *as for* you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. ¹⁸ *Is it* too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture-- and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? ¹⁹ "And *as for* My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet." ²⁰ `Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. ²¹ "Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, ²² "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Rejoice! For Christ's Might Makes Right

OFFERTORY

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 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:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2 “Lord of Glory, Who hast Bought Us”

☞ **♪ 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.**

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

☞ 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.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #604 “Great God, What do I See and Hear?”

✠ Announcements ✠

Christmas Gift Idea?

Immanuel Lutheran Church polo shirt sign-up sheets are hanging in the hallway. If you’ve seen Pastor wearing his Immanuel Lutheran Church polo and thought how much you’d like to wear one as well, now is your opportunity! Jobe Ream has offered to embroider polos for congregation members. The polos are made of moisture wicking material, and they are available for \$6 apiece. Please see the information in the hallway; many colors are available.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Board of Elders
- ✠ **Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Service at 10:15 am
- ✠ **Nov. 25:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Nov. 25:** Guest Preacher – Missionary Evensen
- ✠ **Dec. 1:** Ladies’ of Immanuel Christmas Party & Decorating
- ✠ **Dec. 1:** Church work day
- ✠ **Dec. 2:** Advent begins — Communion and Snack
- ✠ **Dec. 5:** Wed. Advent 6:30pm

Please signup with your name, size (and gender), and color. Then please get \$6 to pastor for each polo, so that we can place the order soon.



Thanksgiving Service will be held Thursday morning at 10:15 am. What better way to give thanks to God for all His blessings than to gather in worship and praise in His house with fellow Christians! Get the turkey in the oven and come over to Immanuel for a service of Word and song. It will be a wonderful beginning to the holiday, and I hope to see you all here! And if I don't see you, have a blessed Thanksgiving!

A Wiffle Ball Tournament is being planned to be held here at Immanuel on Saturday, December 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Each team will have five players and will compete throughout the day. Ages 7 through 16 are welcome. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please sign up by going to <http://winterhaven.clclutheran.org/wiffle-ball-registration/>. If you can't play, we'd still love for you to come watch and enjoy the games. Help will be needed with various things throughout the day, please watch for more information in the coming months. If you have any questions or would like to help, please speak with Neil Bernthal. Thank you!

E-Giving is now an option here at Immanuel. If you are more comfortable using electronic forms of payment than you are cash or checks, Immanuel now has a PayPal account. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com."

Shut-in/Encouragement List **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** is back at his rehab facility and remains shut-in. **Delores Seger** had an operation on her back on Thursday and is healing up at home. **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.

Last Week (11/11) WH – 37 Orlando – 12

General = \$1096 | Property = \$40 | CLC Missions = \$10
Building Fund = \$20 | Conference Travel = \$17.93 | Tuition Aid = \$30
Scholarship Fund = \$200 **Total Offering = \$1,413.93**

November Usher: Ream | **Acolyte (11/22):** Grant B.
| **Acolyte (11/25):** Mason G.
| **Cleaner (11/24):** Rodebaugh