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Pentecost 27

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STRIVE
TO ENTER
THROUGH
THE
NARROW
DOOR



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 34:8-18

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! ⁹ Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! ¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. ¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? ¹³ Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

† Order of Divine Worship †

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #604

“Great God, What do I See and Hear?”

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

C A --- men.

CONFESION 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. 34:8-11, 16-18

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

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C **Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!**

P The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

C **Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

P The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C **When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

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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

Luke 13:29

Alleluia. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

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

The musical notation consists of two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are written in a mix of red and black text. Red text includes 'Lord, have mercy up - on us.' and 'Lord, have mercy up - on us.' Black text includes 'mer - cy up - on us.' and '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. ...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *A --- men.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Joel 2:28-32 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.²⁹ Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit.³⁰ "And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke.³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.³² And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Peter 2:1-11 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.² And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.³ And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.⁴ For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;⁵ if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;⁶ if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;⁷ and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked⁸ (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);⁹ then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,¹⁰ and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,¹¹ whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.

CONFESION 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.

SERMON – Luke 13:24-30 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

Strive to enter through the narrow door!

- Don't assume you're safe for the wrong reasons
- Enter through a life of Spirit-lead repentance and faith

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 #444 “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”

- 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 #605

“The World is Very Evil”

† Announcements †

Thank You to Missionary Evensen for sharing the Word of God with us this morning!

CLC Call News The Rev. Douglas Libby, Mankato MN, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

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

Looking Ahead...

- † **Today:** Orlando Service
- † **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
- † **Dec. 16:** Christmas Eve Rehearsal & Big Snack



colors are available. 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. Ask Pastor about kids sizes!

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."

Special Fund Refresher: We have a number of special funds here at Immanuel, including the **ILC Building Fund** – Used to pay for new academic center at Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Tuition Grant Fund** – Used to help students at our school through tuition grants; **ILC Tuition Fund** – Used to help families send their children to Immanuel Lutheran High School; **Building Fund** – Used for special large ticket replacement items such as sceptic tank and AC. Also can be used to pay down or pay off loan on teacherage; **Property Improvement Fund** – Used for special larger improvement projects for church, parsonage, and teacherage; **Benevolence Fund** – Fund to help families (especially within our congregation) with special needs.

Analysis of Treasurer's Report We have a deficit for the first 9 months of \$10,981 (since we have spent \$1,981 more than we have taken in, and a \$9,000 Dec. 2017 tuition payment posted in Jan. 2018 that is not part of the income in 2018). Tuition is down due to lower attendance this school year. We are slightly better than last year at this time, when we had a deficit of \$11,472. The funds are stable, except for the Property Improvement Fund that has a deficit of \$2,980, due to replacing the 16 year old AC unit at the parsonage. The Lord has directed us as He enabled us to keep our mission going as a congregation and school. It will require a continued commitment of faith to keep going. We simply ask you to prayerfully consider these needs as you willingly give of your first-fruits to the Lord.

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 (11/18) WH – 35

General = \$541 | ILC Building = \$30 | CLC Missions = \$25

Building Fund = \$25

Total Offering = \$621

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