

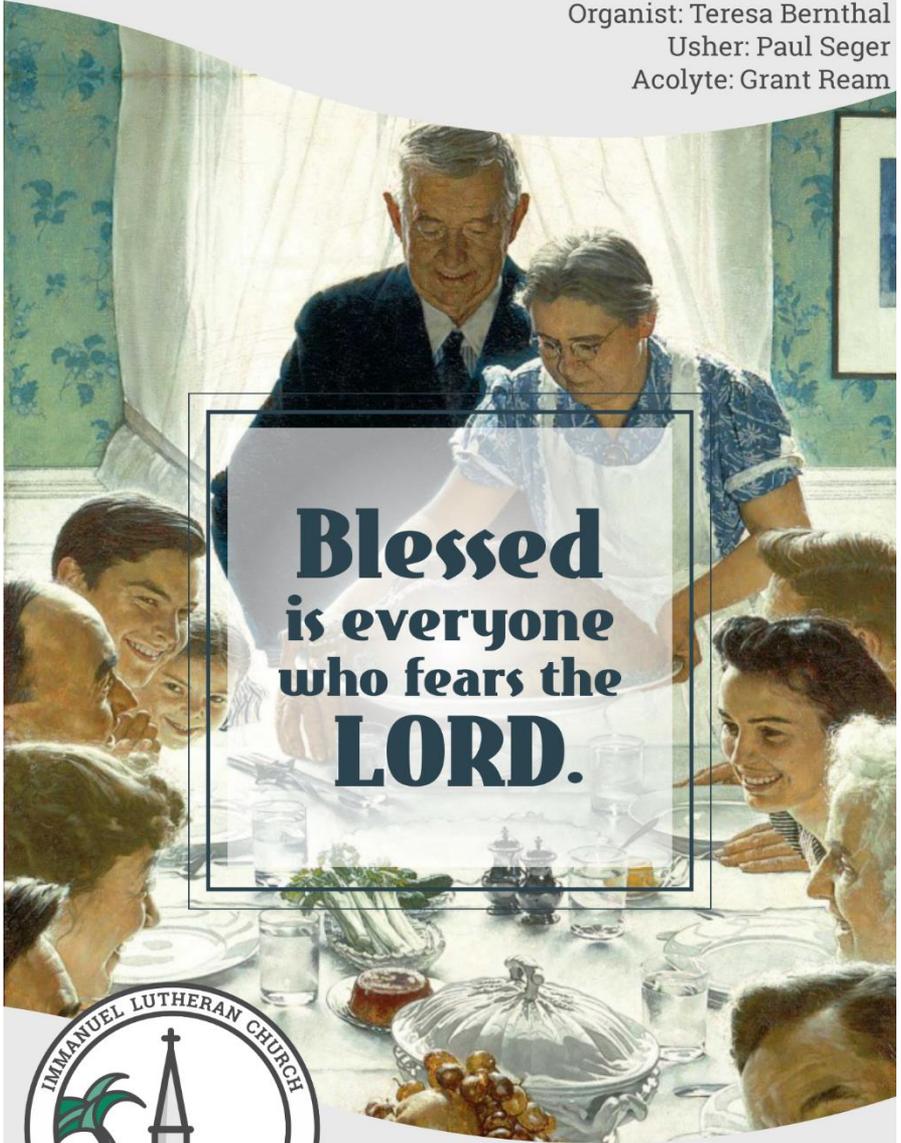
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Epiphany 2

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**Blessed
is everyone
who fears the
LORD.**



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Amos 9:11-15

¹¹ "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, ¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the LORD who does this. ¹³ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. ¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #466

"Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation"

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSON 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. 66:1-5; 92:1

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

- P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.
- C** **It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.**
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
- C** **Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to you.**
- P** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.
- C** **Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**
- P** Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me! Glory be to the Father!

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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The first system covers the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system covers the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 148:2*

Alleluia. Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him all His hosts! Alleluia.

THE KYRIE*Latin for "O Lord"*

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. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Romans 12:6-16 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

GOSPEL READING – John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



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 #134:1,2,5

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

SERMON – Psalm 128 *A Song of Ascents*. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! ² You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. ³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. ⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! ⁶ May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Stability Isn't Flashy, but It Is Fulfilling

I. Stability in your family

II. Stability in your 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 #425:1-4

“All Depends on Our Possessing”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

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

- 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.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENECTION

- 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 #625

“Oh, Blest the House”

✝ Announcements ✝

Annual Voters Meeting is today after the service. There are several important items on the agenda, including setting a budget for 2019. The input of every voter is welcomed. If you are a voter, please stay after church for this important work.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Annual Voters Mt.
- ✝ **Jan. 25:** School Science Fair
- ✝ **Jan. 27:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✝ **Feb. 3:** Communion Service and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **Feb. 3:** Ladies of Immanuel

There are several needs around the church and within the congregation. If you are able, please donate some **Petty Cash**. Also, consider designating some of your offering to the **Benevolence Fund** to aid those in need within our congregation. We are also still paying off the A/C Unit in the parsonage, please consider donating to the **Property Improvement Fund** to help eliminate this debt.

Saint Called Home Early in the morning of January 19, the Lord mercifully called his servant Eunice Roehl home to heaven. During the more than six years since she had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, she was blessed to have precious time with her husband, retired Professor Ron Roehl, as well as her family and many Christian friends. Correspondence may be address to: The Family of Eunice Roehl, 503 Ingram Dr. W, Eau Claire, WI 54701. *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them"* Revelation 14:13.

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Prayer Opportunities from the Mission Field **Missionary**

Evensen is returning to India later this month. Pray that the Lord would bless his travel plans that there will be no issues clearing immigration. **Missionary Ohlmann** departed on January 9th for visits to Tanzania, Zambia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Bangladesh. He will be gone nine weeks. **CLC-Tanzania** is opening the Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in February, with twelve students set to attend. Ask that the Lord bless these men and their teachers. **CLC-Zambia** is hoping to establish a new headquarters in Livingstone. They are searching for a property that can serve as a church, Bible Institute, living quarters, and student dormitory. Pray that the Lord would provide the resources necessary for such a purchase. **HCLC-Nepal** recently completed a translation of Luther's Large Catechism into Nepalese and will be printing five-hundred copies to be distributed to pastors around the synod. Thank the Lord for providing the gifts and resources to complete this project. **Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission** recently completed three years of extensive theological correspondence courses, and the Board of Missions is set to visit the group for the first face to face meeting between the synods. Pray that the Lord would bless these meetings. **Nigerian CLC** graduated two men from the five year seminary course this past December. Rejoice that the Lord has appointed two more men for the ministry!

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** remains shut-in. **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. **Sharon Brown** is recovering at home from a bout with pneumonia. **Rudy Enriquez** is going through very difficult times, we ask you to keep both Rudy and Sherry in your prayers.

Last Week (1/13) **WH – 37** **Orlando – 12**

General = \$1,284 | Property = \$10 | Benevolence = \$30

Total Offering = \$1,324

Usher: Seger | Acolyte (1/27): Grant B. | Cleaner (1/26): Ream