

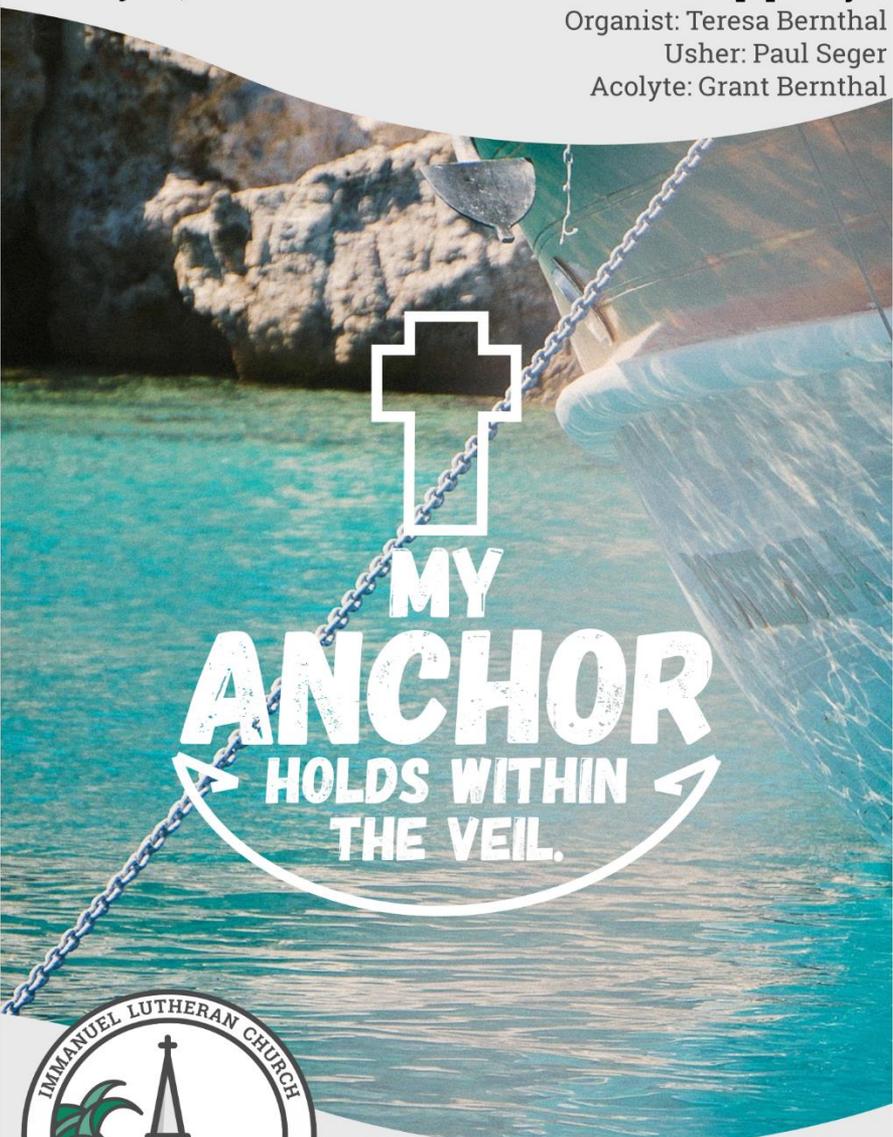
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**Epiphany 3**

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 37:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! <sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. <sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath! Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil. <sup>9</sup> For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land. <sup>10</sup> In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #428:1-3,5

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

**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. 97:1, 6, 9-12*

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

**P** The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.

**C** For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

**P** The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

**C** O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

**P** Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

**C** Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!

**P** For You, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

### 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 staves. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first line of music and the lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The second system contains the second line of music and the lyrics '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. 148:2*

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

**THE KYRIE***Latin for "O Lord"*

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

**C** A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Kings 5:1-19a** Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. <sup>2</sup> Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." <sup>5</sup> And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. <sup>6</sup> And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his

leprosy." <sup>7</sup> And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." <sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." <sup>16</sup> But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. <sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, "If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup> In this matter may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the house of Rimmon to worship there, leaning on my arm, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon your servant in this matter." <sup>19</sup> He said to him, "Go in peace."

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 12:17-21** Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, "if

your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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

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**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 #149**

**"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"**

**SERMON – Matthew 8:1-13** When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." <sup>3</sup> And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them." <sup>5</sup> When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, <sup>6</sup> "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." <sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. <sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, <sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom

will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." <sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

## **Faith: The Great Equalizer**

I. One with your fellow Christians

II. One with Christ

### **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 #370**

**"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"**

### **- 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 #345**

**"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

## **✠ Announcements ✠**

**Missionary to India** Our missionary to India is planning to return to India this coming Thursday, January 31. Pray that the Lord will bless his travel plans. Pray that our missionary will have a safe and uneventful trip and that there will be no issues clearing through immigration upon his return to India.

**Treasurer's Report** We have a deficit \$9,345 for 2018 (since we have spent \$253 more than we have taken in, and a \$9,000 Dec. 2017 tuition payment posted in Jan. 2018 that is not part of 2018 income). Offerings were up \$6,517 in 2018. Tuition is down due to lower attendance in 2018.

We have a slightly larger deficit than last year, when we had a deficit of \$8,164 (not considering our one-time \$20K received from the dissolution of Cape Coral church). The funds are stable, except for the Property Improvement Fund that has a deficit of \$2,911, 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** 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 (1/20) WH** – 52

General = \$1,331 | Property = \$50 | Building Fund = \$50

Benevolence = \$30

**Total Offering = \$1,461**

**Feb. Usher:** Ireland | **Acolyte (2/3):** Hayden | **Cleaner (2/2):** Ireland

### **Looking Ahead...**

- ✚ **Today:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✚ **Feb. 3:** Communion Service and Fellowship Snack
- ✚ **Feb. 3:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✚ **Feb. 3:** Special Voters' Mtg.
- ✚ **Feb. 10:** Orlando Service 8 am