

March 3, 2019

Quinquagesima Sunday

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*Now I know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I have been fully known.*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 14

¹ The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? ⁵ There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. ⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. ⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #295:1,2,5,6 "The Law of God is Good and Wise"

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

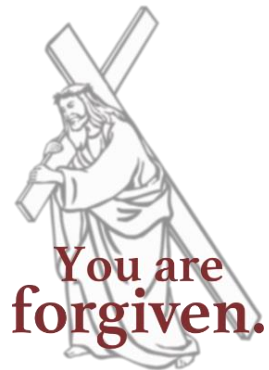
We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!



INTROIT

Ps. 31:1-3, 5, 9, 16

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

- P** Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- G** **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me!
- G** **Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
- P** Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.
- G** **Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!**

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- P** Let us pray. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** Amen.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 13 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 18:31-43 And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³² For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. ³³ And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." ³⁴ But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said. ³⁵ As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶ And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. ³⁷ They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." ³⁸ And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ³⁹ And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹ "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." ⁴² And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." ⁴³ And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

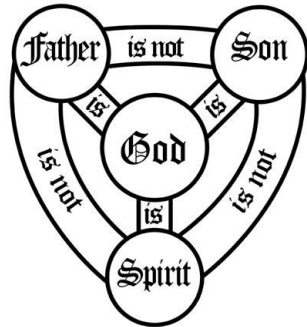
C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSON OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.



And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON – 1 Samuel 16:1-13 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward.


The LORD Looks on the Heart

- I. Discouraged hearts needing His direction
- II. Unlikely hearts needing His affection

OFFERTORY

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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 Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #5


“Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed on the next page:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

“Lord, You Love...”

- C**  Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** We lift them up to the Lord!
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory.

- P** Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:




O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always!



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
 earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -
 san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
 blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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!

HYMN: TLH #313

“O Lord, We Praise Thee”

✠ Announcements ✠

Lent Begins The Season of Lent begins this year on March 6th which is known as Ash Wednesday. Lent culminates with the death of Jesus on Good Friday (April 19th this year) and closes with the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning. Since the very earliest years of the Church Christians have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus. In 325

AD, at the Council of Nicea, a firm date was established for the annual celebration of this important festival. Already during these early

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Today:** Ladies of Immanuel & Board of Elders
- ✠ **March 6:** Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30pm
- ✠ **March 17:** Children Sing
- ✠ **March 24:** Richard Cook Victory Service

centuries, Christians prepared for the Easter celebration with a period of repentance called Lent (which is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “spring” since it was at that time of the year this took place). In the 700's AD this period of time was set at 40 days (not including Sundays) based on the 40 days Jesus was tempted while in the wilderness at the start of His ministry.

While such a commemoration is not commanded in Scripture, and is also abused and misused by some, it can be a beneficial time for spiritual reflection through the study of God’s Word as we focus on the redemption won for us by our Savior through His suffering and death on the cross.

***Jesus, may our hearts be burning with more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning to Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never from the blessed Savior’s side,
Graven in our hearts forever, dwell the cross, the Crucified! TLH 145:3***

We will offer mid-week Lenten services again this year and will be considering the theme: “Ironies of the Passion.” Services will be held at 6:30 pm. May the Spirit bless our meditation again this year!

Saint Called Home This past Wednesday, our brother in Christ Richard Cook was called home to his eternal rest. Richard was born March 24, 1923 in Waterbury, CT. Living there most of his life, Richard worked as a programmer for Anaconda American Brass, as a bookkeeper for Landera Apartments, and did part-time work for the American Red Cross. Richard was married in 1951 to Thelma nee Perkins. Thelma passed away in 1995, and Richard remained a widower ever since. Richard moved to Winter Haven in 2008 and has been a member of Immanuel for a majority of that time. Three weeks ago, Richard went into cardiac arrest early on Sunday morning. After being revived, Richard spent the next week in the hospital, followed by a week in hospice care at Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale. There he passed away on February 27, 2019 in the early morning hours. He was 95. A victory service is being planned for Sunday, **March 24** at the conclusion of our regular Sunday service.



CLC Call News Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah of Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to Valley Bible Academy of Clarkston, WA.

Daily Rest Devotional In the back of the sanctuary your “Daily Rest” devotionals are available for pick-up. This devotional is a project developed by the CLC Board of Education and Publications and contributed to by many CLC Pastors. “Daily Rest” will be a subscription-based devotion periodical delivered **four** times per year with daily devotions for the subsequent fourteen weeks. This first issue is being distributed free of charge to each family in the CLC and will hold devotions for each weekday from March 6 through June 8. If you are interested in subscribing to receive these devotions delivered to you, subscriptions are \$15 a year. A sign-up list will be posted in a few weeks.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **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. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann’s** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **David Kleinschmidt** is having some heart troubles, please pray that the Lord would grant him healing. **Betty Sweet** has been hospitalized with an unknown condition. She will be moving to a specialized care facility in Tennessee.

Last Week (2/24) WH – 37 Orlando – 17

General = \$1116.05 | Building = \$10 | ILC Scholarship = \$100
Missions = \$30 **Total Offering = \$1,256.05**

March Usher: Goodwin | **Acolyte (3/10):** Grant B.
| **Cleaner (3/9):** Goodwin