

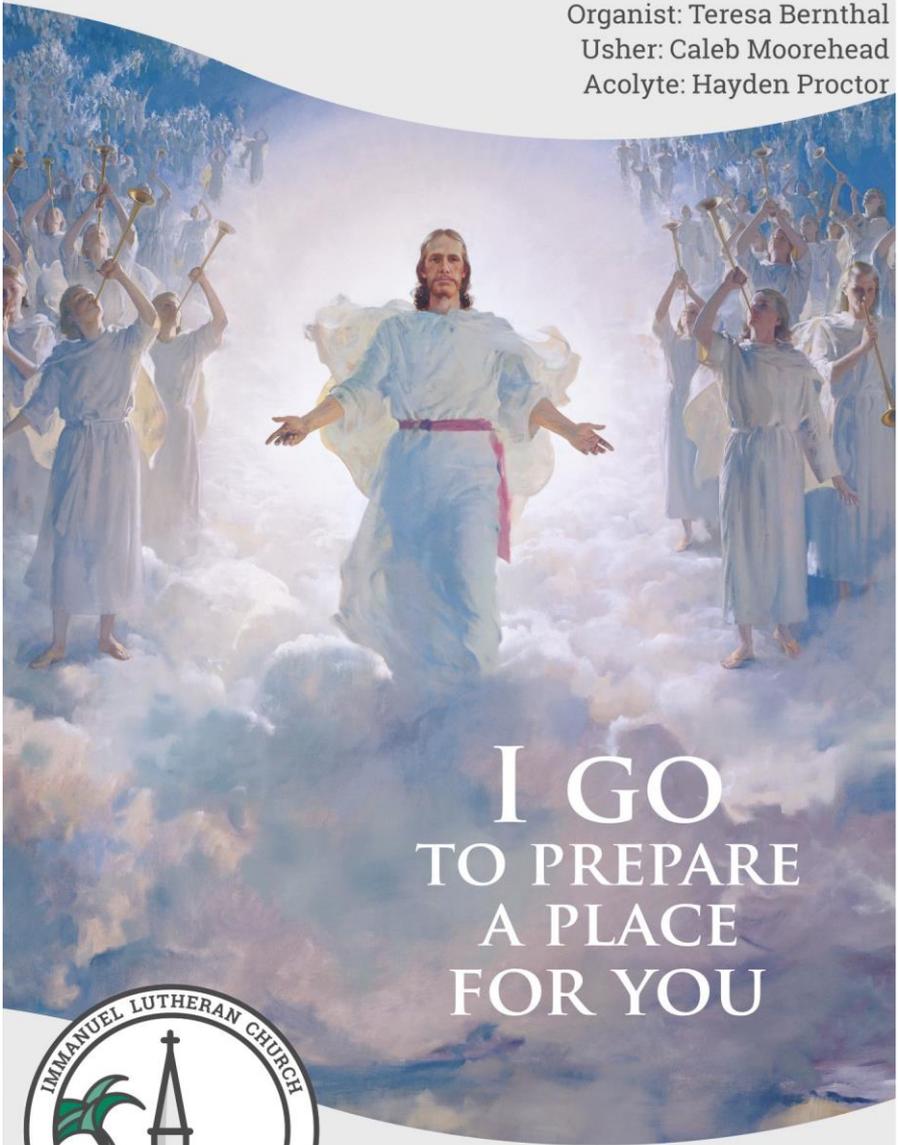
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I GO  
TO PREPARE  
A PLACE  
FOR YOU



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! <sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. <sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. <sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, <sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; <sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. <sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #279**

**“Today Thy Mercy Calls Us”**

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

**G** ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

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**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.

**G** ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**G** ♪ **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. 66:1-2, 17, 19-20; Is. 48:20*

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

**P** Declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia. The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.

**C** Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name.

**P** I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

**C** But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**P** Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a half note 'G', and then a series of quarter notes: 'lo', 'ry', 'be', 'to', 'the', 'Fa-', 'ther'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords. The second system continues the vocal line with 'and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;'. The third system continues with 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.'. The fourth system concludes the piece with a final chord and a double bar line.

**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**

*John 16:28*

Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. 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*

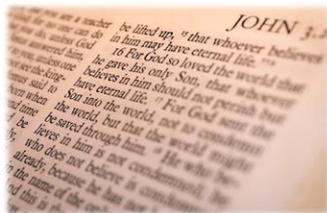
**C** ♪ All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 55:6-11** "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your

ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.<sup>10</sup> "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,<sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.



**EPISTLE READING – James 1:21-27** Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.<sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.<sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.<sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## 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 #408**

**"Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory"**

**SERMON – John 14:1-6** "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## **Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled**

- I. Trust Him to prepare a place for you
- II. Trust Him to bring you there

### **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: WS #736**

**"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**

### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**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 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 #48**

**"How Blest Are They Who Hear"**

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**VBS** has been scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. If you know any children you would like to invite, or if you can help, please do so. We are also looking for donations of snacks and money. Thanks!

### The 2019 Arise and Shine

**Retreat** is coming quickly! Our theme for this year is “Confidence!” In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have

a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in Him and His Word. If you are in your 20’s or 30’s and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. Be sure to sign up by May 31, and you will receive a retreat t-shirt. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

**Pastor Will Be Out of Town** from June 10<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. The 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup>, I will be running the Arise and Shine retreat in northern Minnesota. The 18<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, I will be at the CLC General Pastor’s Conference in Eau Claire, WI. My family and I will be on vacation from the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>, visiting family and friends on our way back down to Florida. Immanuel will have lay readers for the services on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and there will be no Orlando service on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to contact me at all during this time, please do so.

**Candidates for Immanuel Professor Call:** The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created by the retirement of Professor Paul Sullivan at the

### Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **May 31:** Last Day of School; Party starts 6 pm
- ✝ **June 2:** Promotion Sunday
- ✝ **June 2:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **June 9:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **June 10-29:** Pastor out of town
- ✝ **June 23:** NO Orlando Service
- ✝ **July 8-14:** VBS

end of the 2019-20 academic year. The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year. Those submitting nominations are strongly encouraged to verify that the individual would be willing to be nominated and would need to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching and/or professional experience, also indicating how the person might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight July 15, 2019 (letters postmarked July 1, 2019) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).

**CLC Call News** Teacher graduate, June Schmid, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.

**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. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is hospitalized at Florida Hospital South in Orlando, currently recovering from surgery this past Tuesday. **Loye Issitt** is back at home recovering from her stay in the hospital for dialysis.

### **Last Week (5/19) WH – 32**

General = \$1,081 | Property Improvement = \$50 | Tuition = \$350  
Benevolence = \$10 | Scholarship = \$10      **Total Offering = \$1,501**

**June Usher:** Rudy Enriquez

| **Acolyte (6/2):** Mason K.

| **Cleaner (6/1):** Goodwin