

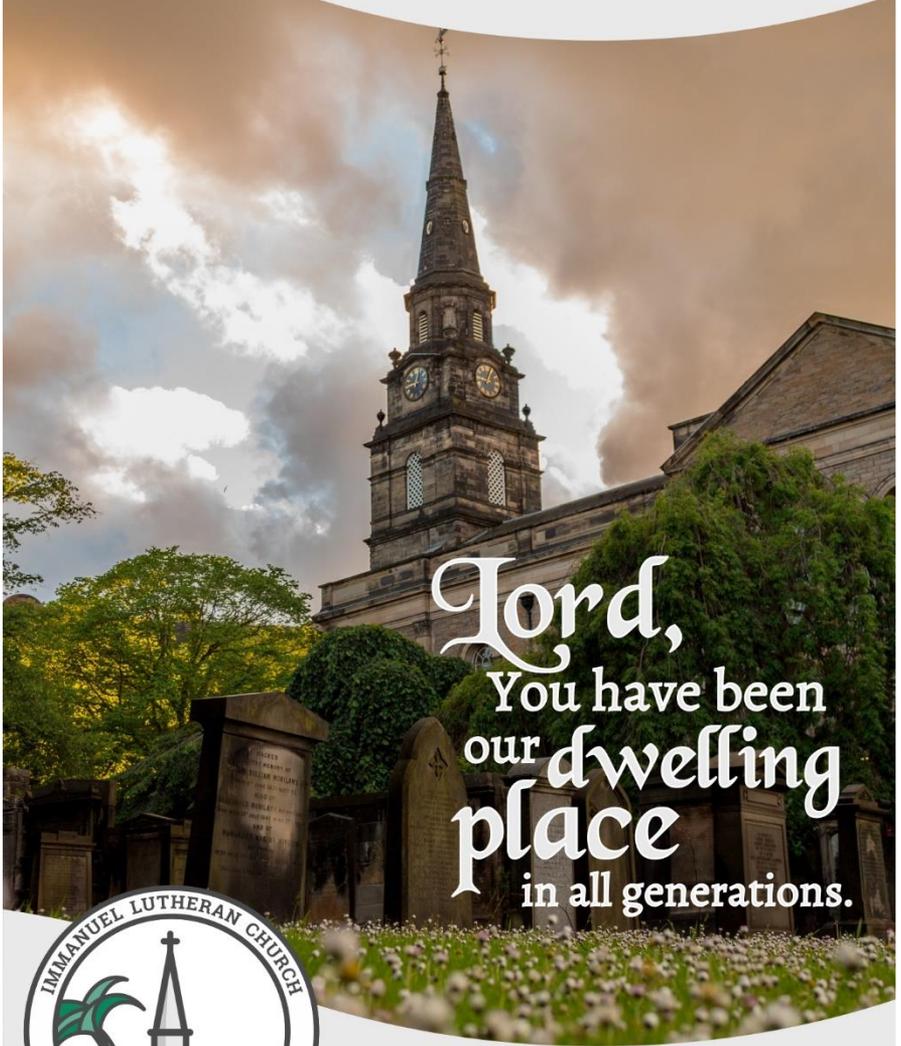
August 4, 2019

8th Sunday of Pentecost

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Lord,
You have been
our dwelling
place
in all generations.



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Rom. 6:20-23

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #29:1-3 "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"

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. 28:1-2, 7-9

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

P Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

P He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

P For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 2:7-17 then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became

four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

GOSPEL READING – Mark 8:1-9 In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him and said to them, ² "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. ³ And if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way. And some of them have come from far away." ⁴ And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" ⁵ And he asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" They said, "Seven." ⁶ And he directed the crowd to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. ⁷ And they had a few small fish. And having blessed them, he said that these also should be set before them. ⁸ And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. ⁹ And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.

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!

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.

HYMN: TLH #282**“Christians, Come, in Sweetest Measures”**

SERMON – Psalm 90:1-12 *A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.* Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who

considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Teach us to Count Correctly

- I. You can't count on the length of your days or the strength of your sight
- II. You can count on the Lord's grace, both day and night

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** **♪ 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 #54

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

"Lord, You Love..."

- ☞** **♪ 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.**

GENERAL PRAYER

✠ Memorial Service for Ray Seger ✠

Ray Seger, of Winter Haven, FL, died Monday, July 8, 2019 at Spring Lake Rehab in Winter Haven.

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me.... For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." (Ps. 139:1,13-14,17)



Ray was born February 16, 1940 in Springfield, IL, to Neal and Clara Seger. He grew up in Springfield along with his brother Mark.

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.” (Ps. 127:3)

Ray married Delores Garren on May 26, 1984. They had met each other at Delores’ in-home beauty salon after Ray brought his daughter Jeanne in for a haircut. Combined, Ray and Delores had eleven children: Paul, Roy, Richard, and Jeanne (Ray); Ann, John, Cathy, Sandy, Pam, Teresa, and James (Delores). Ray and Delores were married 35 years.

“It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage.” (Eccles. 5:18)

Ray carried several jobs throughout his life, first working for Montgomery Ward as a department manager. He spent the next thirty-five years working for C. C. Thomas Publishing as a warehouse worker. After moving to Florida in May of 2005, Ray took up a position at Publix, where he worked for four years.

Ray had been a lifelong member at Immanuel Lutheran Church (LC-MS) in Springfield. Upon moving to Winter Haven, Ray and Delores and Paul became members here at Immanuel. Ray carried various church offices at both congregations.

Ray was also a man of various athletic interests. An avid St. Louis Cardinals (baseball) and Dallas Cowboys (football) fan, Ray busied himself in the sports world. Ray regularly umpired for baseball and softball games, refereed for both youth basketball and wheelchair basketball leagues, and coached youth softball and basketball. He was also an avid bowler.

Ray spent the last several years of his life at Spring Lake Rehab in Winter Haven, as a result of several strokes and various other ailments. Ray passed away there in his bed on July 8, 2019 at 1:30 pm. Ray is survived by his wife Delores; his sons Paul, Roy, and Richard; his daughter Jeanne; his step-daughters Ann, Cathy, Sandy, and Pam; and his step-sons John and James.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents Neal and Clara as well as his step-daughter Teresa.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” (2 Tim. 4:7-8)

HYMN: WS #766

“Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

P We have come here today to comfort one another upon the death of our brother-in-Christ Ray Seger and to draw encouragement from the word of our God. Listen then to the living words of our life-giving God, Who reminds us concerning our mortal lives:

“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.” (Is. 40:6b-7)

In view of that fact, we implore the Lord:

“LORD, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.” (Ps. 39:4-6)

Why is this the case? What hope do we have? God informs us: *“As through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteous-ness to eternal life through Jesus Christ the Lord.” (Rom. 5:18-21)*

Yes, through Jesus’ blood and righteousness we have been given the promise of eternal life. Consequently, we confess with Peter: *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who*

according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Pet. 1:3-5)



DEVOTION – 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory,¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

“Ray’s Steadfast Hope”

PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER (Sung)

P Almighty and most merciful God, in whose hands we all rest and upon whose hands we all depend, teach us to number our days, that we may seek wisdom from Your Word. Give us the grace to live by faith in your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and to fulfill our individual callings to Your glory. When Jesus appears at the end of time, may we also appear with Him in glory even as You have promised. We commend to Your fatherly goodness the family and friends of Ray Seger. Let the pains of their loss be lessened by the promises of Your Word. Let Ray’s passing serve as an encouragement to all of us to direct our thoughts heavenward, so that we may truly seek that one thing needful--the precious truth of Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord--and receive the blessing of that truth--life everlasting. We ask for these blessings and all others in the name our blessed Savior, Jesus. Amen.

P ♪ *Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, 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 In keeping with the words of the Apostle in 1 Corinthians 10:16, *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”*

As well as in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, which cautions us that: *“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body.”*

Let us then, humbly, examine our hearts:

Do you confess that you are a sinner before God and deserve His wrath and punishment? – Then declare it by saying, “I do confess.”

C I do confess.

P Do you humbly seek the Lord’s forgiveness, believing that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all of your sins? – Then declare it by saying: “I do believe.”

C I do believe.

P Be assured, your Father in heaven, looks upon you with mercy for Jesus’ sake. His Son was wounded for your transgressions and bruised for your iniquities. As the Word of God declares: *“For God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* (2 Cor. 5:21) The Lord comfort your hearts. In Jesus, you are forgiven!

Do you in humble faith recognize that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus are truly present together with the bread and the wine in this blessed sacrament? -- Then declare it by saying: “By faith I do recognize, and believe.”

C By faith I do recognize, and believe.

P Finally, as a forgiven child of God, do you intend, with the strength of God the Spirit, to amend your sinful life and to put away the sin that so easily entangles and leads you away from our Lord? – Then declare it by saying: “I do so intend, with the help of Christ.”

C I do so intend, with the help of Christ.

P Receive then this sacrament with joy, comfort, and 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!

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.

Following the Distribution, the Nunc Dimittus will be sung to the tune of TLH #15.

- C** "Lord, let Your servant now depart,
With peace and joy within my heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
According to Your Holy Word,
I've seen salvation from the Lord! Alleluia! (x4)

**The Promised One has come for all,
For Gentiles and for Isra-el,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Light to lighten all the blind,
God's glory for the heart and mind." Alleluia! (x4)**

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 #533

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

✠ Announcements ✠

The Boys Bathroom needs a new floor drain for our school to receive a passing grade, per the Florida Health Department. We hope to break ground soon, but this will be a rather expensive fix. We ask that you would

prayerfully consider donating to assist with the cost. This, in addition to the AC unit installed in the parsonage last year, brings our **Property Improvement** fund to a deficit of about **\$3,400**. We are also in need of **petty cash** with the new school year around the corner.

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. **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 recovering at home from surgery. **Loye Issitt** is at home and receiving regular dialysis.

Last Week (7/28) WH – 37 Orlando – 17

General = \$1,101 | Property Improvement = \$1400 | Building = \$110

Total Offering = \$2,611

August Usher: Mike Sheffield

| **Acolyte (8/4):** Hayden

| **Cleaner (8/3):** Bernthal