

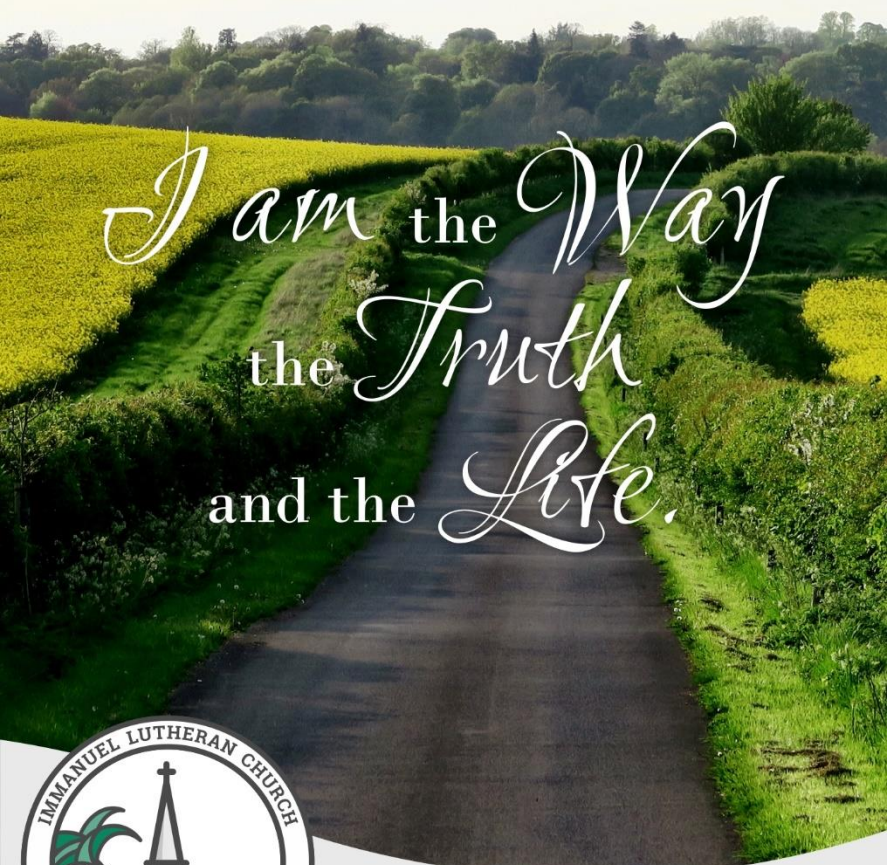
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15th Sunday of Pentecost

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I am the Way
the *Truth*
and the *Life.*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 49:5-15

⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me, ⁶ those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches? ⁷ Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, ⁸ for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice, ⁹ that he should live on forever and never see the pit. ¹⁰ For he sees that even the wise die; the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others. ¹¹ Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they called lands by their own names. ¹² Man in his pomp will not remain; he is like the beasts that perish. ¹³ This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah ¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd, and the upright shall rule over them in the morning. Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell. ¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #11:1-3

“Safely through Another Week”

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

P Pastor

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

C Congregation

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. 84:1ff

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

P Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of Your anointed!

C For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

P How lovely is Your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD.

C Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

P I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

C The LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a common time signature. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system shows the vocal lines with lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system continues the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The music features a mix of chords and melodic lines, with some rests and fermatas. The bass line is particularly active, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal parts.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ps. 65:1*

P Alleluia. Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed. 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. ... You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – Galatians 5:16-24 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness,

self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 12:9-21 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. ¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"-- so that they might accuse him. ¹¹ He said to them, "Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? ¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." ¹³ Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. ¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. ¹⁵ Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all ¹⁶ and ordered them not to make him known. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁸ "Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; ²⁰ a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; ²¹ and in his name the Gentiles will hope."

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.

SERMON – Proverbs 4:14-23 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. ¹⁵ Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on. ¹⁶ For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. ¹⁷ For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. ¹⁹ The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble. ²⁰ My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. ²¹ Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. ²² For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh. ²³ Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.


Picking the Right Road

- I. The road of unbelief is inviting but is really gloomy darkness
- II. The road of salvation looks difficult but is light 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.**

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

- 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.

HYMN: TLH #391

“Blessed Are the Sons of God”

✠ Announcements ✠

Church Cleaning We currently have only five individuals who rotate the church cleaning duties from week to week. I believe all six would appreciate it if more people volunteered to help out. If you are able to donate an hour of time on a Saturday every couple of months to keep the church neat and tidy, please speak with Jessica Rodebaugh after the service. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Sept. 22:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **Sept. 29:** Board of Ed
- ✠ **Oct. 6:** Mission Sunday (School Children Sing)
- ✠ **Oct. 6:** Lord's Supper and Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **Oct. 6:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✠ **Oct. 6:** Board of Elders
- ✠ **Oct. 13:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Oct. 20:** Board of Trustees & Church Council
- ✠ **Nov. 3:** Annual Voters Mtg.

Trip to Israel - A group trip to Israel is being planned by CLC members for January of 2021. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the places which we read and hear about in the Scriptures and where God brought His plan of salvation to completion through the life and the death of Jesus. If you have any questions or would like more information, please ask your pastor or contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net).

CLC Mission Prayer List Nepal – Pastor Raju and his family were recently evicted from their apartment for singing hymns and having prayers in their home during a birthday celebration. Pray that the Holy

Spirit will work faith in the heart of the landlord through the Word of God that he has heard from Raju. <> **The Democratic Republic of Congo** – Due to political unrest during the recent presidential elections, our missionary was been denied a visa to visit for the past two years. Our visiting missionary will be applying for a visa again soon. Pray that the Lord will clear the way for a visit to take place. <> **Togo** – Pastor Kossi, the main leader of the MELC, was recently involved in a motorcycle accident. He was spared from major injuries but will require some downtime to rest and recover. Pray that the Lord will grant him a quick and complete recovery. – More mission prayer opportunities are posted on the hall bulletin board!

CLC Call News Bethel, Morris, MN, has called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as its next vacancy pastor beginning in October. Pastor Klatt, who has moved to Watertown, South Dakota, following his retirement, has accepted this call. <> The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. <> The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions extended a call to Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane, WA. to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. Paul Sullivan who plans to retire in June of 2020

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 still recovering from his hospital, but praise the Lord for great progress. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis.

Last Week (9/15) WH – 51

General = \$872 | Prop. Improvement = \$330 | Scholarship = \$10

Total Offering = \$1,212

September Usher: Paul Seger

| **Cleaning (9/28):** Goodwin

| **Acolyte (9/29):** Mason G.