

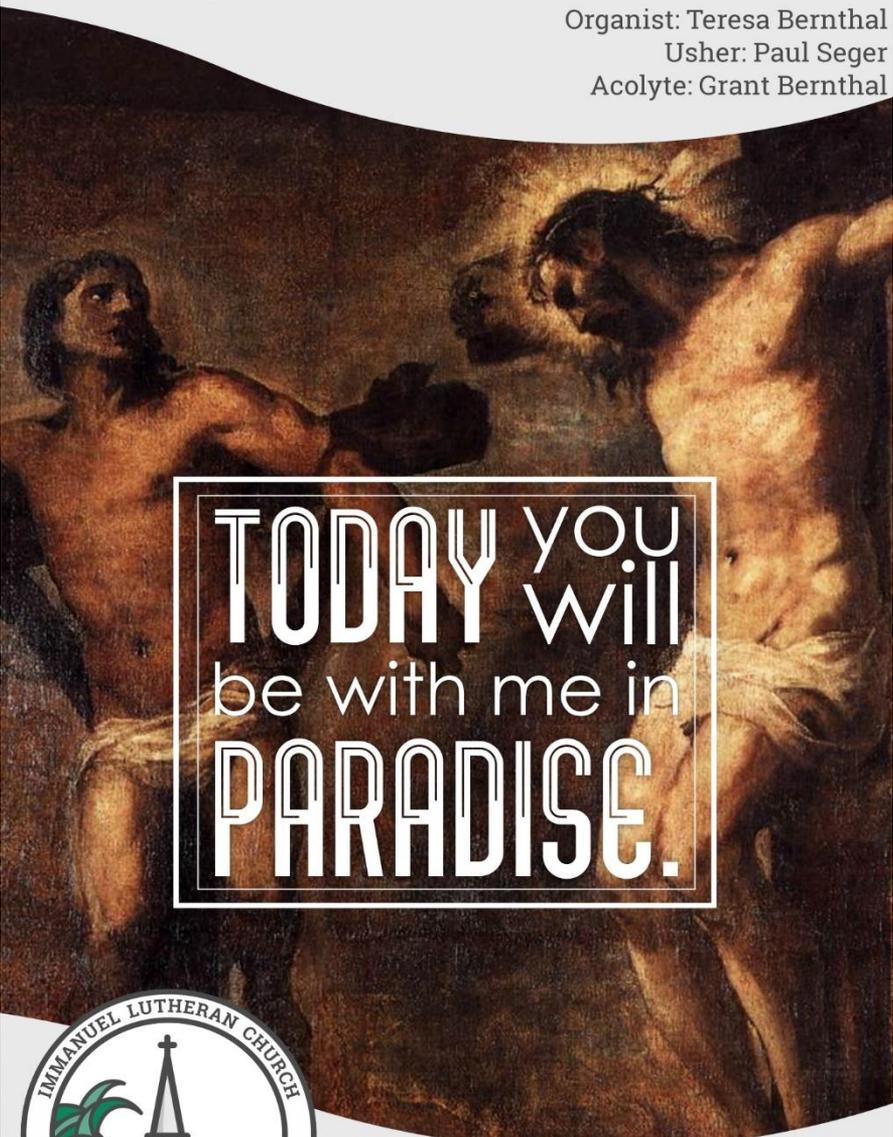
**November 24, 2019**

**Pentecost 24**

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**TODAY** you  
will  
be with me in  
**PARADISE.**



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #341**

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

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

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**P** Pastor

### CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

**C** Congregation

*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.

**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. 134; 33:8*

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

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

**C** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**P** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

**C** May the LORD bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

### GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be to the Father"*

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two treble clefs and two bass clefs. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "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 score includes a common time signature and a repeat sign at the end.

**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**

*Luke 23:43*

**P** Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.  
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.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Jeremiah 23:2-6** Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup> I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. <sup>5</sup> "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice

and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'



**EPISTLE READING – Colossians 1:13-20** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

### **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 #343:1-4**

**“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”**

**SERMON – Luke 23:35-43** And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save

himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" <sup>41</sup> And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup> And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

### **Can You See the Glory Here?**

- I. It's hidden in Jesus' sufferings
- II. It's revealed through Jesus-clinging faith

#### **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 #151:1, 4-6**

**"Christ, the Life of All the Living"**

#### **- 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.**

**HYMN: TLH #344**

**"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"**

## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Advent Begins** – Midweek Advent services begin next Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. For the three Wednesdays between December 4 and 18, we will be focusing on the theme “Away in a Manger.” Advent is a season of preparation for the Savior to come, and there is no better way to prepare for the Savior’s birth than gathering together with fellow believers. Please take time out of your evenings and join us next Wednesday!

**Thanksgiving Service** will

be held this Thursday morning at 10:15 am. What better way to give thanks to God for all His blessings than to gather in worship and praise in His house with fellow Christians! Get the turkey in the oven and come over to Immanuel for a service of Word and song.

**Poinsettia Sign-up** is in the back of church. Flowers this year will be \$10. Please sign up for a flower to help decorate the sanctuary this Christmas season! Payments can be given to Teresa Bernthal.

**CLC General Fund** – Offerings this month were \$73,673 vs disbursements of \$84,662, an improvement over September, but a shortfall of \$11,044, increasing the General Fund deficit to **-\$100,487**. Our synod’s specialty funds, such as KINSHIP and the Mission Development Fund, have significant positive balances, for which offerings we all are surely thankful. But the CLC General Fund (CLC CBP offerings) has grown to quite a serious deficit since July and is cause for increasing our prayers and personal attention. Our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed-Pub receive their major support from the General Fund. Jesus once directed His disciples to say regarding a particular need in His Kingdom, "And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them." (Mat 21:3 NKJ) Please consider the needs of your synod in your offerings.

### Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Nov. 28:** Thanksgiving Day Service **10 am**
- ✠ **Dec. 1:** Communion and Christmas BIG Snack
- ✠ **Dec. 1:** Board of Ed
- ✠ **Dec. 8:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Dec. 8:** Board of Elders
- ✠ **Dec. 15:** Board of Trustees and Church Council
- ✠ **Dec. 19-23:** Pastor out of town
- ✠ **Dec. 22:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve **7 pm**
- ✠ **Dec. 25:** Christmas Day 10:15a

**Auburndale Christmas Parade** is taking place on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. The parade runs from the corner of Havendale and 17, running west on Havendale to Publix. Immanuel will be having a float in the parade for the third straight year. If you are willing to help in any way, please speak with Neil Bernthal. If you would just like to sit and wave as the float goes by, show up early with some chairs and get a good spot along the route!

**CLC Call News** Pastor Mike Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Terrel Kesterson, Ascension, Batavia, IL has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Redeemer of Bowdle/Zion of Ipswich has called Pastor Norm Greve, St. Peter's, Iron River, MI.

**Christmas Shopping on Amazon?** You now have the option to direct 0.5% of the money spent on your Amazon purchases to be donated by the company to our church and school. To do this, the next time you plan to shop on Amazon, visit <https://smile.amazon.com> and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church Winter Haven" to find us (we are listed as Immanuel *Evangelical* Lutheran Church). Select the church as your charitable organization that you will be supporting, and any purchase you make will benefit the congregation. You will still have to visit <https://smile.amazon.com> when shopping for it to work; using the regular Amazon site will not leave a donation.

**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. **Crystal Shaw** has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Bill Issitt Sr.** is progressing very well. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Delores Seger** is in the hospital recovering from surgery.

**Last Week (11/17)** WH – 44

General = \$1581 | Spokesman = \$14 | ILC Building = \$30 | Property = \$20

**Total Offering = \$1,645**

**December Usher:** Steve Goodwin

| **Cleaning (11/30):** Rodebaugh

| **Acolyte (12/1):** Hayden