

**All power is given  
unto Me in Heaven  
and Earth. - *M*atthew 28:18**



Immanuel VBS 2017

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**Pentecost 8**

**July 30, 2017**

**Organist: Teresa Bernthal**

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**Meditation: Psalm 125 p. 153**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**HYMN: TLH #17**

**"Oh, Worship the King"**

**ORDER OF SERVICE: WS pp. 12-13**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**GOSPEL READING – Matthew 13:44-52** <sup>44</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, <sup>48</sup> which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup> and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>51</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” <sup>52</sup> Then He said to them, “Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *things* new and old.”

**EPISTLE READING – Romans 8:28-39** <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might

be the firstborn among many brethren.<sup>30</sup> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?<sup>33</sup> Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.<sup>34</sup> Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?<sup>36</sup> As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**RESPONSE: WS p. 14**

**APOSTLES' CREED: WS p. 15**

**VBS STUDENTS SING**

**"Lord of Heaven and Earth"**

**SERMON – Deuteronomy 7:6-9 (ESV)** <sup>6</sup>"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. <sup>7</sup>It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, <sup>8</sup>but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,

## **The LORD's Removal Plan**

**Step 1:** Remove all pride or sense of worthiness

**Step 2:** Remove all sin or sense of doubt



**OFFERTORY: WS p. 16**

**POST-SERMON HYMN: TLH #379 "I Do Not Come Because My Soul"**

**- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -**

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #438:4 "Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth"**

**PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION: WS p. 21**

**CLOSING HYMN: TLH #408:1,4 "Jesus Christ, My Pride and Glory"**

## Announcements

**VBS** this week was very successful. We were able to bring God's saving Word to about 25 different children throughout the week. **Thank you** for the donation of money, drinks, and snacks, and thank you to all who gave of their time to teach, plan, help, and coordinate in order to make this week go smoothly. All of your efforts are appreciated, and I look forward to next year's session!

### **Looking Ahead...**

- ✠ **August 9:** Back to School Party at 6 pm
- ✠ **August 10:** First day of School (Dismiss at noon)
- ✠ **August 14:** Ladies Meet 3:30
- ✠ **August 20:** Sing for Education

**A Bulletin Board** has been hung in the hallway. This will be used for cleaning and acolyte schedules, announcements, sign-up sheets, pictures, and other useful information. Take a look on the way out!

**CLC Call News** St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran, Millston, all in WI. <> Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, will be postponing the opening of its school, due to the inability to acquire a teacher. <> Mrs. Katie Naumann has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran school, Eau Claire WI.

**Quarterly Voters Meeting** (with Big Snack) will begin shortly after the service. Please stay to join in this important work.

### **Last Week**

Attendance: Winter Haven – 30 Orlando – 14

General = \$1305 | Building Fund = \$55 | Property Improvement = \$2  
Transition Fund = \$510 | **Total Offering = \$1872**

**Usher for July:** Enriquez

**August:** Sheffield

**Acolyte (8/06):** Mason K.

**Cleaner (8/06):** Sedberry