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Pentecost 14

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"Your Words
became to me a
joy
and the
delight of
my heart."



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¹ The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? ⁵ There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous. ⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor, but the LORD is his refuge. ⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #18:1-4

"Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"

- 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.

- 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.
- G** **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. 26:1-2,6-8

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

- P** O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- C** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- P** Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.
- C** I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD, proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.
- P** O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



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

Jeremiah 15:16a

Alleluia. Your Words were found, and I ate them, and Your Words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system of music has the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in the left hand.

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. ... through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 29:11-19 And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹² And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³ And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵ Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶ You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field

shall be regarded as a forest?¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

GOSPEL READING – Mark 7:1-13 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,² they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.³ (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders,⁴ and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)⁵ And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"⁶ And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'⁸ You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."⁹ And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'¹¹ But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)--¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother,¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 #416

“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

SERMON – James 1:22-27 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ 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. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ 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.

"SUNDAY CHRISTIANS" vs. REAL CHRISTIANS: Which are you?

- I. "Sunday Christians" hear the Word and forget it.
- II. Real Christians hear the Word and do it!

OFFERTORY

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 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 #453

“We Are the Lord’s”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

☞ **♪ 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 BENEEDICTION

☞ 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.

☞ **♪ Amen, amen, a – men.**

Closing Hymn: WS #778

“Grace Has a Thrilling Sound”

✝ Announcements ✝

ILC Tuition Fund has been set up by the voters to assist families who want to send their children to Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. As we encourage all forms of Christian Education in our midst, a good way to help promote and encourage such education is by helping out financially. If you are able to contribute to this fund, you may write “ILC Tuition Fund” on your envelopes or make use of the “Scholarship Fund” envelopes located in the back of church. In the future, they will be included in your envelope boxes.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Tonight:** Back to School Party at 6:30pm
- ✝ **Aug. 27:** ILS School Begins
- ✝ **Sept. 2:** Bible Class & Sunday School Resume
- ✝ **Sept. 2:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✝ **Sept. 9:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Sept. 16:** Education Sunday

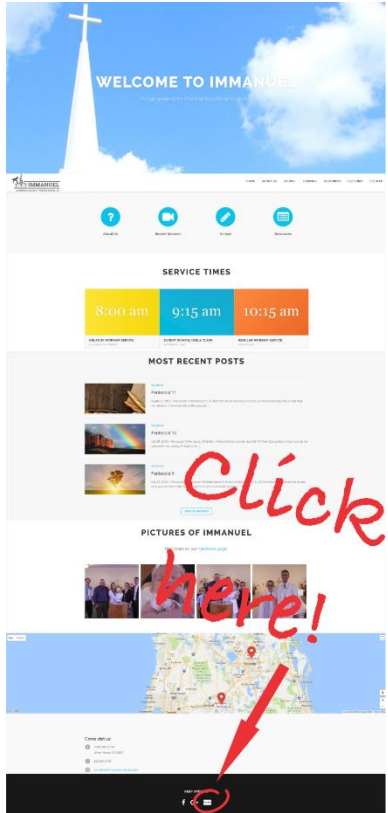
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CLC Call News Pastor Mark Gullerud of Redeemer in Bowdle, SD, has announced his retirement from the full-time public ministry effective October 2019.

Bible Class & Sunday School will resume next week! While the church service provides us the opportunity to receive the nourishment that our souls need, Bible Class is a great way to grow in faith and knowledge of the Lord. We hope to see you there!

E-Giving is now an option here at Immanuel. If you are more comfortable using electronic forms of payment than you are cash or

checks, Immanuel now has a PayPal account. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to “immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com,” or you can go to our church website and click the “PayPal” button at the bottom of the page for a direct link (see image to the right). If you send an offering this way, please select “Friends and Family.” Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your offerings as well as include your envelope number. I pray this service will be beneficial to our congregation.



Shut-in/Encouragement List

Loye Issitt continues to battle for good health with a kidney condition. **Betty Sweet** is now living at the memory care facility at Spring Haven. **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 at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to general unsteadiness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

Last Week (8/19) WH – 44

General = \$1128 | Prop. Improvement= \$60 | **Total Offering = \$1188**

September Usher: Issitt | **Acolyte (9/2):** Mason K.
| **Cleaner (9/1):** Rodebaugh