

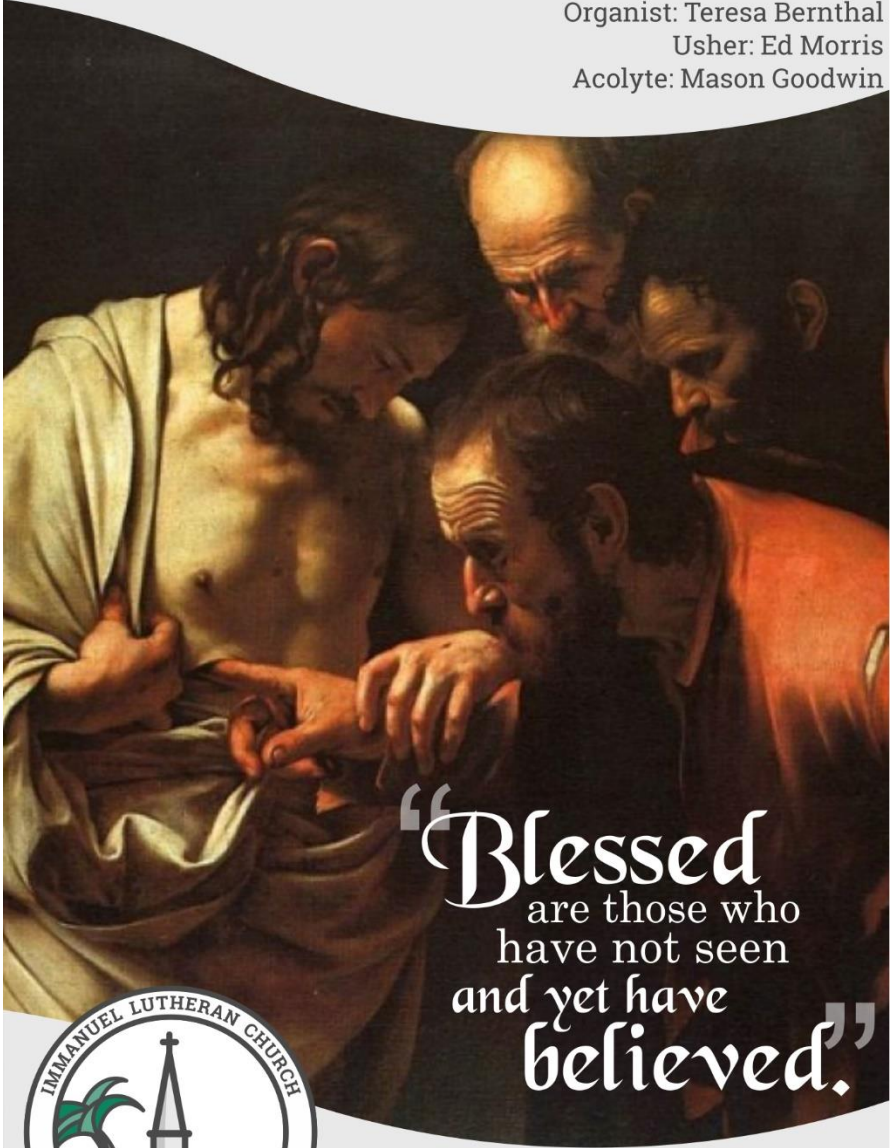
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**Quasimodo Geniti**

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“Blessed  
are those who  
have not seen  
and yet have  
believed.”



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 48:9-14*

<sup>9</sup> We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. <sup>10</sup> As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness. <sup>11</sup> Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments! <sup>12</sup> Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, <sup>13</sup> consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation <sup>14</sup> that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #210**

**“The Strife Is O’er; the Battle Done”**

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

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

### CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

*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. 81:1ff; 1 Pet. 2:2*

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

**P** Like newborn infants, Alleluia, long for the pure spiritual milk of the Word. Alleluia.

**C** Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

**P** In distress you called, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

**C** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

**P** You would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you. Glory be to the Father!

### 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.

The musical score consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, with the lyrics 'Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;' written below. The last two staves are for the instrumental accompaniment, with the lyrics 'as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.' written below. The music is in a common time signature and features a mix of treble and bass clefs.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*Matt. 28:7; Ps 33:5-6*

Alleluia. He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee. Alleluia. Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

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. ... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 37:1-14** The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had

come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them.<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."<sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.'<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.<sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.<sup>14</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

**GOSPEL READING – John 20:19-31** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."<sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."<sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.<sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."<sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."<sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the

presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

## **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 #208:1,4,6,8      "Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"**

**SERMON – 1 John 5:1-9** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is he who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. <sup>9</sup> If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

## **Comparing Testimonies: God's v. the World's**

**I. Regarding the Law**

**II. Regarding the 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.

**HYMN: WS #759**

**“These Are the Facts”**

### - 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.

**CLOSING HYMN: TLH #207:1-4**

**“Like the Golden Son Ascending”**

### ✠ Announcements ✠

**Petty Cash** There is a need for petty cash to pay for stamps and other necessities, if you are able and willing to help. Thank you!

### **Arise and Shine Retreat**

registration is now open! Our theme for this year is “Confidence!” In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have

a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather calls us to be confident in His Word and the salvation which He has won. If you are in your 20’s or 30’s and are looking

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

- ✠ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✠ **May 4:** Communion and Fellowship Snack
- ✠ **May 25:** ILS Wiffle Ball Tourney
- ✠ **May 26:** No Bible Class or SS; Summer Schedule Begins
- ✠ **May 31:** Last Day of School; Party starts 6 pm

for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

**Prayer Opportunities from the Mission Field** Pastor Thang has undergone surgery and will spend a few more weeks recovering in a hospital in India before going back to Myanmar. In March, he had been struck by a truck and dragged behind it for several miles. Through the CLC Project Kinship, financial aid has been sent to assist with medical bills and other expenses involved. <> Missionary Evensen will be moving to Togo in early May. Conversant in the French language, our missionary will be a tremendous blessing within the French-speaking area. <> Pastor Michael Gurath of Phoenix, who serves as part-time visiting missionary to Kenya and Uganda, will be traveling to the countries in the first few weeks of May to visit the two KINSHIP funded schools. <> Following a Mission Board visit to Bangladesh in March, the leaders of Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission have begun taking classes to join in fellowship with the CLC. <> Find more news from the field and prayer opportunities by visiting: <http://missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/>

**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. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **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.

### **Last Week (4/21) WH – 65**

General = \$2116.05 | Property Improvement = \$60

**Total Offering = \$2,176.05**

**May Usher:** Caleb Moorehead

| **Acolyte (5/5):** Matthew

| **Cleaner (5/4):** Galstad