

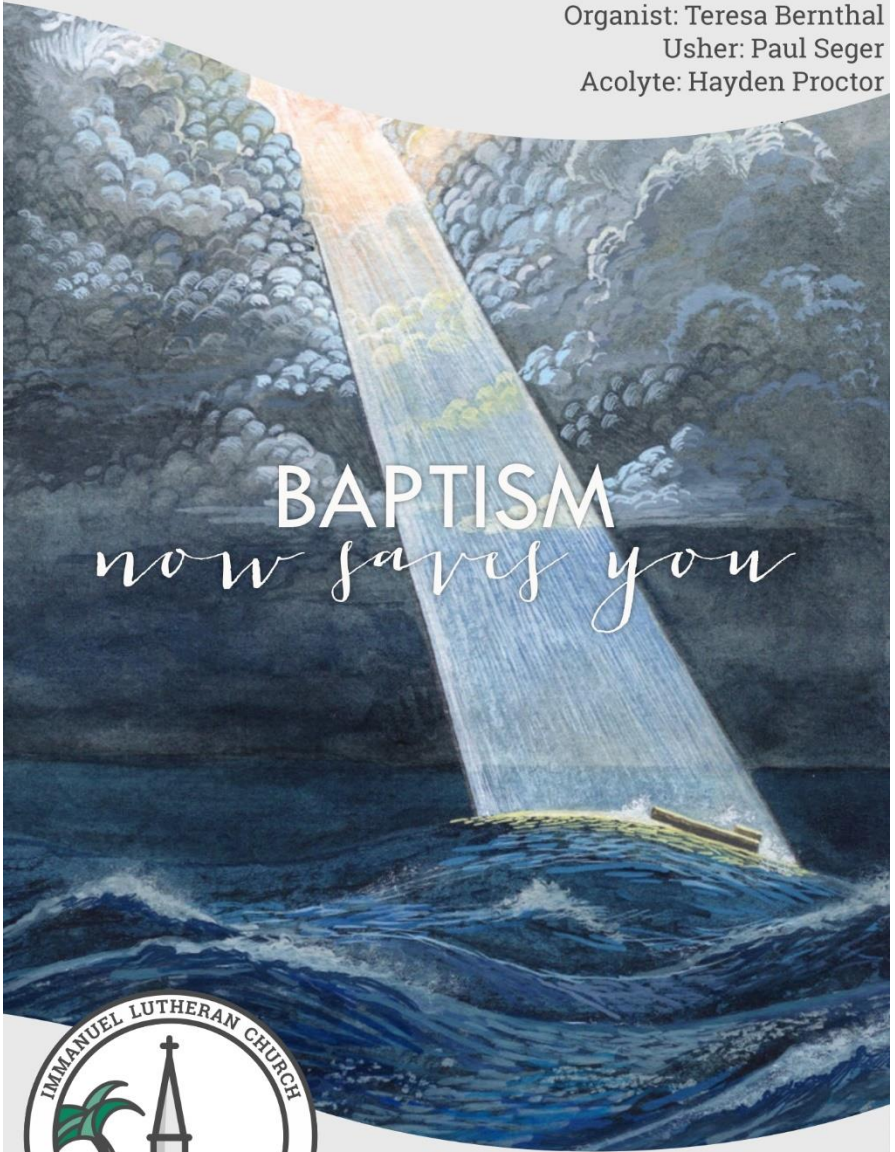
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Quinquagesima Sunday

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 17:8-15

⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, ⁹ from the wicked who do me violence, my deadly enemies who surround me. ¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity; with their mouths they speak arrogantly. ¹¹ They have now surrounded our steps; they set their eyes to cast us to the ground. ¹² He is like a lion eager to tear, as a young lion lurking in ambush. ¹³ Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword, ¹⁴ from men by your hand, O LORD, from men of the world whose portion is in this life. You fill their womb with treasure; they are satisfied with children, and they leave their abundance to their infants. ¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #390 "Drawn to the Cross, which Thou hast Blest"

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. 71:4; 31:1, 3, 5

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

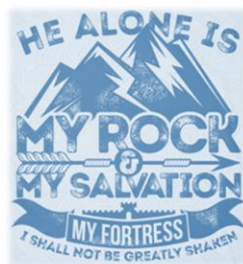
P Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. For You, O Lord, are my hope.

C In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.

P For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.

C Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked. For You, O Lord, are my hope.



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

Is. 35:4b

P Alleluia. "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." 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. ... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 35:3-7 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

GOSPEL READING – John 12:23-36 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Whoever loves

his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. ²⁷ "Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹ The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰ Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹ Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³ He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴ So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵ So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶ While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

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.

HYMN: TLH #413:1-2, 4-5

"I Walk in Danger All the Way"

SERMON – 1 Peter 3:13-22 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Yesterday's History Means Tomorrow's NO Mystery

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: WS #752

"Baptized in Water"

- 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 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 #523:1-5 “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”

✝ Announcements ✝

Lent Begins later this week with Ash Wednesday on February 26th. Lent is a 40 day period of time in which we mourn our sins, preparing our heart for the events of Holy Week. To help you adequately prepare, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation.

Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is “Drawn to the Cross.”

Church Work Day is being planned for the morning of Saturday, March 7th. The following weekend is Confirmation Day, so we are hoping to get the property cleaned up well! There are a lot of projects to get done, so please make some time to come help fix/clean up your church property. If you are planning on coming to workday, please speak with Pastor or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, so that we can figure out what projects we will be able to accomplish.

E-Giving is available for those who wish to use it. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to “immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com,” or you can go to our church website and click the small “PayPal” button at the very bottom of the page for a direct link. 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.

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Today:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday 6:30
- ✝ **Mar. 1:** Communion & Snack
- ✝ **Mar. 1:** Board of Education
- ✝ **Mar. 1:** Ladies of Immanuel
- ✝ **Mar. 7:** Church Work Day
- ✝ **Mar. 15:** Confirmation Sunday
- ✝ **Mar. 15:** Auditing Committee
- ✝ **Mar. 29:** Trustees and Council
- ✝ **Apr. 1:** Quarterly Voters Mtg.

Prayers for India Pastor Jyothi Benjamin, of the Church of the Lutheran Confession-India, was summoned by the superintendent of Police this weekend for questioning. He was out of town tending to his mother-in-law who is very sick. The police gave him ten days to comply, and he is reporting tomorrow. Please pray for him and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in India during this tumultuous time.

The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. *ManUp!* offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020. Visit our website, www.manup.clclutheran.org, for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at plstrike7@aol.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!

CLC Call News Pastor Matthew Hanel, St. Matthew, Dallas, TX has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Missionary Peter Evenson has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN. <> Deana Pfeiffer and Leah Fossum accepted their part time calls to Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. <> **Neil Bernthal** has been called by Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC, to be the principal and teacher in the upper grades.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney/. transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **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. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon.

Last Week (2/16) WH – 41

General = \$1,264 | ILC Scholarship = \$50

Total = \$1,314

March Usher: Steve Goodwin

| **Cleaning (2/29):** Moorehead

| **Acolyte (3/1):** Landon

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