

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Jan. 17-22, '22

Mon Isaiah 62:1-5 Isaiah tried to stifle himself from interrupting some sour complainers—but his news was too good to be stifled. God had told him that Zion (the Church) would flourish to embrace Gentiles (2-3), thus proving that God not only welcomes non-Jews, but He also loves and adopts them into His family as His dear children (4-5).

Tues John 1:35-42 The Tuesday events were important for John's students, and they're important for us too. Jesus asks, "*What are you looking for? Come and see where I reside, for the night is drawing near, and you need rest for your souls.*" When a person sits at Jesus' feet and absorbs His Word, that changes him. Jesus changed Simon, and He can change others.

Wed Ephesians 3:14-21 This prayer comes to our attention in a round-about way: Though Paul directed his requests to God the Father, he also wanted his friends to be assured that Jesus had brought them into God's family (15) and could take residence in their hearts (17) with His immeasurable and trans-forming love (18-19). God grant it from here to eternity!

Thurs Isaiah 63:7-9 What else did Isaiah have on his mind and heart? Since God had not revealed to him (nor to us) every twist and turn of His plans, we could not cope with life and death if we were not assured of His *loving-kindnesses, great goodness and mercies. So He became their/our Savior; in His love and in His pity God redeemed them/us and carried them/us* in His arms. That's worth *mentioning* (7) to/for us in 2022 also.

Fri John 2:1-11 The wedding celebration was going along smoothly—until the caterer ran short on refreshments (1-3). Mary knew that if her Son wished, He could fix it—in His own timing and in His own way, of course. So He did (4-9) what nobody else could do, miraculously. That rescued the caterer from disgrace (10), and no doubt everyone appreciated the finest wine. This was the first time Jesus demonstrated His divinity by means of a public miracle, which is a more valuable gift than the best vintage.

Sat Ephesians 2:1-10 Did we not say that God (via Jesus) transforms people? That's what happens in conversion, first of all, for conversion is as great a miracle as raising someone from death to life (1-5). Really? Yes, really, for when the Father *raised Jesus* from the dead, *He raised us up together with Jesus* and *made us sit together with Jesus in heavenly places* (6). And that's not all, praise the Lord, for from start to finish God has not left anything to random chance, "good luck," application of human merit/de-merits, or anything else. God did it all so our salvation would be fool-proof. Amen!

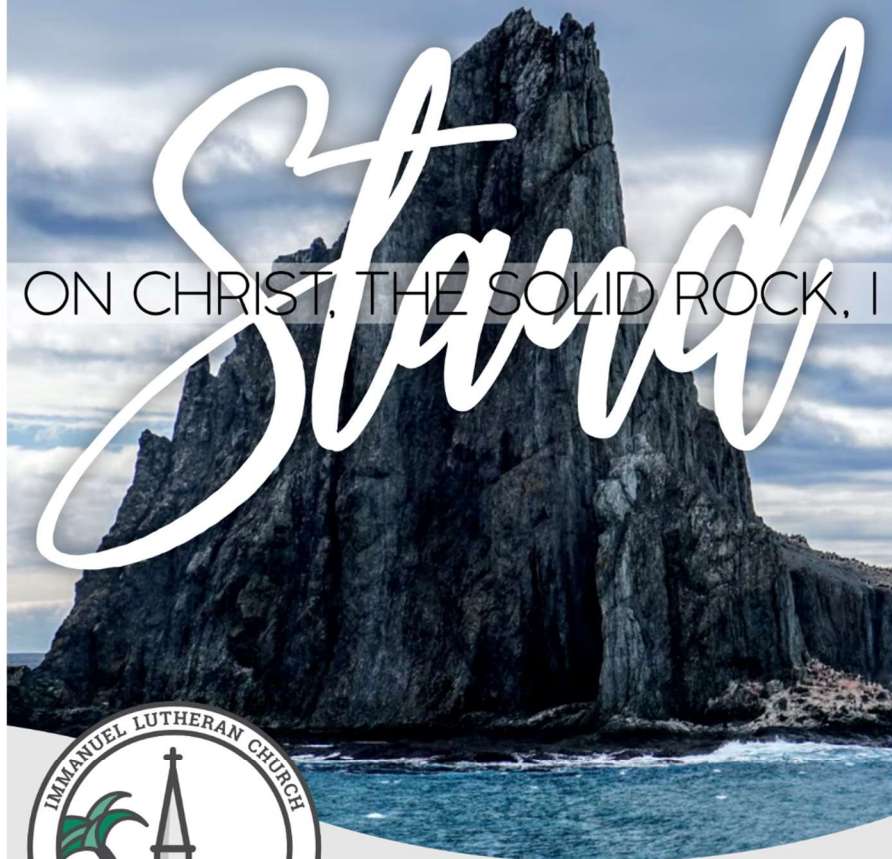
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Epiphany 2

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Amos 9:11-15

¹¹ "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, ¹² that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the LORD who does this. ¹³ "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. ¹⁴ I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. ¹⁵ I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠


OPENING PRAYER

 Pastor

 Congregation

HYMN: TLH #466


"Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation"

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

 **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:


We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.


 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.

 **Who made heaven and earth.**

 I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

 **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

 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.

 **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**

✠ Announcements ✠

Call Issued – The voters of Immanuel issued two calls on January 2nd; one was a full-time pastoral call to **Pastor Luke Bernthal**. He is still considering the call. The second was a temporary vacancy pastoral call to **Pastor Emeritus Vance Fossum**. He has accepted the call, which will include preaching on a two weekend per month basis. His first two Sundays at Immanuel will be on **January 30th** and **February 6th**.

✠ **Jan. 16:** Council & Trustees
✠ **Jan. 23:** Orlando Service 8 am
✠ **Jan. 30:** Pastor Fossum – Service and Bible Class
✠ **Feb. 6:** Annual Voters' Mtg.
✠ **Feb. 6:** Pastor Fossum – Communion & Bible Class
✠ **Feb. 13:** Grant B. Confirmation (Pastor M. Bernthal Preaching)

Bible Class and Sunday School will ordinarily not be held while we wait for a new full-time pastor to arrive. In the interim, for the non-Orlando Sundays during Pastor Vance Fossum's vacancy service, he plans to conduct Bible Class. That means there will be 9:15 Bible Class hour on both January 30th and February 6th.

CLC Call News - Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has **received** the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE. + Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has **accepted** the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. + ILC Professor John Ude is **still considering** the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. + Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, is **still considering** the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

Thank you for everything. For all of the loving support, the fellowship, for adopting my family into yours—all I can say is thank you. It's been one of the great blessings in my life to serve this congregation for the past 4.5 years. I will always remember my days at Immanuel with great fondness, and I look forward to a day in the future when, prayerfully, our paths cross again. I thank the Lord also for blessing my ministry and my family here; seeing His great grace towards all of us is very reassuring as I know He will not remove it from this congregation. My prayers are with you as you seek a new pastor; the Lord will provide. I love you all.

Last Week: WH – 33 Orlando – 10 **Offering** = \$1,248.58

General = \$1,223.58 | Benevolence = \$25

Cleaner (1/22): Bernthal | **Acolyte (1/23):** Seth Bernthal

SERMON – Psalm 128:1-6 *A Song of Ascents*. Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways! ² You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. ³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. ⁴ Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD. ⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! ⁶ May you see your children's children! Peace be upon Israel!

Jesus: The Foundation for a Better Life

- I. For stability in your family
- II. For stability in your faith



OFFERTORY

- 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 #427:1-4,7 "How Firm a Foundation"



– OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –
Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:



OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1 "Lord, You Love..."

- C** Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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 #370 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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. 36:5-9; Song of Sol. 2:4*

- P** [The Lord] brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.
- C** Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.
- C** How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- P** They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- C** For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

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 *Jn. 2:11*

- P** Alleluia. This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. 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

G 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 Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 62:1-5 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

GOSPEL READING – John 2:1-11 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.