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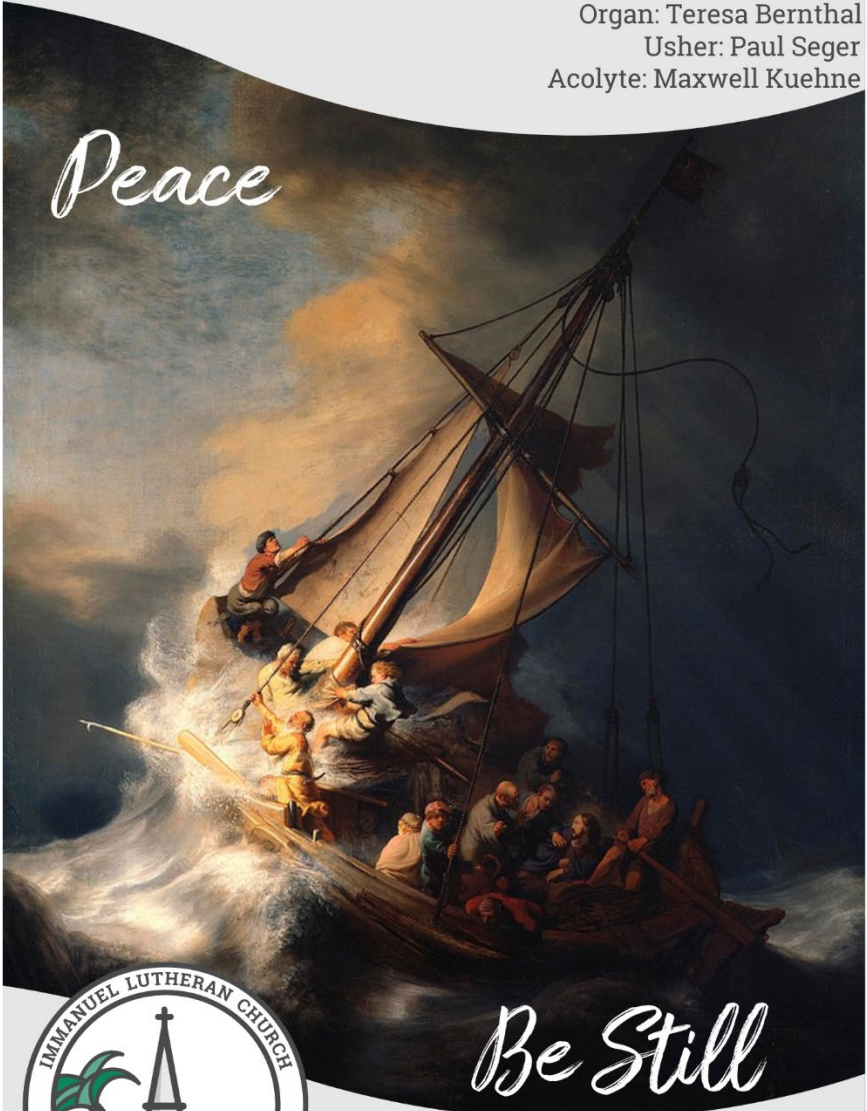
4th Sunday after Epiphany

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Peace



Be Still



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 19:1-6

The painting, "Storm on the Sea of Galilee," is by the Dutch artist, Rembrandt (1606-1669). How vividly he has captured this incident in the life of the disciples. Rembrandt succeeded in giving us a memorable snapshot of this moment of grave trouble for the twelve. However, the painter cannot tell the end of the story. For, although his painting be "worth a thousand words," only God's Word tells us the whole story with a happy ending – not only for the twelve, but for everyone who trusts that word. May the Spirit of Christ bless the hearing of His Word in the hearts of all who worship here today!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: WS #762

"This Is He"

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

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

Psalm 10:16–18

- P** Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.
- C** **The Lord is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.**
- P** O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart;
- C** **You will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- C** **Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the afflicted.**

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 first line of text, and the last two staves are for the second line. Each line has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in a common time signature (C) and features a variety of note values and rests.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:43b

- P** Alleluia. I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose. Alleluia.

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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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 Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 – Psalm 107:1-15 Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His [a]mercy endures forever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, 3 And gathered out of the lands, From the east and from the west, From the north and from the south. 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desolate way; They found no city to dwell in. 5 Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in them. 6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He delivered them out of their distresses. 7 And He led them forth by the right way, That they might go to a city for a dwelling place. 8 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men! 9 For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness. 10 Those who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, Bound in affliction and irons—11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High, 12 Therefore He brought down their heart with labor; They fell down, and there was none to help. 13 Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses. 14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, And broke their chains in pieces. 15 Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

GOSPEL LESSON – Hebrews 11:23-40 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. 24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming

the [b]reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they were encircled for seven days. 31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who [d]id not believe, when she had received the spies with peace. 32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. 35 Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. 36 Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, [e]were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, 40 God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

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.**

SERMON – Matthew 14:22-33 Immediately Jesus [a]made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” 28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” 29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

TRUST JESUS IN TIME OF TROUBLE!

I. HE KNOWS EXACTLY!

II. HE HELPS ALMIGHTILY!

OFFERTORY

🎵 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.

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

☞ 🎵 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

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.

☞ 🎵 Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: WS #785

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome! Vacancy Pastor Vance Fossum arrived yesterday. He will be preaching today and Sunday, February 6. He presented Bible Class this morning on "JOY!" What is it? Next week will be "What Do You Know for Sure about Justification and Conversion?" If the services of the Pastor are needed, please call church or contact Pastor Fossum directly at 803-556-3161.

✠ **Jan. 30:** Council/Elders Meet
✠ **Feb. 6:** Bible Class & SS 9:15a
✠ **Feb. 6:** Annual Voters' Mtg.
✠ **Feb. 13:** Orlando Service 8a
✠ **Feb. 13:** Confirmation Sunday
WH service with Pastor Mark Bernthal preaching – meal to

Council and Elders' Meeting There will be a council and elders' meeting after church today.

Voters' Meeting Sunday, February 6 is the annual voters' meeting. We will be approving the budget and electing the church officers. If you are a voting member, please plan to attend this important meeting.

Confirmation Sunday Sunday, February 13 will be Confirmation Sunday. Grant Bernthal will be confirmed with his examination during the service. Pastor Mark Bernthal will be preaching the sermon. There will be a meal following the service thanking the Lord for His protective care and guidance in the life of Grant. All are welcome.

CLC Call News Dear members of Immanuel, I pray this letter finds you in good health and spirits, and confident of the peace that is yours in Jesus Christ. I appreciate the opportunity to consider serving your congregation as I seek the Lord's will in the call you have extended to me. It is encouraging to hear about your work as a congregation and your zeal in sharing the gospel of our Savior. I

ask for your prayers during this time as I contemplate the important ministries both there at Immanuel and here at Redemption. May the Lord bless each one of us as we seek to honor and glorify His name in our individual callings. In His service and name, Pastor Mark Tiefel

Last Week: WH – 17 | Orlando – 17 **Total Offering** = \$1,325.25
General = \$525.25 | Property Improvement = \$200 |

Cleaner (2/5): Custodio | **Acolyte (2/6):** Hayden

Mon Jeremiah 1:4-10 Here are the vital facts: the fetus IS a human person, predestination IS real, and verbal inspiration IS genuine. This overwhelmed Jeremiah, and he would have caved in, but God rescued him with the double assurance: a) “I am with you,” and b) “I have put My words in your mouth, so you must speak up. In fact, I have put you on top of every situation.” (10)

Tues Luke 4:38-44 Since Jesus dedicated Himself to help people with large problems, He had little time to relax. Though they came in droves, Jesus did not heal them wholesale, but one at a time, for each needed His undivided attention (41). Another reason He did not take time to relax is that He wanted to reach others with God’s salvation—before it was too late (42-43).

Wed 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Christians depend on parents and teachers to keep them in the Word (14-15), and we depend on God to lay His Word on our hearts, producing godly strength to face life’s challenges (16-17). So, then, dear professors, pastors, and teachers—do your job! (4:1-2) Since time is running out, and people are becoming immune to God (3-4), we depend on you to be faithful in your service to God and for our blessing. Amen.

Thurs Jeremiah 5:30-31 History repeats itself: educators promote deviant sexual behavior, abortion is defended as a right—and the fact that clergy default as God’s spokesmen caps the whole mess. It’s an astonishing and horrible thing that has been committed in our land—that clergymen have deserted God and His Word. They rule by their own say-so, and the citizens love to have it that way. But what will you do in the end? Lord, have mercy!

Fri Luke 4:31-37 It’s quite believable that someone may go to church with an affliction or addiction—and when facing Jesus (at the Confession of Sins, page 5) cringes with agony. What is s/he to do? Well, let Jesus take over, for He is quite able to face the indwelling demon, take its power away, and in its place implant His Holy Spirit. “Grant this, Lord, unto us all.”

Sat 2 Timothy 2:22-26 Flee means run! Get as far away as fast as you can from temptations/activities that would lure you into Satan’s backyard to play games with him. Satan is a liar and a cheater, so don’t listen to his spiel or try to outsmart him, but rather strengthen your spiritual muscles in God’s family circle (21-22). God’s servants in the public ministry are Satan’s main targets, so they need our support to be gentle to everyone, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition - - using all their skills to help others come to repentance, so that they may know the truth and that they may escape the snare of the devil. God grant it! Amen.