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5th Sunday of Pentecost

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LUKE 12:13-21

WHERE OUR TREASURE IS, THERE IS OUR HEART



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WELCOME

Welcome, Dear Friends and Visitors, in the Name of Jesus! We approach our God today with words of thanksgiving and praise. How else should sinners come into the presence of the only God and Savior of sinners? We join the Psalmist in praising the LORD for the greatness of His “merciful kindness toward us” in Jesus Christ. We also praise Him for His “truth” which “endures forever.”

In our modern world, “truth” has become whatever one wants it to be. It is popular to speak of a person’s “truth,” and to assert that what is “truth” for one may not be “truth” for one’s neighbor; Fox’s Sean Hannity often closes his evening show by saying “The truth will set you free!” Is this the “truth” Hannity seeks to bring to his viewers, or is he taking these familiar words from John 8:32 out of context?

Satan rejoices whenever man thinks the truth is whatever he calls it, or whenever portions of a definitive passage of God’s Word are misquoted or taken out of context. When people say, “the truth shall make you free,” presuming to quote Jesus, they leave off our Lord’s preceding words. In John 8:32 Jesus actually says: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.”

Let us be thankful and praise God for His merciful kindness toward sinners like us! And let it be very clear to us that the freedom Christ speaks about is gained only by abiding in the Word of Christ, so that we may “know the truth” of salvation and praise our God that His Truth endures forever!

Whether the Holy Scriptures are speaking of our hope in Christ’s resurrection or any other “Word” of God, He is revealing His truth – “THE truth. We are not trusting in our truth or anyone else’s vain and illusive feeling or personal theories. That would be mere superstition! Our Christian faith is not based on theory or human philosophy. Christian faith is a definite, personal knowing of Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of sinners through The Truth of Holy Scripture.. All praise be to our great Savior God for “The Truth which makes us free!”

Order of Divine Worship

- P** “And when they had come to the place called Calvary,
C there they crucified Him.” **P** Pastor
- P** “For when we were yet without strength,
C in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” **C** Congregation
- C** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- A**ll Lord, we believe; help our unbelief! Come with Your enabling Spirit, through Your Gospel of Grace, that we may cease our sinful wanderings in

the service of self, and continually re-present ourselves to our Savior God as “living sacrifices” until we reach heavenly glory.

Hymn: WS #743 *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

- P** Dear Friends, “This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” (1 Tim. 1:15)
- C** “If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)
- P** Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy for Jesus’ sake.
- A** O Lord, Merciful God and Father in heaven, We are altogether sinful from birth. By thought, word and deed, we have sinned against You. We know that we deserve nothing but punishment in this life and forever. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and cleanse us from our sins for the sake of Your Holy Son, Jesus Christ, Who lived under the Law, suffered the punishment of hell, and died in our place and for our sins. And grant us the power of Your Holy Spirit that we may change our ways -- crucifying the sinful desires of the flesh, and serving You and our neighbor in holy love. Amen.
- P** God, our Savior has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son, Jesus Christ, as payment for the sins of the world. even so, by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved! . . . O Lord, grant this unto us all!

C *♩ A - - - men.*

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for “Glory be to the Father”

The musical score is written for four staves. The top two staves are in treble clef, and the bottom two are in bass clef. The music is in a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "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 score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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 Almighty God, You alone are the Giver of life and all good things, according to Your good and gracious will. Show us your mercy and forgive our sinful desire for riches. Help us be content with all that you provide through our godly labor and the “perfect gifts” You give to Your believing children. Direct and guide us through our life on earth that we do not lose eternal life and the eternal riches of heaven. of greed and covetousness the Protector of all those who trust in You, the Savior of We beg You in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever.

C A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ecclesiastes 2:1 and 18-26 I said in my heart, “Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure”; but surely, this also was vanity. ¹⁸Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also *is* vanity. ²⁰Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. ²¹For there is a man whose labor *is* with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also *is* vanity and a great evil. ²²For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under

the sun? ²³ For all his days *are* sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ Nothing *is* better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. ²⁵ For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? ²⁶ For *God* gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who *is* good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Colossians 3:1-11 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

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.**

Hymn: TLH #361

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

SERMON – Luke 12:13-21 Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” 15 And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’ 18 So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.” ’ 20 But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ 21 “So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

WHERE OUR TREASURE IS, THERE IS OUR HEART!

Hymn: TLH #398


“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:


OFFERING: TLH #442:2

“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”

- C**  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.
- C**  Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: WS #764

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 38 **Total Offering** = \$43561.25 **General** = \$2211.25 | **Prop. Imp.** = \$500 | **Missions** = \$50 | **ILC Schol.** = \$200 | **Rent** = \$600

- ✠ **July 10** 9:15am Bible Class
10:15am WH
- ✠ **July 17** 10:15am WH service
- ✠ **July 18-22 VBS**
- ✠ **July 24** 8am Orlando service
10:15am WH
- ✠ **July 31** 10:15am WH service
- ✠ **Aug 7** 9:15am Bible Class
10:15 Communion WH service
- ✠ **Aug 7** Elders' Meeting

July 10 Pastor Fossum will be conducting Bible Class this morning and will conduct the service at 10:15 am.

VBS We will be having Vacation Bible School July 18-22 from 9:00-11:30 am. If you know of any children who would like to attend, please contact Mr. Bernthal at 863-866-4160. If you

would like to help donate snacks or money to purchase items for VBS, please see Mr. Bernthal as well. Pray the Lord bless our week learning about His love for us through the life of Joseph.

Call Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am humbly honored that the Holy Spirit led you to extend to me the divine call to serve as the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL. Since the Lord has given me to serve His Church here on earth, I ask that you would keep me in your prayers as I consider the needs of Resurrection and Immanuel, my own abilities to serve God's flock, and where God can best use the talents he has given me. I welcome all advice and wisdom that you would care to share with me and appreciate your prayers. My contact information is below. In Christ, Pastor Naumann Mobile: 361-504-4008 Email: pastorsamnaumann@gmail.com

Cleaner (7/16): Bernthal | **Acolyte (7/17):** Seth Bernthal

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 11 - July 16, '22

Mon Luke 10:25-28 A lawyer comes to test Jesus, and ends up being tested by Jesus. He asks what he needs to do for eternal life. Jesus points him to the Law, which speaks of human actions, and he rightly recognizes that love is at the heart of the Law. Jesus' suggestion that the lawyer has not even fulfilled this basic requirement of God's Law reveals that the Law serves to show us our sin, not our salvation.

Tues Luke 10: 29-37 The lawyer, who suddenly finds himself put to the test and wants to justify himself, asks Jesus to define "my neighbor." In answer, Jesus tells of the Samaritan who was a neighbor (showed love) to the man in need on the road to Jericho. So our Savior also loved us and came to be our neighbor, rescuing us from sin, death, and the devil!

Wed Galatians 5:1-6 The source of our freedom from condemnation is Christ, not our keeping of the law. If however, New Testament Christians go back to Old Testament ordinances, like circumcision, to justify themselves, they are denying that Christ has finished the work of their salvation. But in Christ Jesus, it is only faith working through love that counts for anything.

Thurs Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Paul urges us to use our God-given freedom to serve one another in love (like the good Samaritan and our Savior Himself). The works of the sinful human nature are obviously self-centered and sinful, but God's Spirit bears fruit in our lives which are in keeping with love to God and to our neighbor.

Fri Ruth 1:1-5 The little family of four that went from Bethlehem to Moab in the days of famine are not mentioned again in the Bible outside of this brief book. Orpah is not mentioned again outside of this chapter. The only person in these verses mentioned elsewhere is the Moabite widow Ruth, and her name only comes up once as part of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ! God remembers His people, whether their tribe is Israelite or Moabite, Samaritan or American!

Sat Ruth 1:6-19a Orpah loved her mother-in-law and would have returned with her to Israel, but Ruth had an even more compelling reason than her love for Naomi, and that was Naomi's God, the Lord! "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.... May the Lord do so ..." Lord, may your love be the compelling force in our lives also.

God Is Real!"

Modern sociologists have claimed that the Christian religion is a product of human invention, that the idea of *God* is of no practical use, except to make us feel good. Marxist Communists used to call Christianity "the opiate of the people" – an hallucinatory drug of no real value, and even harmful.

Many studies in recent years have concluded otherwise. Regular attendance at religious worship provides a protection against all kinds of social and physical ills. Life expectancy at age 20 is significantly related to church attendance. Religious worship seems to reduce the probability of divorce, of depression, and suicide. Religious worship seems to make men better fathers. The list goes on.

In the 5th century, long before the humanistic theories of our day, St. Augustine said, "*You have made us for Yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless, until they rest in You.*" We believe that all the evidence agrees with Augustine's hypothesis: *man needs God*. God is not the invention of religious druggies or superstitious fanatics. He is the real Source and Goal of all that is truly good about life in this world.

But more than that: In the person of Jesus Christ, God is our eternal rest and life in heaven. There are no scientific studies to describe the everlasting benefits of that life to come. But we do have this description from God's word: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*" (1 Cor. 2:9) Our Savior God is as real as our heartbeat, and our life when it stops!