

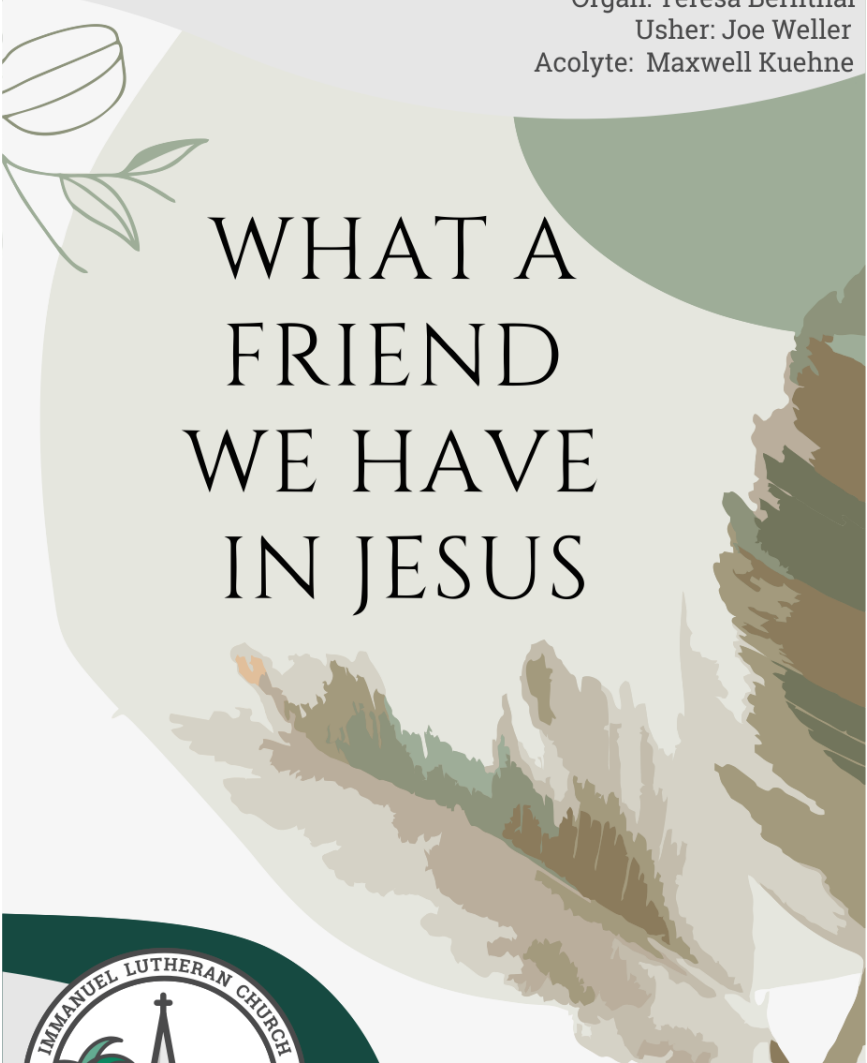
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15th Sunday of Pentecost

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WHAT A  
FRIEND  
WE HAVE  
IN JESUS



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Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! 2 Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! 4 The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? 7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, 8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. 9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

## **Order of Divine Worship**

**Hymn: TLH #3**

**“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”**

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

**C** *♪* **A - - - men.**

### **CONFESSION 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 119:137-140,142*

- P** Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.
- C** Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.
- P** You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.
- C** My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.
- P** Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.
- C** Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

## 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 two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the lyrics "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system covers the lyrics "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*1 Timothy 2:5-6a*

Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all. 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** O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 – 1 Samuel 20:27-42** And it happened the next day, the second day of the month, that David’s place was empty. And Saul said to Jonathan his son, “Why has the son of Jesse not come to eat, either yesterday or today?” 28 So Jonathan answered Saul, “David earnestly asked permission of me to go to Bethlehem. 29 And he said, ‘Please let me go, for our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to be there. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, please let me get away and see my brothers.’ Therefore he has not come to the king’s table.” 30 Then Saul’s anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, “You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother’s nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.” 32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, “Why should he be killed? What has he done?” 33 Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David. 34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had treated him shamefully. 35 And so it was, in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad was with him. 36 Then he said to his lad, “Now run, find the arrows which I shoot.” As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. 37 When the lad had come to the place where the arrow was which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried out after the lad and said, “Is not the arrow beyond you?” 38 And Jonathan cried out after the lad, “Make haste, hurry, do not delay!” So Jonathan’s lad gathered up the arrows and came back to his master. 39 But the lad did not know anything. Only

Jonathan and David knew of the matter. 40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry them to the city." 41 As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so. 42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.' " So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

**GOSPEL READING – John 15:1-17** "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. 9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

**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 #457**

**“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

**SERMON – Proverbs 27:5-6,9,17** Better is open rebuke than hidden love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. 9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel. 17 Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

**THANK GOD FOR FAITHFUL FRIENDS  
WHO WOUND AND SHARPEN US**

**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 #464**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

**- 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.

🎵 Amen, amen, a – men.

**HYMN: TLH #50**

**“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”**

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Last Week:** WH – 22 Orlando – 9 **Total Offering** = \$941.25

General = \$936.25 | Tuition Grant = \$5

- ✝ **Sept. 18** 10:15am WH Service
- ✝ **Sept. 18** Trustees Meeting and Church Council Meeting
- ✝ **Sept. 25** 8am Orlando Service  
10:15am WH Service
- ✝ **Oct. 2** 9:15am Bible Class  
10:15am WH Mission Sunday, children sing and Communion
- ✝ **Oct. 2** Meal after church  
Quarterly Voters' Meeting

**Call Letter** At the voters' meeting we called Pastor Nathanael Mayhew. Here is his letter to the congregation. Members of Immanuel – coworkers in our Lord's service and recipients of His grace, I am writing to inform you that I have received your call to serve as pastor at Immanuel in Winter Haven, Florida. It is clear that there are many opportunities before you to bring the Lord's Word of comfort and hope to young, old everywhere in

between. What a privilege and joy that is! I assure you that I will prayerfully consider the divine call that you have extended to me, as well as my current calls to Grace -Sleepy Eye, and Faith - New Ulm. I request your prayers in these coming days, that the Lord would lead me to know where He would have me serve, and that His good and gracious will be done. You will continue in my prayers as well, that through the coming days our Triune God would sustain you as He has promised, through the faithful service of Pastor Fossum and the men of your congregation who bring you God's Word during this vacancy. May our Savior continue to bless your service to Him, Nathanael Mayhew

**Mission Sunday** October 2 is Mission Sunday. The children will be singing in church. We will have a covered dish dinner after church. Please bring food to share. **There will be a voters' meeting after the meal.**

**Cleaner (9/24):** Custodio | **Acolyte (9/25):** Seth Bernthal

### **Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Sept. 19 – Sept. 24, '22**

**Mon Luke 16:1-9** On more than one occasion Jesus spoke of the dangers and proper uses of wealth and possessions. The dishonest manager, in the short time he had left, used his master's wealth to make friends who would be able to repay him when he was out of a job. Jesus tells his disciples to

use their possessions to help those who might not be able to repay them, but may greet them when this short life is over (v9).

**Tues Luke 16: 10-13** In case His disciples thought that Jesus was praising dishonesty in yesterday's reading, He goes on to encourage faithfulness both in using the material possessions God has loaned to us, and in using the true spiritual riches which He actually gives to us. This means single-hearted service to God, the source of eternal life and every other good gift.

**Wed Ecclesiastes 5:10-12** Solomon observes that those who love and serve money will never have enough. Rather the more they have, the more mouths there will be to feed in order to secure the accumulating wealth. Nor will they sleep any better than the laborer, who receives God's gifts but does not worship them.

**Thurs Ecclesiastes 5:13-20** The trouble with giving undue honor to riches is that they can be lost in a moment, they are only for this life, and they create dark discontent for those who crave them. Recognizing and honoring the Giver of riches brings also the power to enjoy them. Jesus taught us to pray to our Father, "give us this day our daily bread."

**Fri 1 Timothy 6:6-10** Material wealth is not essential to human joy. Otherwise there would be no joy outside of this world. But godliness with contentment (the opposite of covetousness, which is idolatry) is great gain. Such contented enjoyment God gives His children, while the love of money leads to departure from the faith (we cannot serve God and money - Tues. Reading) and many sorrows.

**Sat 1 Timothy 6:17-19** Paul urges Pastor Timothy to counsel the rich in this world to recognize that their earthly riches come from God, to be ready to share, and to set their hopes for the future on Him who gives true life through "the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph1:7).