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16th Sunday of Pentecost

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THE NAME OF

JESUS



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 1463

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! 2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. 3 Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. 4 When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish. 5 Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; 7 who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; 8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. 9 The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. 10 The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #360

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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 119:73-75,77

P Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

C **Your hands have made and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.**

P Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice, because I have hoped in your word.

C **I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous, and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.**

P Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

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 for the Gloria Patri is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system begins with a common time signature and a key signature of one flat. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;". The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics: "as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men." and concludes with a double bar line.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 16:31

Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.

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

The musical score for the Verse of the Day is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat. The vocal line contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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 O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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 – Deuteronomy 4:23-31 Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. 24 For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God. 25 “When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the Lord your God to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you. 28 And there you will serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 29 But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice 31 (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 21:33-46 “Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. 34 Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. 35 And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they

did likewise to them. 37 Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' 39 So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" 41 They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." 42 Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?" 43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. 44 And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." 45 Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. 46 But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet

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 #465


"Christ Is Our Corner-Stone"

SERMON – Acts 4:8-20 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: "If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be

saved.” Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. “But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

ONLY BY THE NAME OF JESUS...

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 #114


“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

- 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.

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 31 **Total Offering** = \$530.00 General = \$355.00 |

Kinship = \$200

- ✠ **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
- ✠ **Nov. 12** Work Day at the
parsonage 9:00 am

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

Check Your Email An email will be sent out after church today, Sunday, September 25, with the October 2 Quarterly Voters' Meeting Agenda. Please read it in preparation for the meeting. If any member has any input or suggestions for the upcoming meeting, you may speak to any voter to voice your opinion.

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 (10/1): Tina | **Acolyte (9/25):** Maxwell Kuehne

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Sept. 26 – Oct. 1, '22

Mon Luke 16:19-31 Jesus teaches vividly that a person's wealth, or lack of it, does not determine his relationship to God. The poorest of people who has God as his helper (meaning of the name *Lazarus*) has much joy ahead of him. The richest of people who is deaf to the word and promise of God will never have more than he has in this life. Thank God for His enriching, life-giving Word ("Moses and the Prophets" vv29,31)!

Tues Amos 6:1-3 Trusting in power was not something new in Jesus' day. In Old Testament times the prophet Amos pronounced woe on those who trusted in their positions of power, thought they could put off the day of judgment, and use violence to secure themselves. Jesus had to repeat such woes, though He came to end them.

Wed Amos 6:4-7 Also in Amos' time were those who used their riches only to serve themselves, invented musical instruments – which David had invented to praise God – only for their own pleasure. They anointed themselves with the richest oil rather than grieving for the ruin of Israel, through whom the Savior would come.

Thurs Hebrews 13:1-6 Let us show our love to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant (12:24), by loving one another, especially those who are suffering and ill-treated; and by honoring God's institution of marriage. Let us look to Him for all good things and confidently say, "The Lord is my helper!" (Cf *Lazarus*, Monday's reading)

Fri 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Paul urges Timothy to flee the love of money (v10), and pursue Godly virtues, which will still be practiced in the life to come, at the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen!

Sat Psalm 146 Hallelujah = Praise the LORD! The help that earthly power can give is like the flowers, only lasting for a time. But he whose helper is the God of Jacob is blessed indeed! The LORD's power and faithfulness are forever, giving food to the hungry, lifting up those who are bowed down, watching over travelers, upholding the widow and the fatherless! Hallelujah!