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20th Sunday of Pentecost

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Forgiving Father



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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 5

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. 3 O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. 4 For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you. 5 The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. 6 You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man. 7 But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. 8 Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me. 9 For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue. 10 Make them bear their guilt, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; because of the abundance of their transgressions cast them out, for they have rebelled against you. 11 But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. 12 For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: TLH #279

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

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 56:10-13

P When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

C In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise,

P In God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

C I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you.

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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 begins with a common time signature and contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system continues with 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 rhythmic pattern of chords.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 18:16


Alleluia. Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. 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 consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system continues with the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic pattern of chords.

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 and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  A - - - men.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Timothy 1:12-17 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. 14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. 16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING – Luke 15:1-10 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. 2 And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.” 3 So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 4 “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ 7 I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. 8 “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until

she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' 10 Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 #388


"Just as I Am, without One Plea"

SERMON – Luke 15:11-32 Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless ["prodigal," or wasteful] living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" "He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they

began to celebrate. “His older son was in the field. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. The servant told him, ‘Your brother is here! Your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ The older brother was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. “He answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I’ve been serving you, and I never disobeyed your command, but you never gave me even a young goat so that I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours arrived after wasting your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ “The father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. But it was fitting to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.’”

PRODIGAL SONS; FORGIVING FATHER

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 #342


“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

- 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: TLH #324

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

✝ Announcements ✝

Last Week: WH – 40 Bible Class – 13 **Total Offering = \$1,491.25**

General = \$1,346.25 | Missions = \$95.00 | ILC Scholarship = \$50.00

- ✝ **Oct. 19-21** Teachers' Conference in Eau Claire, WI
- ✝ **Oct. 23** 10:15am WH service
- ✝ **Oct. 23** Church Council Meeting
- ✝ **Oct. 28** School Family Fall Festival 6 pm
- ✝ **Oct. 30** 10:15am WH service
- ✝ **Nov. 6** 9:15am Bible Class
10:15am Communion Service
- ✝ **Nov. 6** Open House at Parsonage
- ✝ **Nov. 12** Work Day at the parsonage 9am
- ✝ **Nov. 13** 8am Orlando service
10:15 am WH

Thank You Thank you to John Kuehne and John Weis for conducting the service today. Thank you also for those coming down from Orlando to have the Winter Haven service this morning. There will be a Church Council Meeting after church today.

Prayers Please pray for Robert who was in a mo-ped accident in Bermuda. He suffered many broken bones including, neck, ribs, and both shoulders. He has movement in his legs. We pray for the Lord's

protective care and healing amidst this trial.

Fall Festival Friday, October 28 at 6:00 pm will be our school's Family Fall Festival. The children will be playing games that the school families' create. If you have time and would like to run a game and pass out candy, please contact Neil Bernthal. Thanks.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will conduct Bible class November 6 at 9:15 am followed by the communion service. After church there will be an open house to tour the renovated parsonage. The following week Orlando service will be at 8:00 am followed by the Winter Haven service at 10:15 am.

Call News At last weeks quarterly voter's meeting, the voters called Luke Bernthal as our full-time pastor. Please pray for him as he considers this call from the Lord to serve us at Immanuel.

Cleaner (10/22): Bernthal | **Acolyte (10/23):** Maxwell Kuehne