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Trinity 10

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TODAY

IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE...



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 18:20-28

²⁰ The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me. ²¹ For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²² For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away from me. ²³ I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt. ²⁴ So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight. ²⁵ With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁶ with the purified you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁷ For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down. ²⁸ For it is you who light my lamp; the LORD my God lightens my darkness.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #32

“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

- 1. Redeemed, restored, forgiven, Through Jesus' precious blood,
Heirs of His home in heaven, Oh, praise our pardoning God!
Praise Him in tuneful measures Who gave His Son to die;
Praise Him whose sevenfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.**
- 2. Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side;
But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away;
With cords of love He bound us To be His own for aye.**
- 3. Dear Master, Thine the glory Of each recovered soul.
Ah! who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not ours, not ours, the merit; Be thine alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve Thee all our days.**
- 4. Now keep us, holy Savior, In Thy true love and fear
And grant us of Thy favor The grace to persevere
Till, in Thy new creation, Earth's time-long travail o'er,
We find our full salvation And praise Thee evermore.**

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

C  A - - - men.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 17-22, '20.

Mon Isaiah 55:1-5 “Is anyone out there who is thirsty?” “Yes, I’m here, but what *thirst* do you mean?” “I mean *thirst for God and the things of God.*” “OK, but what will it cost?” “*Not one cent from you, for God gives His good things free of charge.*” What things?” “*The mercies He gave David (3-4), assured by His self-sacrificing Son, Jesus, the wellspring of salvation for all.*”

Tues Matthew 14:13-21 Did those hungry people ask for a miracle? Probably not, and neither did the disciples—yet Jesus gave them more than they needed when He opened heaven’s storehouse (19), and from His hands each portion sprouted more portions, over and over again. How else would those thousands of hungry people get fed, and have leftovers besides? God is good at doing miracles—but you already knew that.

Wed Romans 8:35-39 Without God’s miracle-love in Jesus, how could we survive tribulations and stresses, let alone crop failure, poverty, rioting, or other threats (35)? Granted that Christians are targets (36), and despite the hostiles, God pulls us through because He loves us (37). There’s nothing and nobody, neither now nor tomorrow, no matter how ugly our situation, that can wedge us apart from *the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Thurs Psalms 42 and 43 are twins in form (42:5 ditto 43:5) as well as in content. When someone thirsts for God, gets dry mouthed about it, and feels bereft without God, that reveals a crucial human need—for which God is ready and waiting to satisfy with His love. So let’s soak up the water that flows from Him to us via His Word (43:3) and praise Him for the fountain.

Fri Mark 2:2-12 What *faith* did Jesus see (5)? Well, they were confident that Jesus was both willing and able to heal their friend’s paralysis. Jesus gave more than they asked, for He turned His heart and hands to the more important issue of healing a soul from crippling sin. Of course, the visible miracle proved the validity of the invisible miracle (10). [It’s Godly math.]

Sat Acts 15:22-41 The HCC (Holy Christian Church) convention adopted the Mission report, wrote up a Recommendation, and sent it by courier to the church in Antioch [See Attachment, 23-29]. When the Recommendation was delivered and read, it was accepted with thanks (30-31). Everyone breathed a sigh of relief, and Bible teaching, preaching, and instructing prevailed (35). It seemed a good idea to re-visit out-lying congregations, too, so while Mark and Barnabas sailed for Cyprus, Paul and Silas trekked overland into Asia Minor. Note: splitting up into two groups was good logistics, for that way no congregation would be by-passed or neglected. Praise the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

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

Ps. 95:1ff

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

P For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C **In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:31-32

P Alleluia. "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

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

G ♪ 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 Let us pray. O God--who demonstrates unlimited power by showing mercy--please give us Your gifts of grace so that Your will may direct

✠ Announcements ✠

Please consider donating offerings to the **Property Improvement** fund to help pay for a new parsonage roof. The 16-year-old roof had sprung leaks in multiple areas, and last week the voters voted to reshingle the roof for a contracted price of \$9,720. **Petty Cash** is another current need, especially with the new school year begun.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Aug. 16:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 23:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Aug. 30:** WH Masks-On 9 am

Welcome to the newest member of Immanuel, Ann Wyatt! Ann is the daughter of Delores Seger, former member of Immanuel and current member of the church triumphant in heaven. Please give Ann a warm welcome this morning. If you would like her contact information, it is located in the back of the current Immanuel Directory under "Friends of Immanuel."

New Phone Number

Mr. Beymer – 863-224-5652

Services at Immanuel are now being live-streamed to our church YouTube page. This means you can watch the service as it is happening, if the need arises. You are encouraged to continue attending in person.

Shut-in/Encouragement List **Patti Meno** continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating quickly. **Bob Doriot** recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. **Paulette Galstad** is suffering through bad back pain. **Mark Moorehead** is recovering from surgery and has begun therapy. **Mr. Beymer** is still quarantined at Southern Gardens. **Belinda King** is struggling through a prolonged respiratory illness that has greatly affected her ability to continue working as a nurse. **Emily Kuehne** suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. **Loye Issitt** is now home. Praise the Lord! **David Kleinschmidt** has been struggling through several health problems.

Last Week (8/9) WH – 31 Orlando – 9

General = \$1,261 | CLC Missions = \$50 | Tuition Grant Fund = \$100
Property = \$45 | Building = \$25 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 | KINSHIP = \$100
Total Offering = \$1,631

August Usher: Mike Sheffield

| **Cleaning (8/22):** Ream
| **Acolyte (8/23):** Landon

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

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: Below **"Christ Be My Leader"**

Unison

1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
 2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way.
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth.
 death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
 Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness, nor doubt - ing, nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

the course of our lives and Your forgiveness sustain us. Your gracious promises await us at the finish, and Your heavenly treasures will be our prize; 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 – Jeremiah 7:1-11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² "Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you men of Judah who enter these gates to worship the LORD. ³ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. ⁴ Do not trust in these deceptive words: 'This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD.' ⁵ "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, ⁶ if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, ⁷ then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever. ⁸ "Behold, you trust in deceptive words to no avail. ⁹ Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, make offerings to Baal, and go after other gods that you have not known, ¹⁰ and then come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, 'We are delivered!'-- only to go on doing all these abominations? ¹¹ Has this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I myself have seen it, declares the LORD.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 11:16-24 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ "'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds." ²⁰ Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent. ²¹ "Woe to you,

Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ²³ And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom than for you."



Reception into Membership

Ann Wyatt



CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

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 #318 "Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All"

1. Before Thee, God, who knowest all, With grief and shame I prostrate fall. I see my sins against Thee, Lord, The sins of thought, of deed, and word. They press me sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be merciful to me!
2. O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: Oh, cast me not in wrath away! Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart, But let Him draw to Thee my heart That truly penitent I be: O God, be merciful to me!
3. O Jesus, let Thy precious blood Be to my soul a cleansing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away, But grant that justified I may Go to my house at peace with Thee: O God, be merciful to me!

SERMON – Hebrews 3:7-15 Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, ⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. ¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' ¹¹ So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" ¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Is Today "A Good Day to Die"?

- I. No, for those who partake in themselves
- II. Yes, for those who partake in Christ Jesus

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- ☞** **♫ 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 #279:1,2,4

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

1. Today Thy mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass, Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Thy precious blood can cleanse us And make us white today.
2. Today Thy gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be given, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heaven.
4. O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door, What should we do without Thee When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.