

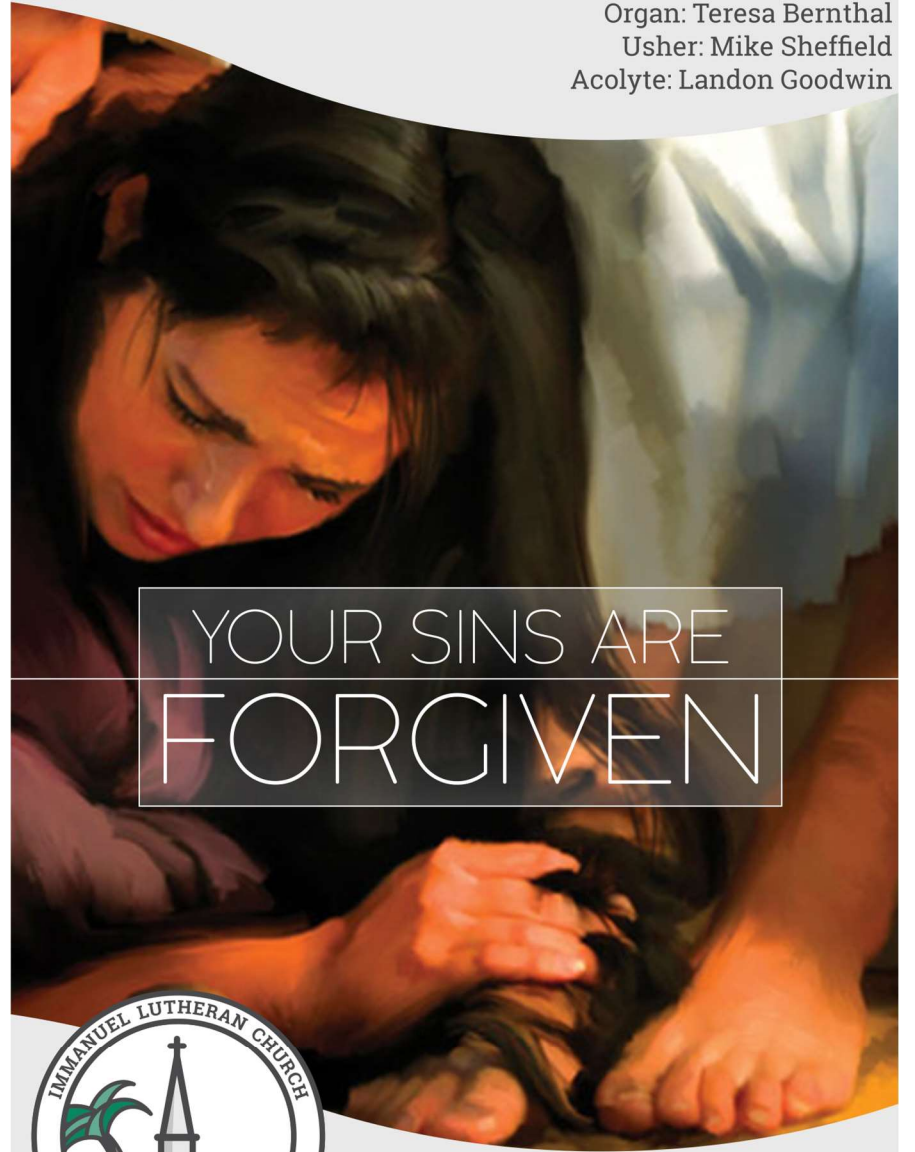
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Trinity 11

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 6

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath. ² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. ³ My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD-- how long? ⁴ Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise? ⁶ I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. ⁷ My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes. ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping. ⁹ The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #321:1-3 "O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee"

1. **O faithful God, thanks be to Thee
Who dost forgive iniquity.
Thou grantest help in sin's distress,
And soul and body dost Thou bless.**
 2. **Thy servant now declares to me:
"Thy sins are all forgiven thee.
Depart in peace, but sin no more
And e'er My pardoning grace adore."**
 3. **O Lord, we bless Thy gracious heart,
For Thou Thyself dost heal our smart
Through Christ, our Savior's precious blood,
Which for the sake of sinners flowed.**

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

C ♪ **A - - - men.**

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

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Aug. 24-29, '20.

Mon 1 Kings 19:1-18 Elijah had some BIG problems: Queen Jezebel declared him a public enemy, nobody dared help him, and he was a homeless refugee seeking some hiding place. So he trekked hundreds of miles to the one place he figured to find God—Mount Sinai. There God whispered: "Why are you hiding here, when you have so much to do? Hazeel, Jehu, and Elisha are waiting for you, and 7,000 Israelites need your pastoral help. Get going!"

Tues Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus also needed solitude as preparation (22-23), and He stepped into action when His friends needed His help (24-25). Peter serves as example—so that we focus on Jesus (rather than on threatening factors) when we are treading water.

Wed Romans 9:1-5 We mourn for anyone going to hell because of rejecting Jesus as the Savior. God favored the Jews with great advantages (4) and lined them up for even more (5), so it's very distressing (2-3) that Jewish people cut themselves adrift from their Savior. Lord, have mercy on them!

Thurs Numbers 20:1-18 Moses, the most honorable and responsible pastor of God's ancient people, made a colossal mistake in his ministry by over-reacting when the people complained against God. He over-compensated, misrepresenting God as being angry with them—when God actually wanted to be helpful, gentle, and gracious. Note: Misrepresenting God is bad on two counts: it's unfaithfulness to Him, and its not helpful to others.

Fri John 4:5-26 Sometimes Jesus said things hard to understand, depending on us to have enough Bible knowledge and spiritual skill to "break the code." So, what fits the picture of water that He gives to a thirsty soul which will abide in that soul, provide life-long refreshment, and bubble up into eternal life? Seems to me that it's God's Word which the Holy Spirit uses to create saving faith in Jesus. [All three belong together and work in harmony.]

Sat 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 makes an important point: even though God had abundantly blessed the Hebrews, most of them defected (2-5). That was awful for them, but what does it mean for us? It means that we can/should learn from their bad example and avoid their suffering (6-11). Let's watch out for one another, dear readers, for any one of us could fall into sin, disbelief, and other great shame and vice (12). It has happened before, and it can happen again. God alone can rescue us (13) from the brink of disaster, strengthen us to endure the pandemic, to cope with the pressures in our personal lives, and to survive without falling astray from His Word and will.

Dear Lord Jesus, we trust You to love us and protect us. Amen!

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. 25: 1-2, 16-18, 20

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

P Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

C The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

P Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

C Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in You.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. The first system shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The score uses a treble clef for the voice and a bass clef for the piano. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The time signature is common time (C).

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Sam. 12:13; Luke 7:50

- P** Alleluia. The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. Your faith has saved you; go in peace. Alleluia.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

C 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** Let us pray. . . You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14 When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. ²⁷ And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. ¹ And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ² The rich man had very many flocks and herds, ³ but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children. It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴ Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come

✠ 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. 23:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Aug. 30:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 6:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 6:** Communion

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.

You can find the services either by navigating to our church website, winterhavenlutheran.org, clicking the "Online Worship" tab and selecting the current Sunday service, or you can go to YouTube and search for "Immanuel Lutheran Church Winter Haven," and find the current Sunday live-stream listed. At both locations you will be able to access the current bulletin as well either for online viewing or to print.

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 (8/15) WH – 29

General = \$1315 | Tuition = \$4825 | Activity Fund = \$100 | Building = \$95
Property = \$440 | ILC Scholarship = \$50 | School Fund = \$800

Total Offering = \$7,625

August Usher: Mike Sheffield

| **Cleaning (8/29):** Bernthal

| **Acolyte (8/30):** Seth

HYMN: TLH #342:1-3**“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”**

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die,
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love! Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity. Love that
found me—wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
3. Jesus only can impart Balm to heal the smitten heart; Peace that
flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven;
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is All in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
Safe with Him from earthly strife, He sustains the hidden life.
5. O my Savior, help afford By Thy Spirit and Thy Word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow
way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

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: WS #778**“Grace Has a Thrilling Sound”**

1. Grace has a thrilling sound To each believer's ear;
That peace with God through Christ is found Is news I gladly hear.
Grace first devised the way To save our fallen race;
The Father sent His only Son Who came to take our place.
2. Grace first inscribed my name In God's eternal book,
And grace has brought me to the Lamb, Who all my sorrows took.
Grace led my wand'ring feet To tread the heav'nly road,
And grace supplies each hour I meet While pressing on to God.
3. Grace taught my soul to pray And made my eyes o'erflow;
His grace has kept me to this day And will not let me go.
Grace all our Work shall crown Through everlasting days;
The heav'nly home God gives His own Shall echo with our praise.

to him." ⁵ Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, ⁶ and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." ⁷ Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸ And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. ⁹ Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰ Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹³ David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die."

EPISTLE READING – Galatians 3:23-4:7 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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 #369:1,4-6 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

1. All mankind fell in Adam's fall,
One common sin infects them all;
From sire to son the bane descends,
And over all the curse impends.
 4. But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way,
Our only Hope, our only Stay.
5. As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all received the gift of grace.
 6. We thank Thee, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new powers:
May grace our every way attend
Until we reach our journey's end!

SERMON – Luke 7:36-50 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table.³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment,³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and

anointed them with the ointment.³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty."⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?"⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair."⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet.⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment."⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?"⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."



"Where Are They? Detect the Debtors"

- I. Find Simon – the ignorant debtor
- II. Find the woman – the repentant debtor
- III. Find yourself!

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.**