

Mon Jonah 3:1-4:1 God had spared Jonah for good reason: *Go to Nineveh and preach to it the message that I tell you.* So Jonah trekked overland 400 miles to metro Nineveh and proclaimed its downfall via God's hand—which scared them enough to *believe God, turn from their evil behavior,* and hope that God would relent. God did relent—so that Jonah could assure souls already humbled that God forgave them their sins. That's God's M.O.!

Tues Mark 1:14-20 It was Jesus' M.O. too: exhort the sinner to repent, then deliver the good news that God has a way to save you from disaster. God had prepared Simon and Andrew spiritually and emotionally to leave their secular employment and let Jesus prepare them to carry His message. Same with James and John. When Jesus calls, God promotes repentant hearts to turn their lives around -- and the world will never be the same again.

Wed 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Our world is changing, too, in ways we don't understand—so we need to adjust our personal lives to meet the challenges, control our emotions to suit each situation, monitor our financial endeavors, and make use of every opportunity to salvage what can be salvaged from the impending disaster.

Thurs Psalm 62 David's psalm starts on an island of calmness (1-2) before he attacks the hostiles (3-4). Now, whom does he have "at his back"? *God alone, his Rock and Salvation, his defense and refuge* (5-7) – and not for him alone (8). In balance, human endeavors are a bad dream (9-10), in contrast to being wide awake in God's presence (11-12). Praise the Lord!

Fri Luke 9:57-62 Sometimes converts (raw recruits?) aren't entirely convinced about Jesus and are not yet committed to a new start in life. Perhaps dedication to Jesus will mean giving up comforts (58), or it may mean cutting ties with the dead past (59-60), or even saying goodbye to those we have loved (61-62). We are crossing our own Samaria, too, as we follow Jesus.

Sat Acts 20:17-27 It has happened in our generation, that our overseas missionaries are not permitted to stay close to their dear friends, even though they have *served the Lord Jesus with all humility* as God's messengers (17-21). We trust God to take care of their personal safety (22-24) as they return home (25), and we will bank on the Lord supporting His children by the *whole counsel of God*, which they received from the traveling missionary. Such events are heart-breaking; we take comfort in knowing that we will meet again at Jesus' feet. Lord Jesus, come quickly to our rescue! Amen.

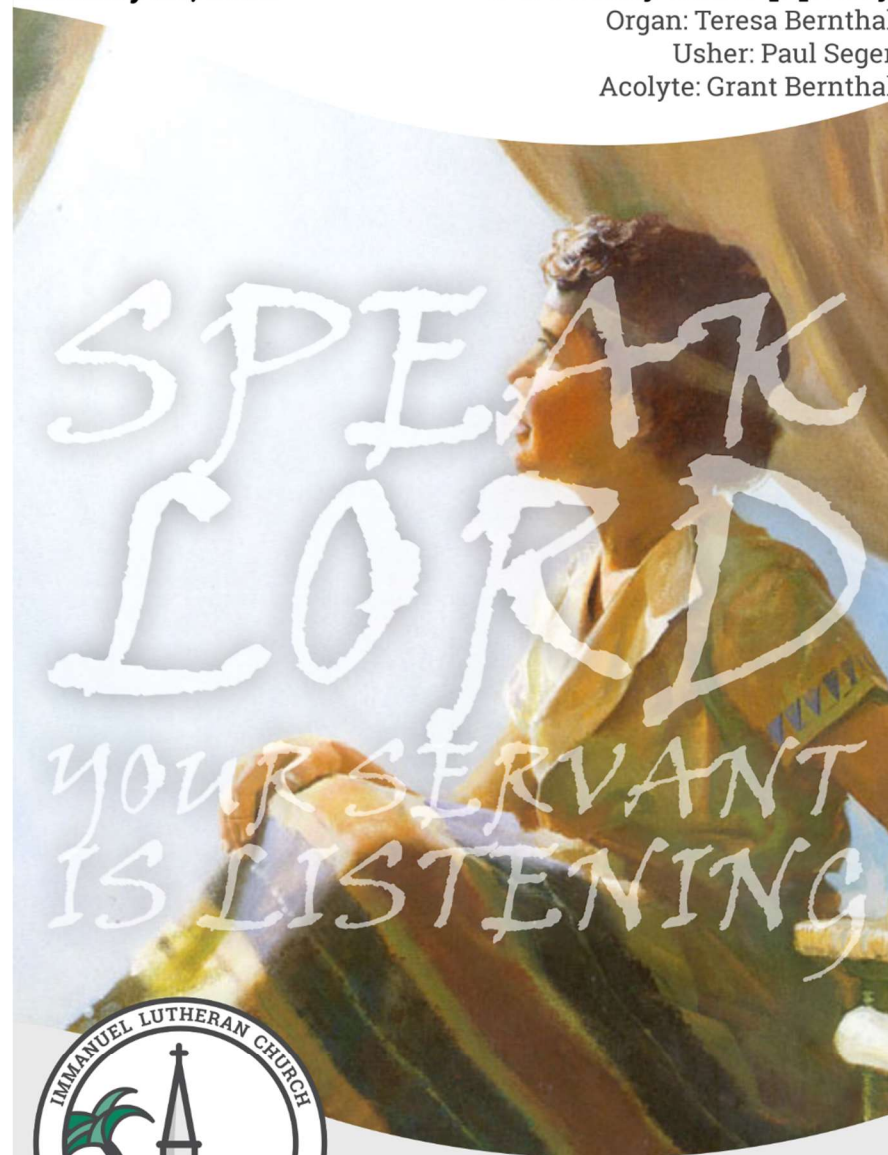
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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 139:1-10

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me! ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.



✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

1. Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
2. Lord, my God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth
must be. To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!
3. Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves
alone, So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
4. Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howso'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.
5. Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people
feed. Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

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

C **A - - - men.**

HYMN: TLH #296:1, 4 "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

1. Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed.
Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.
4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heaven enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heavenly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

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 #49:1-2, 4 "Almighty God, Thy Word is Cast"

1. Almighty God, Thy Word is cast Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heaven descend And righteous fruits abound.
2. Let not the foe of Christ and man This holy seed remove.
But give it root in every heart To bring forth fruits of love.
4. Oft as the precious seed is sown, Thy quickening grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving power may know.

✠ Announcements ✠

ILC Tour Choir CD A new Tour Choir CD has been completed and produced featuring songs from the 2016-19 Tour Choirs. If you are interested in purchasing a CD, we have 20 copies available in the back of church. They are \$11 each, which you can pay to Pastor.

Congratulations! To our newly married members Caleb and Olivia Moorehead! They were married at Immanuel last Sunday afternoon. Please remember them in your prayers!

Special Voters' Meeting – A special voters' meeting will be held following next Sunday's service in order to call a second teacher for next school year. If you are a voter, please plan to be in attendance. Thanks!

Last Week (1/17) WH – 35

Total Offering = \$1,770

General = \$1,670 | Issitt Memorial = \$100

Usher: Seger Cleaner (1/30): Ream Acolyte (1/31): Seth B.

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying, "Christian, follow Me."
3. Jesus calls us from the worship Of the vain world's golden stole.
From each idol that would keep us, Saying, "Christian, love Me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, Days of toll and hours of ease, Still He
calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love Me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies, Savior, make us hear Thy call, Give
our hearts to Thine obedience, Serve and love Thee best of all.

SERMON – 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

Our "Here I Am's"
are rooted in
God's "Here I AM"

OFFERTORY

- G** *♩* 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.

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.
- G** *♩* Who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- G** *♩* 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.
- G** **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.
- G** *♩* A - - - men.

INTROIT

Ps. 40:1-5, 10

- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
- G** **I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**
- P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- G** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**
- P** Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- G** **You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

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

Is. 49:3

☐ Alleluia. You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified. 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

☐ ♪ 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!

☐ Let us pray. . . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ ♪ A - - - men.

GOSPEL READING – John 1:43-51 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

EPISTLE READING – 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴ To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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.