

Shut-in/Encouragement List Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain and other health problems. Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain, among other ailments. Greg Tincer is recovering from his recent surgeries at home and receiving frequent therapy. JoAnne Weis is regaining her strength at home and feeling much better. Rudy Enriquez is home from the hospital and awaiting the beginning of treatment for his throat cancer.

Last Week WH – 30 Orlando – 11	Total Offering = \$1,556
General = \$1,381 Issitt Memorial = \$15 Property = \$60 Building = \$50 Tuition = \$50	
Cleaner (2/27): Rodebaugh Acolyte (2/28): Grant Bernthal	

Mon Genesis 22:1-18 You may have heard someone say (in an irritated tone) "I can't believe in a God who would do such an awful thing to a father!" Well, we sympathize with Abraham, but he left everything in God's hands, and so do we. God selected Mt. Moriah for this event, the same place where He would ordain sacrifices at the Temple altar in Jerusalem; and Isaac resembles Jesus as the beloved son and in being resurrected from the dead (Hebrews 11:19)! God blessed Abraham in this test of his dedication to His will.

Tues Mark 1:12-15 What does *immediately* mean? It means that right after the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, He put Jesus through "basic training" to toughen Him for His line of work. It was the same line of work that got John into serious trouble, but Jesus was up to the job because He was prepared for it.

Wed Romans 8:31-39 The Father was tough on His Son because Jesus had to face a tough adversary and survive. Note: Jesus was taken away from us when He died, but after He returned from the grave, we are reunited with Him. That's what the word WITH means in this context. Yes, Jesus is with us all the way through the worst of circumstances and times (33-39).

Thurs Psalm 6 David went through some hard times, partly his own fault and partly the fault of others. Whichever, David went to the only One who could help, and he depended on God to do the helping—in whatever way He would choose (1-5). It seems to be nighttime in vv. 6-7, and it's the next morning in vv. 8-10, when David faces the world again with a refreshed spirit, ready to take on all adversaries and endure all adversities.

Fri Joel 2:12-13 For what good reason were the prophets, apostles, and Jesus so emphatic about *repentance*? God doesn't want anyone to go to hell due to unrepented sin, so He reaches out and tries to turn them around. *Turn to Me with all your heart . . . return to the LORD your God, for I am gracious and merciful . . . and of great kindness.* [It's not only them; it's us, too.]

Sat Acts 21:26-36 Talk about getting into trouble because you're a Christian! In this case, "religious" people misinterpreted what Paul was doing in the Temple, so they agitated a mob to drag him out of church and slam the doors shut (26-30). The city police barely rescued Paul from being lynched and put him into protective custody (31-36). *Away with him* means what it says: "Get him as far away as possible: out of our sight, away from Jerusalem and from life itself. We want him dead!" Lord Jesus, direct civil authorities to protect Your spokesmen—our pastors, missionaries, and teachers—from those who want to silence them; and stand guard over them with Your angels. Amen!

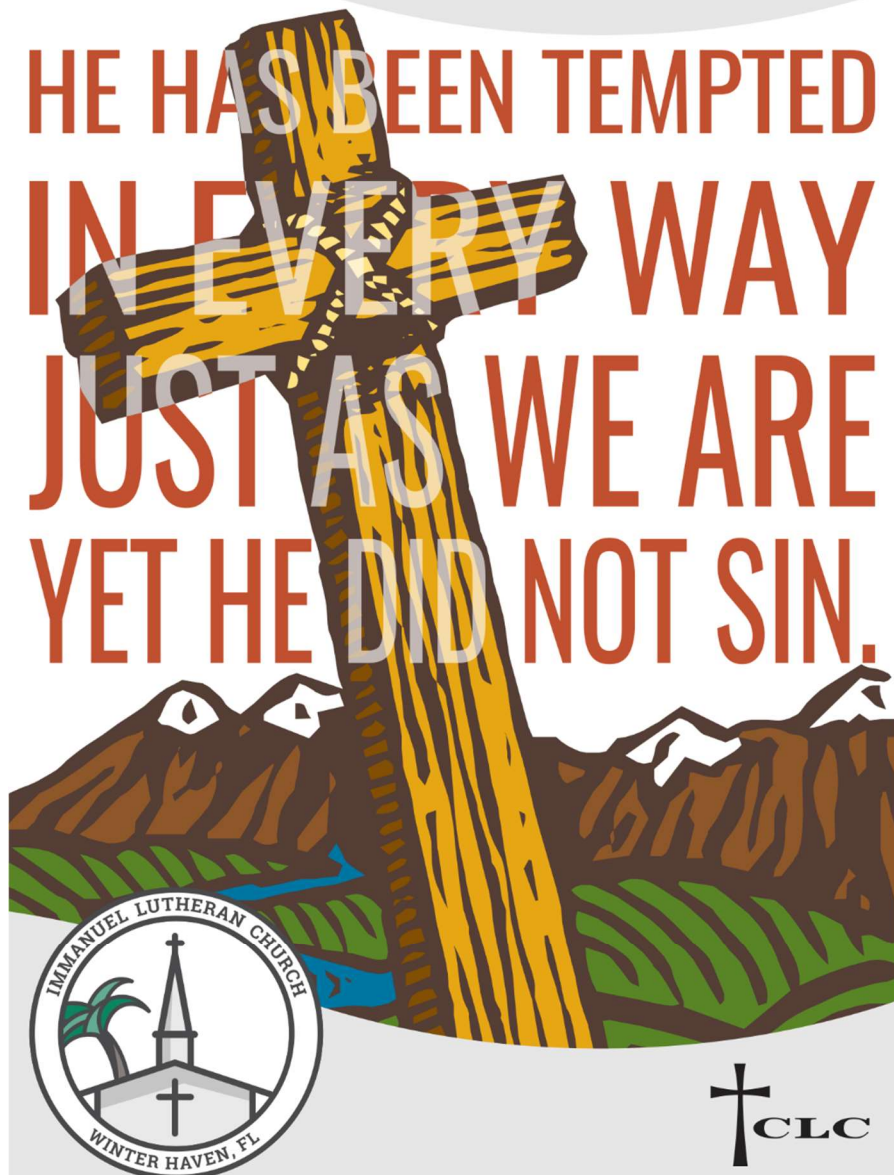
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First Sunday of Lent

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 25:1-8

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

P Pastor

C Congregation

HYMN: TLH #145

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft Thine eyes, offended, Gaze upon the sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, Thou didst bear the pain of all.
2. Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow, Though
we see Thee wounded, bleeding, See Thy thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Thy sinless death hath brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Thy grace hath taught us Calms the sinner's stormy breast.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for Thee!
May our eyes be ever turning To Thy cross of agony
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever Dwell the cross, the Crucified!

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 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

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 #528:1,14-15

"If God Himself Be For Me"

1. If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my Head and Master, Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from His love?
14. No angel and no gladness, No throne, no pomp, no show,
No love, no hate, no sadness, No pain, no depth of woe,
No scheme of man's contrivance, However small or great,
Shall draw me from Thy guidance Nor from Thee separate.
15. My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of mirth and singing, Sees naught but sunshine glad.
The Sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
That which I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.

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 #155:1-3

"Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing From the sinner's dying Friend.
2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing From the sacrifice He made.
3. Here we find the dawn of heaven While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven, And our songs of triumph raise.

✠ Announcements ✠

Lent Continues this Wednesday with at 6:30 pm. Lent is a 40-day period of time that has been observed for centuries by Christians as a time to prepare for the Savior's death and resurrection. Please join us in making the same preparations each of the next five Wednesdays during our special Lenten services as we consider the theme: "Singing with Exiles."

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Special Voters' Meeting
- ✠ **Feb 24:** Lenten Service 6:30 pm
- ✠ **Feb. 28:** Orlando Service 8 am

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: LSB #424:1,2,4,5 "O Christ, You Walked the Road"

1. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
2. No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
4. When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.
5. O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

SERMON – Romans 8:31-39 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died-- more than that, who was raised-- who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God Loves Me Dearly

- I. His love is provable
- II. His love is immovable

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. 91:9-16

P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

C With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—

C No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

P For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

P You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

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.

VERSE OF THE DAY*Ephesians 6:11*

P Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

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. . . and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C ♪ A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Genesis 22:1-18 After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶ And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷ And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And

he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together. ⁹ When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."



GOSPEL READING – Mark 1:9-15 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him. ¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."