

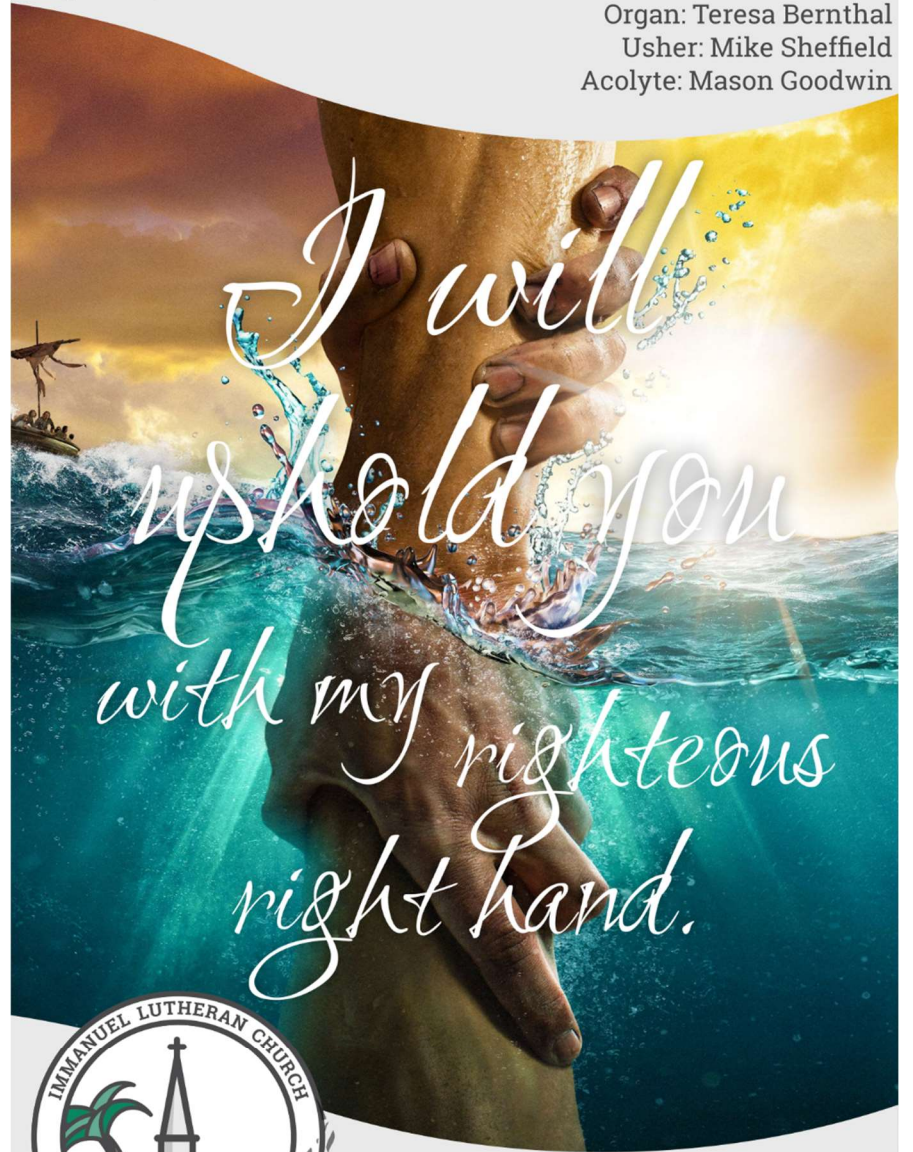
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Trinity 9

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

1 Chronicles 29:10-13

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the assembly; and David said: "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever.

¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, And You are exalted as head over all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. ¹³ Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name."

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

P Pastor

C Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #19:1,3-4 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

- 1. All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of wonders, power, and love, The God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul He fills, The God who every sorrow stills,-- To God all praise and glory!**
- 3. I cried to Him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling! For death He gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be; Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,-- To God all praise and glory!**
- 4. The Lord forsaketh not His flock, His chosen generation; He is their Refuge and their Rock, Their Peace and their Salvation. As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band,-- To God all praise and glory!**

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. 10-15, '20.

Mon 1 Kings 3:5-13 Solomon succeeded in erasing traitors (2:44-46) and forging foreign alliances (3:1), but he lacked something every monarch should have: the ability to adjudicate appellant cases (8-9) fairly and compassionately. God appreciated his selfless attitude and obliged—going over the top, actually (12-13). God can reward that attitude in our land, too.

Tues Matthew 15:21-28 What impelled this woman to seek Jesus in the first place? Evidently she had put two and two together: Jesus was the Messiah, sent from heaven to help those who need heaven's help. Then Jesus put her through a stress test—testing her mother's heart, her Gentile status, her unseemly approach, and her hopeful trust in Jesus. She passed the test.

Wed Philippians 3:20-4:7 Talk about stress!! Paul was a Roman prisoner awaiting trial on trumped up charges—but he focused on others instead of himself; he wanted his fellow citizens of heaven to look forward to their day in God's court (20-21). Meanwhile, they should stand fast in-and-with the Lord Jesus, to be helpful to one another (4:2-3), generously gentle, and handing over all their cares into God's hands (4-6). God bless you (7)!

Thurs Psalm 13 God put David through stress testing, too, and he chafed under it (1-2), but he knew where to go for solving big problems: go to God and ask Him for help to understand why God was allowing his enemies to prevail (3-4). Bottom line: Trust God to do the right thing in mercy for saving souls (5), just as He has already done for you and me (6). Yea and Amen!

Fri Matthew 13:44-52 A parable may illustrate how a person gets into the Kingdom—by accidentally stumbling onto God's treasure, recognizing it, and latching onto it (44). Or a religious person may discover the value of God's Word and quit church shopping (45-46). Then again, God's network draws in a variety of people, so on the shore of eternity He will welcome the justified but discard the unrepentant (47-50). [We try to tell it as God tells it.]

Sat Acts 15:1-21 presents a synopsis of the doctrinal controversy that could have wrecked the early Christian Church. Here's the problem: Did Gentiles have to become Jewish first—before they could become *bonafide* Christian? Some said Yes; Paul and Barnabas said No—so off they went to Jerusalem and assembled the first synod convention (1-5) to figure it out. Peter pointed out that God had already decided the matter (7-11), and the synod president agreed (13-19). Nonetheless, missionaries should be careful to avoid unnecessary friction in Jewish communities (20-21). Stay tuned.

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. 30:1-3; 11-12

P I will extol You, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

G O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

P O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

G You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.

P O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the vocal line, and the last two are for the piano accompaniment. The music is in a major key and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 56:10-11

P Alleluia. In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? 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. In Your mercy, O God, hear the prayers of Your servants. Guide our requests for the fulfillment of our needs so that You will be pleased to answer us; 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.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Timothy 1:3-14 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave

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.

In Lieu of In-Person VBS, two of our sister CLC congregations have produced very high quality online VBS materials. If you have small children, I would encourage you to make use of one of the following options:

- **At-home VBS program:** Since our summer VBS program has been cancelled this year due to COVID complications, we are happy to announce that an "at-home VBS" has been produced by our sister congregation, Immanuel of Mankato, MN. It is entitled "*Christ Over Viruses, Infections, and Disease*." The series features video presentations of Bible stories, discussion questions, music, craft time, and a daily scavenger hunt. You can find an online resource page with instructions and all the links at tinyurl.com/vbs20resource. If you would prefer a hard copy of the student packets, you may pick them up on the table in the narthex. Choose an upcoming week for "at-home" VBS, and make use of these excellent materials!
- **Virtual Vacation Bible School:** Our sister CLC congregation, Mt. Zion of Detroit, MI, has produced a video VBS series in lieu of in-person Vacation Bible School this summer. Join us as we embark on a three-day video journey that explores some of Jesus' most powerful miracles. Each short video contains a bible story, craft, and memory verse. Please visit Mt. Zion's YouTube channel to watch: <https://bit.ly/3jOfTYu>

Please visit winterhavenlutheran.org to find these links.

CLC Call News Pastor Emeritus Robert List has asked to be relieved of his vacancy work at Trinity, Spokane, WA. Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, is now serving the vacancy. <> Pastor Luke Bernthal, St. Stephen, Mountain View and St. Stephen, Hayward, Ca has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Ben Libby, Ascension, Tacoma, WA has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

Last Week (8/2) WH – 25

General = \$1,135 | KINSHIP = \$600

Total Offering = \$1,735

August Usher: Mike Sheffield

| **Cleaning (8/15):** Rodebaugh

| **Acolyte (8/16):** Hayden

1. **Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing: Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**
3. **Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hand He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**
4. **Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, Blows the wind and it is gone; But while mortals rise and perish God endures unchanging on. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the High Eternal One. Amen.**

✠ Announcements ✠

Please consider donating offerings to the Tuition Grant Fund and the Building Fund. Both funds are running low. Thank you!

School begins this week on Wednesday here at Immanuel. Please remember to keep the teachers and students in your prayers, that the Lord would grant health to all of us and continue to enable us to share the Word daily in our classrooms.

The Voters of Immanuel are asked to stay after the service for a special voters' meeting. The 16-year-old Parsonage roof is leaking in multiple spots and will need to be replaced. Several companies inspected the roof and gave their best quotes, and it will be our job to figure out what to do and how to pay for it. If you are a voter, please stay after the service for this meeting. Also, please consider making an offering to help offset this cost. These can be directed to the Building Fund. Thank you!

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

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Aug. 9:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Aug. 10:** School Begins
- ✠ **Aug. 16:** WH Masks-On 9 am
- ✠ **Aug. 23:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **Aug. 30:** WH Masks-On 9 am

us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 12:32-40 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



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 #366 "One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure"

1. One thing's needful; Lord this treasure Teach me highly to regard;
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving, No true, lasting
happiness ever deriving. The gain of this one thing all loss can
requite And teach me in all things to find true delight.
7. Therefore Thou alone, my Savior, Shalt be All in all to me;
Search my heart and my behavior, Root out all hypocrisy.
Restrain me from wandering on pathways unholy And through all
life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly. This one thing is needful, all
others are vain; I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

SERMON – Psalm 56 *To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Mikdam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.* Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; ² my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. ³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. ⁴ In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? ⁵ All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. ⁶ They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. ⁷ For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! ⁸ You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? ⁹ Then my enemies will

turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. ¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, ¹¹ in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? ¹² I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. ¹³ For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Nobody Knows but Jesus

- I. He knows the torment of your enemies
- II. He knows the torrent of your tears

OFFERTORY

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

- 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: WS #784 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

1. Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.
2. Lord, when the tempest rages, I Need not fear;
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.
3. Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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.