

Pre-Service Meditation: Psalm 28 (pg. 129, red hymnal)

Merciful, tenderhearted God, eternal Father, You bear such a heartfelt love and fatherly care for me, a poor sinner, that You graciously defended me in every day and hour from my youth until the present against all manner of the devil's cunning and danger and injury from a godless, evil world. Be gracious to me for the sake of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who became the deposit against all my sins. Amen.

* CHANTING ORDER OF WORSHIP *

OPENING HYMN: 508

“Thou Whose Almighty Word”

PRAYER & INVOCATION

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of our Triune God.

Pastor (P): In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ♪ Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

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

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. I justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them. I pray that You would of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To all who believe on His name He gives the privilege of being children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: ♪ The Lord be with you

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: ♪ Glory be to God on high

C: ♪ **And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

P: ♪ We praise You, we bless You, we worship You,

C: ♪ **We glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory.**

P: ♪ O Lord God, heav'nly King,

C: ♪ **God the Father Almighty.**

P: ♪ O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

C: ♪ **O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

P: ♪ Who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ You who takes away the sin of the world,

C: ♪ **Receive our prayer.**

P: ♪ You who sits at the right hand of God the Father,

C: ♪ **Have mercy upon us.**

P: ♪ For You only are holy;

C: ♪ **You only are the Lord.**

P: ♪ You only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

C: ♪ **Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 24: 15-27

Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, **16** "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. **17** "Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow." **18** So I spoke to the people in the morning, and at evening my wife died; and the next morning I did as I was commanded. **19** And the people said to me, "Will you not tell us what these things signify to us, that you behave so?" **20** Then I answered them, "The word of the LORD came to me, saying, **21** `Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD: `Behold, I will profane My sanctuary, your arrogant boast, the desire of your eyes, the delight of your soul; and your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword. **22** `And you shall do as I have done; you shall not cover your lips nor eat man's bread of sorrow. **23** `Your turbans shall be on your heads and your sandals on your feet; you shall neither mourn nor weep, but you shall pine away in your iniquities and mourn with one another. **24** `Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you; according to all that he has done you shall do; and when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord GOD." **25** `And you, son of man-- will it not be in the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that on which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters: **26** `that on that day one who escapes will come to you to let you hear it with your ears? **27** `On that day your mouth will be opened to him who has escaped; you shall speak and no longer be mute. Thus you will be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the LORD."

C: ♪ **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord!

Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. **2** And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. **3** But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. **4** Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. **5** For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), **6** yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTOLIC 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: 388

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

SERMON MEDITATION

MARK 8: 22-26

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Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. **23** So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. **24** And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." **25** Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. **26** Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESCRIPTION NEEDS TO BE UPDATED

1. Sin Blurs Jesus into Making Him What We Want Him to Be
2. The Spirit Reveals Who the Christ Truly Is

*Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann
Sermon Note sheets available in the narthex*

OFFERTORY

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence; and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation; and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

HYMN: 784

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;
for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9: 7*

ENSEMBLE: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (*David Lantz*)

PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

- Mon Sept 24 7:00p** MCCL Fall Tour *in church basement*
- Tues Sept 25 10:00a** New Perspective Senior Living Bible Study: *all are welcome!*
3p-5p Pastor Office Hours
4:00p GS Volleyball Home Game vs. Gaylord
6:30p Deacons Meeting
7:00p Board of Education Meeting
- Wed Sept 26 12:45p** Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7
1:00p Ladies Auxiliary (serving: Bernice Geiger and Betty Wolle)
use the school south entrance
5:00p Confirmation Class
- Thu Sept 27 10:00a** Walnut Towers Bible Study: *all are welcome!*
1:30p Old Main Bible Study: *all are welcome!*
5:00p Adult Instruction Class: *all are welcome!*
5:45p Worship Service: Charter #181 or Consolidated Communications #7
6:00p Church Choir Rehearsal: *all members high school age & older welcome!*
- Fri Sept 28 6:30a** Men's Breakfast and Bible Study
8a-10a Pastor Office Hours
9:30a ILS K-12 Chapel in the Sanctuary: *all are welcome!*
10:15a Pathstone Bible Study: *all are welcome!*
11:00a Autumn Grace Bible Study: *all are welcome!*
- Sat Sept 29 10:00a** MSU Homecoming Parade (Liberty Street)
6:00p Worship Service
7:00p Bible Study & Sunday School
- Sun Sept 30 8:15a** Immanuel Meditations KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM
9:00a Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00a Worship Service

SERVING US NEXT WEEKEND

PASTOR Joe Naumann ♦ **DEACON** Logan Wendt ♦ **ORGANIST** Lane Fischer
SOUND Brent Schreyer ♦ **VIDEO** Alan Olmanson ♦ **SCREEN** Clifford Kuehne
FLOWERS Laura Heinze **USHERS** **COUNCIL MEMBERS** P Bade, M Busch, J
 Cornish, J Dick, V Frank, J Friedrichs, M Hagen, J Hanel, D Heinze, J Heinze, S
 Kruse, Z Lien, M Matzke, K Moeri, D Pfeiffer, M Rykhus, T Schreyer, B Stratton,
 R Timm, L Wendt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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FRESHMAN CARNIVAL THIS WEEKEND! Come support the ILS Class of 2022 this Sunday, Sept. 23, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. There will be concessions, games, and a silent auction. We hope to see you there!

MCCL FALL TOUR on Monday! The Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Fall Tour meets this Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 pm, in the church basement. At this meeting, MCCL will provide attendees with valuable information on current trends and legislation related to the protection of human life.

still MISSING: A blue microphone and microphone stand is missing from the balcony. Please contact Lane Fischer if you know anything that might help in locating them. Thanks!

MNSU PARADE on Saturday: Volunteers needed! The Evangelism Committee is looking for adult and child volunteers to walk in the MNSU parade this coming Saturday, Sept. 29. The parade begins on Liberty Street at 10 am. Please help us promote our church and school. Questions, please contact Daniel Pfeiffer 507-304-3473.

DIY SIGN MAKING EVENT: Join us Saturday, October 6, from 1-4 pm in the church basement for fellowship and crafting. Paint and stencil your wood sign with your choice of inspirational phrase. There is a sign-up sheet with more details in the church narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kacie Carstensen (715) 497-6675.

NEEDED: Black latex paint in whatever quantity you have (black is scarce at the recycle centers) and random size pieces of **Styrofoam**, all for use with spring ILS Banquet related projects. Please contact Paula Stelter (507) 625-6220 if you have something to donate or to ask questions about what is need. Please do not drop items off at school. Thank you.

PILGRIM'S REST CEMETERY is looking for approximately 8 volunteers willing to donate a couple of hours a week to assist with mole control. If you are interested in volunteering or more details, please speak with Tony Harris (507) 382-3081 or redwolf.harris@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Bulletin Production We are looking for at least two more volunteers to join a pool of volunteers that print bulletins. For more information, please speak with one of the pastors or email bulletin@immanuelmankato.org.

CLC CALL NEWS: The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions extended a call to Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck of Living Word Lutheran of Blue Springs, MO to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. This call is for replacing Prof. Paul Schaller who plans to retire in June of 2019. <> Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. James Albrecht, pastor of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN. <> Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Sister Lakes MI, & Rock of Ages Lutheran, Byron Center MI. <> The Rev. Michael Gurath, pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has returned the call to Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN.

INSTALLATION INVITATION: Berea Lutheran Church in Inver Grove Heights, MN, has extended an invitation to the installation of Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer. The installation will be held on October 21 at 4:00 pm with a lunch to follow. Please remember Pastor Pfeiffer as well as Berea and Trinity congregations in your prayers. *Note: there is currently road construction near Berea which will require visitors to take detours. Allow extra travel time.*

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE VISITORS DAY is November 9, beginning with chapel at 10:05 am, in the ILC gymnasium. The day will feature presentations & classroom visits until 2:50 pm. Come learn about your church's college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending and these visitors will be our guests at meals. (No special activity is planned for Thursday evening.) Friday evening there is the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: Willy Wonka . It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7:00 pm. and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7:00 pm. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude by November 6, at 715-271-5641 or john.ude@ilc.edu.