The Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant Depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation; Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, A Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

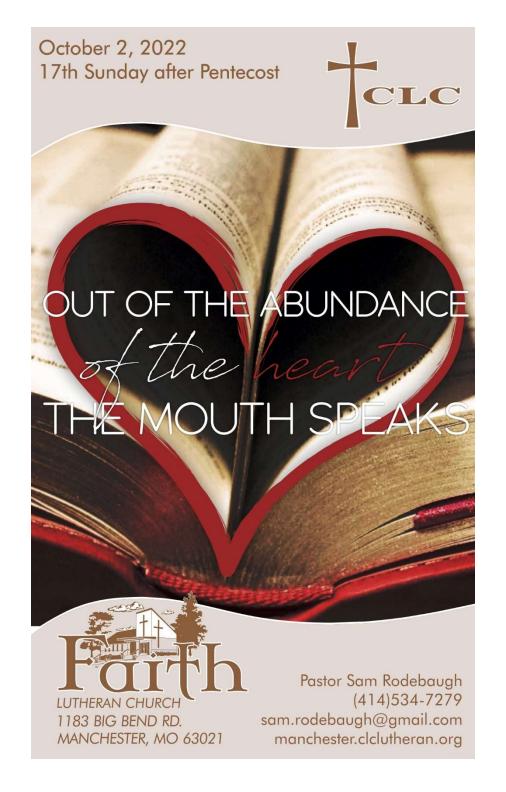
The blessing given by God for His people.

- 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.
- ☑ Amen, amen, a men.

Hymn: WS #779 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

Hurricane Ian – This past week, a large hurricane passed through much of Florida. The path of the storm, entering the state near Cape Coral and passing up through Orlando, meant that it affected every member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven. The reports from the church are that they were without power for several days, and there were many downed trees around the property along with some minor flooding in the church; the church sign was also demolished. While nearly all of our brothers and sisters-in-Christ in Florida were affected by the storm, we can rejoice that the Lord was busy preserving their lives and protecting them through the storm. Please keep the congregation in your prayers as they begin the lengthy clean-up process.

September 25th Offerings:	\$ 2,008.75
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$20,853.79
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$28,886.05
Total Cash All Funds	\$65,075.68



→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #5 "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

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

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☐ Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

Congregation

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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- ☑ ♪ Who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O 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.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- Amen.

☑ A Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

The Words of Institution Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always!
- **© △** Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Latin phrase meaning, "Lamb of God."

☑ ♂O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God That takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the world. Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon 1 Corinthians 1:10 & 11:26-30, among other Bible passages. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future!

+ The Distribution of the Lord's Supper +

of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

The Power of the Spoken Word

I. With our words, we have become death II. With His Words, Christ has become life

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, 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.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

Hymn: TLH #395:1-3,7-8 "O God, Thou Faithful God"

+ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer +

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spirit.

The Order of Holy Communion



- P Lift up your hearts.G ≠ We lift them up unto the
- **Lord.**P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, Our God.
- ☐ ♪ It is meet and right so to do.
- P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud

The Introit

Ps. 30:2-5,11,12

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever!
- 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.
- Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #237:1

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

1. All glory be to God on high Who bath our r

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; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☐ Amen.

Exodus 32:7-14

And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of

the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your

gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 9 And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." 11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever." 14 And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the

Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found

it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #324:1-2, 5-8

"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that

we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways. And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird,