

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Evening



“You shall
not covet
... anything
that belongs to
your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:17

Theme of the Day

When we don't conquer coveting, coveting conquers us. Every time! Coveting drives a stake into every relationship we have. But don't despair! There is hope for us today in God's Word.

Stand if able

Invocation and Call to Worship

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

C Amen.

P The LORD brought Israel out of Egypt.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P He acted with a strong hand and outstretched arm.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to him who parted the Red Sea.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P He led Israel safely through.

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P He hurled Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea!

C His steadfast love endures forever.

P Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness!

C His steadfast love endures forever.

Sit

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f'ring,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
 soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
 God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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Kneel/Sit

Confession and Absolution

- P** Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death.
- C** **I know that nothing good lives in me.**
- P** That is, in my sinful nature.
- C** **I have the desire to do good.**
- P** But I cannot carry it out.
- C** **What I do is not the good I want to do.**
- P** No, the evil I do not want to do, this I keep on doing.
- C** **I find this law at work—**
- P** When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
- C** **In my inner being I delight in your law.**
- P** But I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war and making me a prisoner of the law of sin and death.
- C** **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

[You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.]

- P** Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death. Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free! Give thanks to him who led his people through the wilderness.

All: His faithful love endures forever!

Sit

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living

7 Then, for all that wrought my par - don, For Thy sor - rows
deep and sore, For Thine an - guish in the Gar - den,
I will thank Thee ev - er - more, Thank Thee for Thy
groan - ing, sigh - ing, For Thy bleed - ing and Thy dy - ing,
For that last tri - um - phant cry, And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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Kneel/Sit

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, send us your Holy Spirit so that we affirm with St. Paul, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (Phil 4:12); through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Readings

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

And God spoke all these words, saying,

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

"You shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven

above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:11–13

Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:20–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to

drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

730 What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed plea - sure
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the might - y
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mam - mon of - fers
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



When You, and You a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
 Yet nev - er once re - flects That they are frail and flight - y.
 Yet nev - er is con - tent Though gold should fill its cof - fers.
 My life, my health, my wealth, My friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, My soul's de - light shall be;
 But what I tru - ly prize A - bove all things is He,
 I have a high - er good, Con - tent with it I'll be:
 My joy, my crown, my all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



You are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus, He a - lone. What is the world to me!
 My Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
 Once more, then, I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Sermon

Prayer

Kneel/Sit

Prayers of the Church

- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they may please You in all things. Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us. Supply them with Your blessing that they may be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your commandments. We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us. Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need that they may have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Lord, help us learn,
- C** **the secret of being content.**

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray.

- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.

Stand if able

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** May the Almighty God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—who led his people through the wilderness satisfy you with every good and perfect gift.
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever!**
- All: Amen and Amen!**

887 Now the Light Has Gone Away



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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