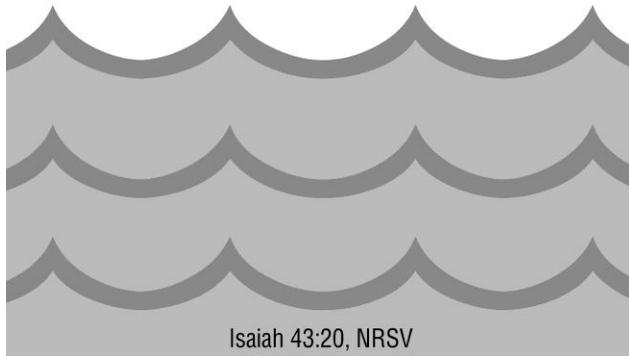


# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*...I give water  
in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to  
my chosen people...*



Isaiah 43:20, NRSV

## Theme of the Day

*It's easy to get stuck in a hole. Look at Aaron and the Israelites. Better yet, look at us. Best of all, look to Jesus who alone gets us out of our huge hole!*

*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 commanded the Red Sea to dry up. He led Israel across the sea as if it were a desert.

**C** He rescued them from their enemies and redeemed them from their foes.

**P** The water returned and covered their enemies; not one of them survived.

**C** Then his people believed his promises. Then they sang his praise.

**P** Yet how quickly they forgot what he had done! They wouldn't wait for his counsel!

**C** The people made a calf at Mount Sinai; they bowed before an image made of gold.

**P** They forgot God, their Savior, who had done such great things in Egypt.

**C** So he declared he would destroy them.

**P** But Moses, his chosen one, stepped between the LORD and the people.

**C** He begged him to turn from his anger and not destroy them.

**All** Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
3 Some-times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their

be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
  
 My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.

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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! Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations.
- All: That we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise!**

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown

7 Here might I stay and sing, No sto - ry so di -  
vine! Nev - er was love, dear King, Nev - er was grief like  
Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise  
I all my days Could glad - ly spend!

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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. Lord God, merciful Father, you are the God who made heaven and earth. Forgive us when we clamor for a different god and set our feet on the path that trusts you above all things; 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 32:1–14*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the

people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 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!’” And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 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.”

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? 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. 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.’” And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 10:5–8*

Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand if able*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:27–30*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## 644 The Church's One Foundation



1 The Church's one foun-da-tion Is Je-sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E-lect from ev-'ry na-tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der The world sees her op-pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib-u-la-tion And tu-mult of her war  
5 Yet she on earth has u-nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre-a-tion By wa-ter and the Word.  
Her char-ter of sal-va-tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
By schisms rent a-sun-der, By her-e-sies dis-tressed,  
She waits the con-sum-ma-tion Of peace for-ev-er-more  
And mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho-ly bride;  
One ho-ly name she bless-es, Par-takes one ho-ly food,  
Yet saints their watch are keep-ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
Till with the vi-sion glo-rious Her long-ing eyes are blest,  
O bless-ed heav'n-ly cho-rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.  
And to one hope she press-es With ev-'ry grace en-dued.  
And soon the night of weep-ing Shall be the morn of song.  
And the great Church vic-to-rious Shall be the Church at rest.  
That we, like saints be-fore us, May see You face to face.

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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, in your mercy
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

## 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—gather us from among the nations.
- C** **That we may give thanks to his holy name and glory in his praise!**

## 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;  
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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## Offering will be collected at both doors

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# Benediction