

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; Sept. 7-12, '20.

Mon Exodus 6:2-8 What's in a name? That depends on the name, for God fills His Name with Himself and His loving covenant. If you want to know God, you will have to understand Jehovah and what He does for humans. That's what Moses needed to understand for himself before He shared it with the Hebrews. Note how the pronoun *I* dominates this one-sided conversation, thus leaving no doubt about God's preeminence and dominance.

Tues Mark 10:35-45 Be careful what you ask for! James and John weren't careful, so Jesus clarified that their request for future honor in His kingdom meant that first they must share in the pains Jesus would suffer (35-39). [First the cross, then the crown.] The other disciples were miffed that James and John got the jump on them, so Jesus set them straight—in God's kingdom greatness comes with serving, not with bossing. That's the Jesus principle.

Wed Romans 11:33-36 God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform, and no matter how convoluted or complicated life gets on our troubled planet, God hasn't lost control of the steering wheel. There will be detours and rough roads ahead—so that God's purposes will reach their goal, but from start to finish, God is in charge of human events. Praise Him!

Thurs Psalm 34 [It's time-out for worship.] Let us *bless the LORD at all times*—whether we be in good health or in poor, when we feel loaded down with burdens or are elated with bounties. Let us *taste and see that the LORD is good, that His eyes are on us, His ears open to our cries, and He is near to such as have a contrite spirit*. Let us bless the LORD, for He loves us.

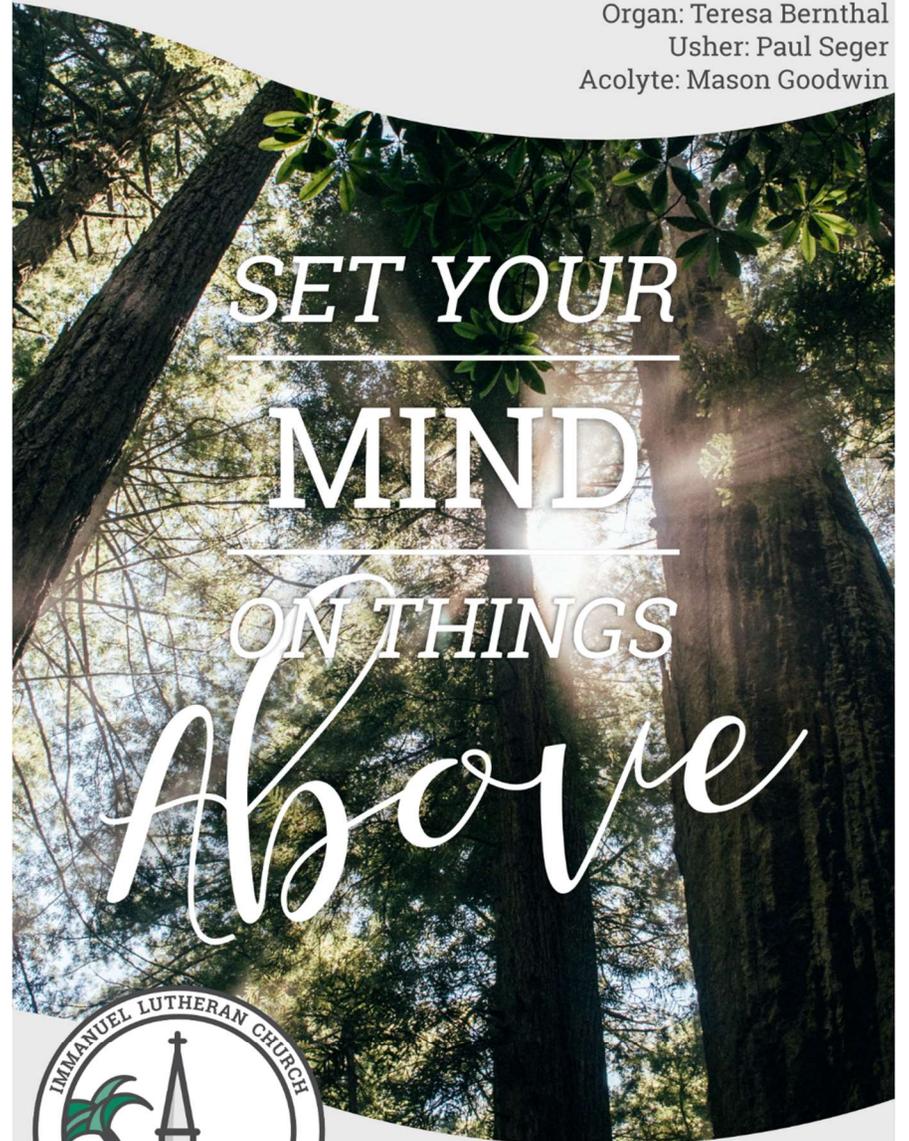
Fri Matthew 16:13-20 It seems good psychology to ask what **others** were saying about Him—before Jesus asked His disciples what **they** had to say about Him (13-16). Now, to clarify an issue misused by some denominations: 1) Since God is responsible for bringing persons to recognize Jesus for who He is, 2) it follows that God is responsible for building the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, and 3) it likewise follows that His true representatives do not serve themselves, but their Father in heaven.

Sat Acts 16:16-24 Since God authorizes only believers to preach the gospel, Paul exorcised the girl's demon. That got him into trouble with the hucksters who had capitalized on her affliction (18-19); they trumped up false charges against Paul, organized a mob to attack him, and got him thrown into jail. "Where was God?" somebody will ask. Well, God was orchestrating things so that the jail warden (perhaps the "man of Macedonia") and his entire house-hold would hear the gospel and be freed from Satan's delusions. Stay tuned.

September 6, 2020

Trinity 13

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ON THINGS

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Lev. 18:1-5

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor

Congregation

HYMN: TLH #430

"What Is the World to Me"

1. What is the world to me With all its vaunted pleasure
When Thou, and Thou alone, Lord Jesus, art my Treasure!
Thou only, dearest Lord, My soul's Delight shalt be;
Thou art my Peace, my Rest,- What is the world to me!
2. The world is like a cloud And like a vapor fleeting,
A shadow that declines, Swift to its end retreating.
My Jesus doth abide, Though all things fade and flee;
My everlasting Rock,- What is the world to me!
7. The world abideth not; Lo, like a flash 'twill vanish;
With all it gorgeous pomp Pale death it cannot banish;
Its riches pass away, And all its joys must flee;
But Jesus doth abide,- What is the world to me!
8. What is the world to me! My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my Wealth, My Friend, my Love, my Pleasure,
My Joy, my Crown, my All, My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare: What is the world to me!

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

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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Our Sister-in-Christ Desirae Naumann is struggling in her health with a very recent diagnosis of brain cancer. She underwent surgery last week, but the road ahead will be long and difficult, for herself, her family, and her church family. Desirae is a teacher at the Valley Bible Academy, the Christian Day School of our sister congregation in Clarkston, WA. She is the wife of Pastor Dave Naumann; the mother of Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Mankato, MN, Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion in Detroit, MI, and Pastor Sam Nauman of Resurrection in Corpus Christi, TX; she is also the sister of Missionary Todd Ohlmann. I ask your prayers for Desirae and her family. Funds are also being raised in an effort to make frequent travel for her sons and their families possible; the fund raiser is being hosted on gofundme.com, entitled "Love has no limits – Bring Desi's family home."

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 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 building back her strength. David Kleinschmidt has been struggling through several health problems.

Last Week (8/30) WH – 53

General = \$311.92 | KINSHIP = \$600

Total Offering = \$911.92

September Usher: Paul Seger

| Cleaning (9/13): Ream

| Acolyte (9/14): Grant B.

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✝ Announcements ✝

Services at Immanuel are now being live-streamed to our church YouTube page. This means you can watch the service as it is happening, if the need arises. You are encouraged to continue attending in person. To access the service, you may either navigate to our YouTube channel or to our church website. On the website, it will be listed as the most recent post under the menu tab "Online Worship."

Looking Ahead...

- ✝ Sept. 6: Masks-on Service 9 am
- ✝ Sept. 6: Communion Service
- ✝ Sept. 9: Zoom Bible Class 6:30p
- ✝ Sept. 13: Orlando Service 8 am
- ✝ Sept. 16: Zoom Bible Class 6:30p
- ✝ Sept. 20: Masks-on Service 9a

Bible Class will not be resuming on Sunday mornings as normal. Instead, the current plan is to conduct online Bible Classes on Wednesday evenings via Zoom. I plan to lead Bible class from **6:30-7:30 pm this Wednesday**.

To use Zoom on a computer, you can wait for my e-mail next Wednesday and click the link that I share in that e-mail as the meeting time approaches. You will be given the option to either download the Zoom desktop app, which you can do, or you can ignore that and skip down to the small print which says, "If you cannot download or run the application, join from your browser." Both options work well, although using the desktop app does make some things easier.

Alternatively, you can download the Zoom app on your phones. Then, when I send out the email with the link, if you click that link, it will automatically open the meeting up in your app.



If you would like to join but would not like to be seen, you are encouraged to join the meeting and then select the option that says "Join without Video." Your presence will be visible as a black box with your name on it. You will still be able to talk to ask questions if you would like.

For the time being, I plan on taking up some more topical matters that are very relevant to us today. This week, we will take up a discussion on "Relativism—Is truth absolute or subjective?" Please take time to join us!

E-Giving is available for those who wish to use it. If you have PayPal, you can send your offering to "immanuelwinterhaven@gmail.com," or you can go to our church website and click the "PayPal" button at the bottom of the page for a direct link. If you send an offering this way, please select "Friends and Family." Using the note section, you are welcome to make designations for your. **Property Improvement** and **Tuition Grant Fund** are two areas that could currently use some help.

✎ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

☞ **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

✎ Let us pray.

☞ **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

✎ Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

☞ **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.**

INTROIT

Ps. 74

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

✎ Have regard for the covenant, O Lord; let not the downtrodden turn back in shame.

☞ **Arise, O God, defend Your cause; do not forget the clamor of Your foes.**

✎ O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?

☞ **Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,**

✎ Which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where You have dwelt.

☞ **Do not forget the life of Your poor forever. Let the poor and needy praise Your name.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

✎ Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING – 1 Timothy 1:5-17 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, ⁷ desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions. ⁸ Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted. ¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 20:20-28 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ 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." ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ It shall not be

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- 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.
- G** Amen!



HYMN: TLH #316:1,5 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

1. **O living Bread from heaven, How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest! The gifts Thou now hast given Have filled my heart with joy and rest. O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift professing, In thankful songs o'erflows; For while the faith within me Was quickened by this food, My soul hath gazed upon Thee, My highest, only Good.**
5. **Oh, well for me that, strengthened With heavenly food and comfort here, Howe'er my course be lengthened, I now may serve Thee free from fear! Away, then, earthly pleasure! All earthly gifts are vain; I seek a heavenly treasure, My home I long to gain, My God, where I shall praise Thee, Where none my peace destroy, And where my soul shall raise Thee Glad songs in endless joy.**

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE DISTRIBUTION

Please remain seated.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.



P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ 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 Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #401 "Praise to Thee and Adoration"

1. Praise to Thee and adoration, Blessed Jesus, Son of God, Who, to serve Thine own creation, Didst partake of flesh and blood. Teach me that I never may From Thy fold or pastures stray, But with zeal and joy exceeding Follow where Thy steps are leading.
2. Let me never, Lord, forsake Thee, E'en though bitter pain and strife On my way shall overtake me; But may I through all my life Walk in fervent love to Thee, In all woes for comfort flee To Thy birth, Thy death, and Passion, Till I see Thy full salvation.

SERMON – Psalm 33:10-22 The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations. ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! ¹³ The LORD looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man; ¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, ¹⁵ he who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds. ¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. ¹⁷ The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue. ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, ¹⁹ that he may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield. ²¹ For our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. ²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

The Nation Whose God is the Lord

- I. Not the “one nation under God”
- II. But the One Nation under God

OFFERTORY

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

- ☞** *♩* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #660:1,2,4

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

1. I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home; Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home. Danger and sorrow stand Round me on every hand; Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
2. What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home; Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home; And time's wild wintry blast Soon shall be overpast; I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.
4. Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home; Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home; And I shall surely stand There at my Lord's right hand. Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** We lift them up to the Lord!
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:
- C** *♩* Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.”

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
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