

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Living and Loving in the Kingdom of Jesus
July 9 & 10, 2022

AS WE GATHER

As our gracious God gathers us together in His house today, we are blessed with another opportunity to be filled with His love. This love is the love that enables us to love. It all begins with God, who so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son. This love is found in Jesus, who in great love offered His life upon the cross for us. This love is poured out upon us when we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, believe in Christ as our Lord and Savior. It knows no limits because this love is directed to us in Christ and then through us back to God in lives of worship. But our worship doesn't stop when the service is over; no, our love for God continues when it is directed through us toward our neighbors in lives of humble service. The limitless love of God is ours to receive yet again today as we gather to give thanks to the Father above who has "transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14).

Reception of Holy Communion: If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

WELCOME

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you,
everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.

The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8: 34-36

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

(Rise) Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;

People: heal me, for I have sinned against you!"

In silent prayer, we come before our merciful Lord for His healing forgiveness.

Pastor: Holy God, you have commanded us: "You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God."

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

Pastor: "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

People: We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

People: We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Pastor: As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give thanks to the Father, “who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav’nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, in your deep compassion you rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love you above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Leviticus 18:1–5, 19:9–18* (The Lord instructs us to keep His statutes and live a life of love.) 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.⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another.¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:1–14* (We live by faith in Christ Jesus; love for all the saints.) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25–37* (The good Samaritan shows love for his neighbor.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

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CHILDREN’S SONG & CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Yes that’s the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God, the B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, Its lessons help Me see
the love of Jesus, God’s own Son; the B-I-B-L-E

SERMON HYMN #848 “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”

Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy’s perfect deed,
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose Ev’ry gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn the dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love’s revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, Forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom May your mercy know and live.

SERMON “The Good (and the Greatest) Samaritan”

(Rise)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

(Be seated)

OFFERINGS As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for personal petitions

Pastor: Father in heaven, we confess that due to our sinful nature, our righteousness falls short. Yet we rejoice that, because your Son has died and risen for us, His righteousness becomes our own righteousness. Because of the hope that you have laid up for us in heaven, let others see in us a confident faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a caring love for all those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, as you grant long life to many in our communities, Bless us with their wisdom and grant us the opportunity to live out your love for them. Help us to treasure them, and as they grow in weakness and need, deepen their trust that you will carry them through. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, we are thankful for your love, mercy, and compassion given us in Christ Jesus. Help us to live as Good Samaritans, loving our neighbors who are hurting, inspired by Jesus, the greatest Samaritan of all. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you have granted us to live in a nation where your people may still gather to worship without fear. Bless our leaders with your wisdom and guard us from the rising ungodliness in our land, that your Gospel may be preached boldly and continue to bear fruit and grow. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you have commanded that special attention and care be paid to the fatherless and widows. Abide with all who are lonely. Use us to visit the homebound and those in care facilities, those who require ongoing care and those in hospice. Bless those from our congregation who need our prayers: Audrey, LouAnn, Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley and Sarah. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We give thanks for the gift of life, even as we rejoice with the Graf family as Jay celebrates his 21st birthday. Bless us to love and cherish all people in our families and lives. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, bless and be with the youth and adults traveling to the National Youth Gathering of our church body. Grant them to grow in faith and Christian life, and to trust and follow Christ "In All Things." Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, by your mercy we are heirs of a great inheritance and stand among all the saints who have loved you and known the delight of your favor. Accept our thanksgiving for the faithful who went before us, and bring us at last with them into your eternal presence in the marriage supper of the Lamb that knows no end. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, you have been faithful to us even though we do not deserve any of your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

HYMN #542 "When I Behold Jesus Christ"

When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

Refrain What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.

For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. **Refrain**

You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. **Refrain**

What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God-This I owe To You, and You alone. **Refrain**

HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod?
My God, my God, Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole Christ, truly present in this meal.
O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see the Lord is good.

HYMN #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be , O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv'n to you”?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through the saving gift of your holy Son's body and blood.

**People: By your mercy, enable us to love you with all our hearts and love our
neighbors as ourselves;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all
your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

People: And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way.
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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