

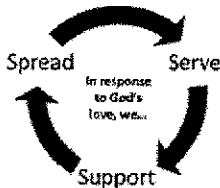
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## MISSION STATEMENT:

*In response to God's love for us, we **SERVE** God,  
**SUPPORT** Christian fellowship,  
And **SPREAD** the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Order of Worship –9:00 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – “In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” by Paul Manz

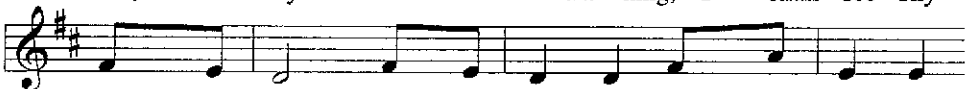
## WELCOME

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♩ **OPENING HYMN** **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **LSB 686**



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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*Psalms 146:1-2, 5, 10*

## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Praise the LORD!*
- C** **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**
- P** *I will praise the LORD as long as I live;*
- C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** *Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,*
- C** **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**
- P** *The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.*
- C** **Praise the LORD!**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy. Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.*
- C** **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**
- P** *God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **G Amen.***

## INTROIT

*Psalms 66:1-2, 8-9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

- P** *Come and hear, all you who fear God,*
- C** **and I will tell what he has done for my soul.**
- P** *Shout for joy to God, all the earth;*
- C** **sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

**P** Bless our God, O peoples;  
**C** let the sound of his praise be heard,  
**P** who has kept our soul among the living  
**C** and has not let our feet slip.  
**P** Blessèd be God,

**C** because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

**All:** 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.

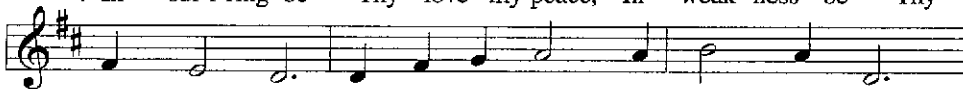
**P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
**C** and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

## HYMN OF PRAISE *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love To Me*

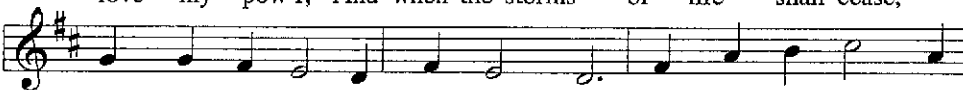
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1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lonely I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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## SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray.

**All:** Risen and Ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST READING**

**Acts 10:34-48**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

**1 John 5:1-8**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

All: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 15:9-17**

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.*

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

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

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

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

**LSB 556**



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark-ly  
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer-it  
5 God said to His be-lov-ed Son: "It's time to have com-



spring-ing, And with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor-ment night and day; In sin my  
gain-ing; Free will a-gainst God's judg-ment fought, Dead to all  
pas-sion. Then go, brightjew-el of My crown, And bring to



rap-ture sing-ing, Pro-claim the won-ders God has done, How  
moth-er bore me. But dai-ly deep-er still I fell; My  
good re-main-ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de-spair Left  
all sal-va-tion. From sin and sor-row set them free; Slay

(continued)



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!  
life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.  
bit - ter death for them that they May live with You for - ev - er."

6. The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

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## SERMON "THE 3 W'S AND H'S ABOUT LOVE"

John 15:9-17

- I. Our culture often defines love as an emotion.
- II. Jesus' teaching and example shows us that love is much more than a feeling.

## ✠ APOSTLE'S CREED

**G** 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 there 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer
- P** We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also, we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut-in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, [especially . . .]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer
- P** Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way

throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ~~+~~ give you His peace.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

### Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

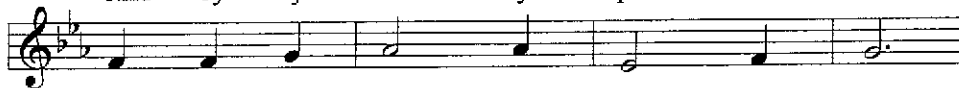
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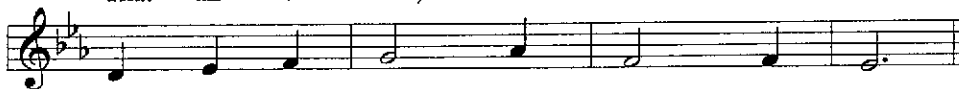
1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace  
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide  
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred  
4 Give me Thy cour - age, Lord, to speak  
5 With Thine own love may I be filled



To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race;  
Thy chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.  
By love - less and thought - less word.  
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.  
And by Thy Ho - ly Spir - it willed,



And in each per - son may I see  
My neigh - bor's good let me pur - sue;  
Make me to see the wrong I do  
Should I my - self the vic - tim be,  
That all I touch, wher - e'er I be,



My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by Thee.  
Let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.  
Will grieve my wound - ed Lord a - new.  
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring Thee.  
May be di - vine - ly touched by Thee.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

### *"March from Two Oratorios"*

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**WE WISH TO THANK** the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

Acolyte ..... Steve Rolan  
Altar Guild ..... Marilyn Kettner & Beth Tevah  
Counter ..... Carl Kurth  
Elder on Duty ..... Tony Williams  
Organist / Music Director ..... Beth Buss  
Sanitation CEO (Clean Every Object) ..... Al Axford  
Service Web Recorder ..... Robert Showalter  
Service Live Streaming..... Renee Ortado  
Usher ..... Phil Vandre

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*"Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you."*

JOHN 15:12, 13

