

Sunday, May 10, 2020



Live in the Light of Eternity.

The pandemic we are experiencing is moving people to reevaluate what is most important in their lives. God encourages you to spend your life on what is lasting and eternal. Jesus said, "**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, '**Love your neighbor as yourself.**' " Luke 10: 27 As we observe

Mothers' Day, we focus on loving one another. We certainly thank God for mothers whose selfless love mirrors God's love to all. And we are moved by Christ's love to us to love one another as He has loved us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Gracious God, the gifts of marriage, family, children and loving relationships are all from the goodness of Your hand. You are the source of that greatest of all gifts, love, which You demonstrated most clearly for us in Your only-begotten Son, Jesus. Enable us to model and share Your love and care in a world for which You gave Your Son; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

WELCOME

- 1** **Now thank we all our God**
 With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
 Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
 And still is ours today.

- 2** **Oh, may this bounteous God**
 Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
 And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next!

- 3** **All praise and thanks to God**
 The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

INVOCATION (Spoken Responsively)

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

Congregation: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of ☩ our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *"This Is The Feast"*

LSB 171

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

✠ WORD ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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FIRST LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 13

The Way of Love.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part,¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

R This is the Word of the Lord

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 JOHN 4: 19-21

God is love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

R: This is the Word of the Lord

THE GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 15: 12-17

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

A new commandment: Love one another.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

SONG *"One Thing Remains"* Kristian Stanfil

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SERMON *"PLAY THE GAME WITH GRACE"*

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

"THANK YOU" VIDEO

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor
And ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

"O Blest The House"

LSB 862

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!**
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!**
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!**
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.**
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:**

Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

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POSTLUDE

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