



“THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

John 17:17

Allowing God's Word to shape
how we view the world around us



Weekend Worship
Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 25 & 26, 2022

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Weekend Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

(We rise)

WE BEGIN IN SONG

(Saturday) “Come People of the Risen King”/ “Goodness of God”

(Sunday) “Lift High the Cross”

LSB 837
(vs. 1, 3-6)

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (refrain)

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. (refrain)

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. (refrain)

Let ev’ry race and ev’ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. (refrain)

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! (refrain)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: We read responsively from Psalm 133: How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

People: It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Pastor: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

People: For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

Pastor: Let us go before our God, confessing our sins and asking for His forgiveness. Most merciful God,

People: We thank You that You have called us individually to Yourself. We also thank You that You have brought us together as a Family, Your Church. You have called us to love, encourage, and bless one another. We confess we haven't always done that. We've sometimes been half-hearted in our devotion to others and we've missed other opportunities all together. For the sake of Jesus, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, soften our hearts to truly be Your Church to one another and to the world.

Pastor: Be of good cheer. The Head of the Church, the Cornerstone of the Church is also the Savior of the Church. By the Blood of Jesus, we are forgiven in the Name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thank You, Lord!

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:3-6

(God calls His Old Testament people Israel to an intimate relationship with Him and to play a part in His plan to be a blessing to the rest of the world.)

Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now if you

obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.”

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:7-11

(As the end of all things nears, God calls His Church to love and serve one another.)

The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(We rise)

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

People: *(sung)* Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter, beginning with the sixth verse.

People: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

LSB 190

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

People: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

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Pastor: Together, as God's People, united in faith by the One Who prays that we would all be one, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

People: 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.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192-193

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

(Saturday)

“Overcome”

(Sunday)

“We Are Called to Stand Together”

LSB 828
(vs. 1, 4-5)

We are called to stand together with the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets in the faith they once held fast;
Promises and hopes they treasured now we find fulfilled at last!

Now in many tongues and cultures songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior honor Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance ev’ry day their prayers they bring.

To each coming generation tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended, till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united under Christ’s eternal reign!

THE MESSAGE

“A Sign of Our Love”

Pastor Ryan Clark

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:

All: 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.

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

(We rise)

WE CLOSE IN SONG “They’ll Know We are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus:

And they’ll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Chorus)*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

Chorus:

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (*Chorus*)

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