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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Located in the church basement)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. With the COVID vaccine now being administered, our attendance is increasing. If you have not yet gathered with us for worship, let me know when you will and are able to return.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Word Search: **Love**[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

5th graders and older: Mark the service with directional arrows [🔊] as to show what direction the interaction between God, us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to indicate our posture during the service | - standing in respect; — - kneeling to receive a blessing or show respect; — - humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put LSC in the margin and the section [Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [ex: LSC-Baptism]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Amazing Love May 8 & 9, 2021

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.



Order of Divine Service I LSB 151

Opening Sentences Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10

- 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 AND ABSOLUTION +

Opening Hymn "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB 660

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
 Ye soldiers of the cross.
 Lift high His royal banner;
 It must not suffer loss.
 From vict'ry unto vict'ry
 His army He shall lead
 Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
 And Christ is Lord indeed.
- Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The trumpet call obey;

 Stand forth in mighty conflict
 In this His glorious day.

 Let all His faithful serve Him
 Against unnumbered foes;

 Let courage rise with danger
 And strength to strength oppose.
- 3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 Stand in His strength alone.
 The arm of flesh will fail you,
 Ye dare not trust your own.
 Put on the Gospel armor;
 Each piece put on with prayer.
 Where duty calls or danger,
 Be never wanting there.
- 4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
 The strife will not be long;
 This day the din of battle,
 The next the victor's song.
 The soldiers, overcoming,
 Their crown of life shall see
 And with the King of Glory
 Shall reign eternally.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C Amen.
- 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the 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.
- C Amen.

What loving act of Christ is described above?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16

- L Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
- C Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!
- L Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,
- C who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.
- L Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!
- C 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.

L Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

What loving acts has God done for us?

Kyrie LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A 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.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast LSB 155

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

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

What loving things does God help us to do?

First Reading Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." ⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

What loving act did Jesus do for us as recorded in this lesson?

Psalm Psalm 98

- C Oh sing to the lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.
- P The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

- C Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- P Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!
- C Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!
- P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

C 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.

What loving acts of God does He do for us according to this Psalm?

Epistle 1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

L This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

How can we show our love for God?

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 15:9–17

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays 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 the Lord. C Praise to You, O Christ.

What does God's love produce within us?

<u>Highlight</u> all the words and phrases that describes the love of God for us.

Hymn of the Day "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" LSB 556

- Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
 With exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice
 And holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done,
 How His right arm the vict'ry won.
 What price our ransom cost Him!
- Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;
 Death brooded darkly o'er me.
 Sin was my torment night and day;
 In sin my mother bore me.
 But daily deeper still I fell;
 My life became a living hell,
 So firmly sin possessed me.
- My own good works all came to naught,
 No grace or merit gaining;
 Free will against God's judgment fought,
 Dead to all good remaining.
 My fears increased till sheer despair
 Left only death to be my share;
 The pangs of hell I suffered.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state
 Before the world's foundation,
 And mindful of His mercies great,
 He planned for my salvation.
 He turned to me a father's heart:

He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.

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Sermon "Do You Love Everyone?" John 15:9–17

Introduction:

Do you love everyone all the time? If anyone says yes to this question they are a lair or they do not understand what love means. Love means being ready and quick to lay down one life for another person. It means sacrificing oneself for the needs of others. It means that we will do this for anyone at any time in any place. It means that there is no hatred or resentment in our hearts for anyone at any time. It means having holy and pure thoughts about everyone all the time.

So, what moves us to love others when we are so poor at doing it?

I. It is God's command

First of all it is God's command. "Love your neighbor as yourself." But what is the reason behind God wanting us to love one another. Well, it shows that He abides in us and we abide in Him. What He desires we in faith desire to do the same. It is the working of the Holy Spirit in our hearts to love others as God has loved us.

Now, the world says the same thing. The world says we should love one another so that the world will be a better place. And this is true. It would be a safer and better place to live. But the world cannot help us love others. This is to say, the world cannot enter into our hearts, change our hearts or empower us to love others. All the world can offer is a suggestion, an argument for loving each other.

Yet, the world distorts love. The world uses the word, "love," to cover up sinful lusts and desires. How do we know this? We know it from the commandments God has given us.

He has described what love is. Luther pickup on this when he wrote these words at the beginning of each commandment's meaning, "We should fear and love God so that..."

It is in the commandments that love is described and defined. It is how we can examine ourselves to know what is a loving thought, word or deed. And what is not a loving word, thought or dead but is actually sin trying to disguise itself as love.

And today, now in our own society and globally, we need to study and learn these commandments so that we can fend off temptation and the deception of the world, our own sinful flesh and Satan. We need to look into the mirror of the Law and see our own sin, confess it to God and once again be forgiven of our lack of love, our lack of ability to love in a pure and holy manner and to be strengthened to go forth and love our neighbor as ourselves. We need His forgiveness so that we can go forth and be seen as disciples of Jesus Christ.

II. Christ loves us

And yet there is a greater reason why we are to love one another. It is because Christ loves us. And this is more than "paying it forward." It is more than gratitude. It is more than a moral obligation.

Christ's love for us dwells within us. When He entered our hearts through the Word and also through the water, Baptism, His love for us and others was brought into our hearts.

We are not just here to emulate His love. It is His love that works through us to others. It is His motivation to love us that motivates us to love others. It is His love that overcomes our hatred, our prejudices and our resentments toward others. It is His love that makes our weak attempts to love other acceptable in the sight of God. It is His love for, in and with us that makes us look like loving and caring people to God and to the world.

It is His love for the world that works in our hearts to love our neighbor as ourselves. We take no credit, no glory or merit in doing this. We know that it is Christ who laid down His life for us because He loved us and the Father. We know that it is by the grace of God through Christ that our hearts are changed. We know that it is by the help of God that we love one another.

Conclusion:

There are people, family members, neighbors, co-workers and our enemies that are hard and impossible to love. We need to understand this. We need to acknowledge it. Because when we do and when the desire to do as God commands comes into our hearts we turn to Christ for Him to work through us what is impossible for us to raise up in our own hearts. And that is, love them as ourselves.

And remember this God's love does makes us strong and smart. He makes us strong enough to walk away from a dangerous and abusive relationship, be it in marriage, family, school, work or even a church congregation. God desires that we too are loved by others as He has loved us and others.

So, we call on Christ to continue to work in our hearts the love He has for His Father and for all people, our neighbors. In this way, we abide in Him and He in us. And we are seen as His disciples.

T AMEN T

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 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 T 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, be with us and bless us.

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...]*. Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places.

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

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.

Hymns

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LSB 770

- What a friend we have in Jesus,
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
 Oh, what needless pain we bear—All because we do not carry
 Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- Have we trials and temptations?
 Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful
 Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

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"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *LSB 700*1 Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
 Into ev'ry troubled breast;
 Let us all in Thee inherit;
 Let us find Thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.
- Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
 Glory in Thy perfect love.
- Finish then Thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in Thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heav'n we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Nunc Dimittis LSB 165

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

Benediction LSB 166

- 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 T give you peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn of Departure "Oh, Blest the House" **LSB 862**

- 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!
- 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!
- 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.
- 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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