



*“Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



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## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING HYMN**

*"O God My Faithful God"*

LSB 696

#### **Verse 1**

O God, my faithful God,  
True fountain ever flowing,  
Without whom nothing is,  
All perfect gifts bestowing:  
Give me a healthy frame,  
And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame,  
A soul unstained by sin.

#### **Verse 2**

Grant me the strength to do  
With ready heart and willing  
Whatever You command,  
My calling here fulfilling;  
That I do what I should  
While trusting You to bless  
The outcome for my good,  
For You must give success.

#### **Verse 3**

Keep me from saying words  
That later need recalling;  
Guard me lest idle speech  
May from my lips be falling;  
But when within my place  
I must and ought to speak,  
Then to my words give grace  
Lest I offend the weak.

#### **Verse 4**

Lord, let me win my foes  
With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends  
For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as You have taught,  
To love both great and small  
And by Your Spirit's might  
To live in peace with all.

### Verse 5

Let me depart this life  
Confiding in my Savior;  
By grace receive my soul  
That it may live forever;  
And let my body have  
A quiet resting place  
Within a Christian grave;  
And let it sleep in peace.

### Verse 6

And on that final day  
When all the dead are waking,  
Stretch out Your mighty hand,  
My deathly slumber breaking.  
Then let me hear Your voice,  
Redeem this earthly frame,  
And bid me to rejoice  
With those who love Your name.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness: therefore you are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon him in prayer and praise let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking his grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. It is my privilege as a called and ordained servant of Christ to announce God's grace to all of you. All of our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

(Psalm 66)

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, oh 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: Blessed 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"What A Friend We Have in Jesus"* LSB 770

**Verse 1**

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!

**Verse 2**

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.

**Verse 3**

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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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.**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts 10:34-48

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> And 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, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> And 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. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." <sup>44</sup> While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> And 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. <sup>46</sup> For

they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup> "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

1 John 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Everyone 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. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This 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. <sup>7</sup> For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup> the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**These things are written, that you may believe**

**That Jesus is the Christ, the son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay

down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I

command you. <sup>15</sup> No 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. <sup>16</sup> You 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. <sup>17</sup> These 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.**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *"Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee"* LSB 573

**Verse 1**

Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee;  
That, I know, could never be;  
For this heart would still refuse Thee  
Had Thy grace not chosen me.  
Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
Washed and cleansed and set me free  
And unto this end ordained me,  
That I ever live to Thee.

**Verse 2**

It was grace in Christ that called me,  
Taught my darkened heart and mind;  
Else the world had yet enthralled me,  
To Thy heav'nly glories blind.  
Now I worship none above Thee;  
For Thy grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well that, if I love Thee,  
Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

**Verse 3**

Praise the God of all creation;  
Praise the Father's boundless love.  
Praise the Lamb, our expiation,  
Priest and King enthroned above.  
Praise the Spirit of salvation,  
Him by whom our spirits live.  
Undivided adoration  
To the great Jehovah give.

**MESSAGE**

**PRAYERS**

## LORD'S PRAYER

### BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

*"He's Risen! He's Risen!"*

LSB 480

#### Verse 1

He's risen, He's risen,  
Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened Death's prison,  
the Incarnate true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven,  
in jubilant song,  
And, earth, sea, and mountain,  
Their praises prolong.

#### Verse 2

The Foe was triumphant  
when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation  
was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain  
did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain,  
whom the evil ones fear.

#### Verse 3

But short was their triumph,  
the Savior arose,  
And Death, hell, and Satan  
He vanquished, His foes;  
The conquering Lord  
lifts His banner on high.  
He lives, yes, He lives,  
and will nevermore die.

#### Verse 4

Oh, where is thy sting, death?  
We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open  
is fair Eden's door,  
For all our transgressions  
His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven,  
we now are His own.

### **Verse 5**

Then sing your hosannas  
and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings  
that all may rejoice.

Laud, honor, and praise  
to the Lamb that was slain,  
with Father and Spirit  
He ever shall reign.

### **POST SERVICE MUSIC**

*Flowers on the Altar this morning are given by Danny Follman in honor of Carol's mother on Mother's Day and for the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Daniel and Dennis.*

### **Our Week With God**

Sunday:	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School & Youth Bible Study
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal
Sunday:	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship</b>
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Rite of Confirmation Worship</b>

### **Church Announcements for This Week!**

#### **Rite of Confirmation**

On Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 youth will be affirming the faith that they were baptized into. This will take place during the 10:30 AM worship service. We will be limiting the numbers of those in attendance to only family and friends of those who are being confirmed. We will also be live-streaming the service like we normally do so that those who would like to worship with us from home are welcome to.

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

Our summer worship schedule will start Memorial Day weekend. On Sunday May 30 and for the rest of the summer we will be only having one worship service at 9:00 AM. We will continue to live stream our service on our Facebook page, church website, and post to YouTube shortly after the service has ended.

### **Growing Green Fundraiser**

The youth group is once again partnering with The Growing Scene in Marengo. From now until Memorial Day if you make any online purchases with the code "SJC" the youth group will receive a portion of the sale back. Visit their website [www.thegrowingscene.com](http://www.thegrowingscene.com) and help the youth group raise money towards their summer trips.

### **VBS Registration Now Open**

This year VBS will be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 9-11 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM. We will be discovering that we are priceless treasures to God. Treasured will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences, fun games, Sciency-Fun Gizmos and Crafts, and awesome songs that for sure will get stuck in your head all week! Vacation Bible School is open to members of our congregation and their friends, family, and other guests.

### **Food Pantry Update**

The month of April we served 21 families which included 80 people. Items we are short on are: canned tomatoes (diced, stewed, sauce), variety crackers, variety cookies, cake mixes, Hamburger Helper, grape jelly & strawberry jam. Distribution is Monday May 17 9-10 A.M. and Saturday May 22 9-10 A.M. Accepting donations the First Saturday of the Month which is May 1 9-10 A.M. at the Pantry 147 Mill Ave. Hampshire and the Sunday before the Monday distribution 10 - noon. Monetary donations may be mailed to Burlington/Hampshire Area Food Pantry P.O. Box 651 Hampshire, Il. 60140. Any questions or large donations please call Dorothy @ 847-683-3071



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