



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 25

(Series A)

AS WE GATHER

In the Small Catechism, we are reminded that the summary of the first three Commandments, the First Table, are found in the words of Jesus we hear today: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and Commandments 4–10, the Second Table, is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37, 39). The summary of all the Commandments is love, as “Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:10). So often, though, we realize our love for God and love for others is imperfect and falls short of every command from our holy Lord. Yet, even in our fallen condition, we are shown and given a perfect love that remains through the giving of His own Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Claimed as His own and forgiven, we then live under the grace of His cross and empty tomb, that we are by faith empowered to love as He has first loved us.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” *Matthew 22:37–39*

PRELUDE

(Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.)

✠A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE✠

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

PRESERVICE SONG - "Come, Now is the Time for Worship"

1, 3, 5 Come, now is the time for worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

2, 4 One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

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

P You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

C **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.**

P And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
C **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. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P Standing before God's holiness, we cannot come before Him as we are on our own in our sinful nature. Yet in His great love for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who sacrificed Himself out of love for us, who was raised from the dead that we might have new life, and who has opened the gates to eternal life, as a called and ordained servant of the Word I announce the love and grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Holy Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ 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.**

Sit

OPENING SONG – “Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm found
 Was blind, but now I see

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

3, 5, 6 My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

4 The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

7 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

(The holiness of the Lord.)

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²“Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. . . .

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 1a

L ^{1a}Blessed is the man
C **who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

L ¹Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C **nor stands in the way of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

L ²but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
C **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

L ³He is like a tree
Planted by streams of water
That yields its fruit in its season,
And its leaf does not wither.
C **In all that he does, he prospers.**

L ⁴The wicked are not so,
C **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

L ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C **nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

L ⁶for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
C **but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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 ^{1a}Blessed is the man
C **who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

(Paul's ministry to the Thessalonians.)

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

⁹For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹²we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Matthew 22:37b

- P** Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God
C with all your heart and with will all your soul and with all your mind.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-46

(The Great Commandment)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” ³⁷And he said to him, “**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.** ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: **You shall love your neighbor as yourself.** ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “**What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?**” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “**How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,**

⁴⁴“**The Lord said to my Lord,**

Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet’?

⁴⁵**If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?”** ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

OFFERING

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Stand

POST SERMON SONG - “We Will Glorify”

- 1 We will glorify the King of kings
We will glorify the Lamb
We will glorify the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am
- 2 Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone

3 He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth
He is Lord of all who live
He is Lord above the universe
All praise to Him we give

4 Hallelujah to the King of kings
Hallelujah to the Lamb
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords
Who is the great I Am

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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.

C **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God of love, You are holy and worthy to be loved with all our heart, soul, and mind. We give You thanks for the many blessings for our lives now and eternally, which are not deserved but that You give out of Your perfect love.

C **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Ever-giving God of love, though our love is imperfect and often conditional, Yours is perfect and always unconditional. As You call, gather, and enlighten us together by Your Spirit, we bring our burdens of sin, our guilt of wrong, our trials of this life, and troubles we face to Your holy presence, that we find our rest and receive all good things from Your gracious hand.

C **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P God of comfort and love, we ask Your presence upon those who are burdened with affliction of body, soul, and mind. We bring before You those who have asked for our prayers, [*including . . .*], and those whose needs are known to You. Give hope to the hopeless, promise to the grieving, and peace to the dying.

C **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Ever-providing God of love, You give us all we need for this body and life, and we pray for remembrance that all things come from Your hand. Continue to guide and direct those in authority over us in this world that faithfulness be had in administration. Grant safety to all who serve to protect and keep our communities safe. Lead us each day with Your Word that we love You and love our neighbors as ourselves, living as lights in this dark world that others know Your love now and forevermore.

C **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in You through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **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.**

CLOSING SONG - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" Philipians 2:10-11

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all

- 2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all

- 3 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all

- 4 O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all

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