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*"Raising Up
Families and Followers
of Jesus Christ"*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:30 am

Love one
ANOTHER
as I have
LOVED
you
-JOHN 15:12

EASTER PEOPLE ABIDE

AS WE GATHER

The hymn text “Abide with Me,” by English clergyman Henry Lyte, has a history that assists in making the words of hope and comfort in the text memorable. Yet, in reflecting on the true importance of the hymn, it is not the circumstances surrounding why it was written that gives it beauty but the words themselves that the author wrote. In timeless poetry, Lyte underscores the meaning of God’s presence in the life of the Christian as he writes: “I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless” (*LSB* 878:5). Our Lord abides with us not only at eventide, but at all times and in all places. Here and now let us bring to this caring God our thanks and praise!

WELCOME CARDS/PRAYER REQUESTS *We ask all who are present today to please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate.*

Love The Lord

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)

I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT 2X)

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INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10*

Leader Praise the LORD!

Congregation **Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

Leader I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

Congregation **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Leader Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

Congregation **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Leader The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Congregation **Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

Congregation **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. We do indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Abide with us and grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By the power of the Holy Spirit at**

work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Leader God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader 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.

Congregation Amen.

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17*

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

Congregation 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.”

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE – Liz Fassnacht

Speak O Lord

Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You - To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us - Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us - All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2

Teach us Lord full obedience - Holy reverence true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes - In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise - Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority - Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3

Speak O Lord and renew our minds - Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time - That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built - And the earth is filled with Your glory

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

Congregation I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader

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 Christian Church and pray that God's people may live confidently and would joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be blessed with all grace and give evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us.

We pray for our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We ask the blessing of our bountiful God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Also, we pray for all who are part of the household of faith, whose presence here this day supports and strengthens us.

We also pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, grant that we may 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.

Congregation Amen

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow securely and confidently as people of faith, abiding in Your amazing love as we live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly table.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Leader Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Leader As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us - How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son - To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss - The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One - Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross - My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice - Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there - Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything - No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ - His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward - I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom

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Goodness Of God

Verse 1

I love You Lord - Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days - I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up - Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2

I love Your voice - You have led me through the fire
In darkest night - You are close like no other
I've known You as a father - I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
Your goodness is running after - It's running after me
With my life laid down - I'm surrendered now
I give You everything - Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Leader

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we bless You for having fed us with the body
and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we
may abide in the fellowship of the Christian Church and together with all the
saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing

love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

Leader 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.

Congregation Amen.

King Of Kings

Verse 1

In the darkness we were waiting - Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running - There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets - To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory - To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father - Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one - God of Glory
Majesty - Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2

To reveal the kingdom coming - And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation - You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering - You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation - Jesus for our sake You died

Verse 3

And the morning that You rose - All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good - For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs - And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come - To the Father are restored

Verse 4

And the Church of Christ was born - Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old - Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name - In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ - Who has resurrected me

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DISMISSAL

Leader Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation His is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader Go in peace as you serve our living Lord!

Congregation Thanks be to God!

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