

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Happy Mother's Day



Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm

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Amazing Grace How Sweet the Sound

(Hymn 379)

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

2 The Lord has promised good to me;
 His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
 As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
 I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
 And grace will lead me home.

Please rise

4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Common Service

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Historical Lesson

Did you ever wonder if you could do a better job in showing the love of God?

In the book of Acts we meet a disciple named Tabitha. She was well known for showing God's love. We have no record of Tabitha's preaching or teaching, working miracles or leading a large ministry. She just helped those she could, as best she could. We don't hear of her seeking a great reward. She just quietly went about her business using the talents and gifts that God had given her to show her love to Christ in loving service to those who could not repay her.

Even in her death, God used her to spread the Gospel. He showed his power over death by raising her from the dead. This Easter message was carried all over the community and God used that message to save souls.

When we want to reflect God's love, we don't need to stress out about it or try to come up with something difficult or impressive. Let's just care about people and do kind and loving things for each other as God provides the opportunity.

God showed his love through Tabitha when she did loving things for people. He still does that every day through us.

Acts 9:36-42 (EHV)

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was always doing good deeds and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became sick and died. After they had washed her, they laid her in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Since Lydda is near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, who urged him, “Come to us without delay!”

³⁹ Peter got up and went with them. When he arrived, they led him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing him the robes and clothing that Dorcas made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ After Peter sent them all outside, he got down on his knees and prayed. Then he turned toward the body and said, “Tabitha, get up!” She opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her stand up. After he called the saints and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

Epistle Lesson

What looks like love on the outside isn't always real love. So, God includes a warning for us in John's first letter: Not every spirit is from God.

We take that warning seriously. That's why we have what seems to be a mania for pure doctrine. The Word of God is how we overcome the world, recognize the Spirit of truth, and produce real love. Anything else produces a counterfeit and a sham. Real love comes from God; anything else is false and empty. No matter how noble or beneficial or heroic the acts of the world are, they are a flimsy imitation of the love of God that sent his son to the cross. God's love fills a Christian's heart and changes them. God's love changes the way we think and the way we act. It changes how we see people. It changes how we view life. God's love fills us. It's the love we show each other.

Let's love each other the way Christ loves us. Let's share real love and show the world the love of God.

1 John 4:1-11 (EHV)

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. ⁴You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. ⁵They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love has not known God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God's love for us was revealed: God has sent his only-begotten Son into the world so that we may live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us so much, we also should love one another.

Love Is the Gracious Gift

(Hymn 505)

- 1 Love is the gracious gift of your goodness;
Love is the patient fruit of your care;
Love is the gentle work of your Spirit,
Who is the source of love ev'rywhere.

- 2 You loved me first, Lord, sending me Jesus.
Then I responded, trusting your Son.
Now you invite me to love my neighbor,
Showing your true love to ev'ryone

- 3 Love means forgiveness, patience, and kindness;
Love is not jealous, boastful, or rude.
Love endures all things, bearing, believing;
Love hopes forever, rejoices in truth.
- 4 Love in a marriage, love freely given,
Love of a husband, love of a wife —
Made to continue, blossom, and flourish,
Grow ever deeper throughout this life.
- 5 Love among Christians, love in the fam'ly,
Love for the Savior, whose blood was shed,
Love and submission one to another
As unto Christ, who reigns as our head.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon

Can we agree that our world needs love? We need real, life-altering, world-changing love. We need the kind of love that moves people to sacrifice. Love that effects real change.

That's the kind of love that God showed the world when he sent his son. It's the kind of love that Jesus showed when he died for us. It's the kind of love that people need.

But, how can the world see Jesus, since he ascended into heaven?

The world can see Jesus when we reflect his love. We reflect his love when we keep the commandments. Every commandment is a way to show love to God and to people.

As we learned last week, branches bear good fruit when we're connected to the Vine. We can love each other the way Jesus loves us!

Consider the love Jesus shows us. He's promoted us from servants to his friends. He has shared the heart and mind of God with us! There is no greater proof that Jesus is our friend than his sacrifice for us on the cross.

Now we get to show the world his love by the way we treat one another. Love each other!

Ironically, the world hates the very love that would heal it. We will be persecuted when we share it. But the love of God fills our hearts and we love each other and the world as Jesus does.

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so also I have loved you. Remain in my love. ¹⁰If you hold on to my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have held on to my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that my joy would continue to be in you and that your joy would be complete.

¹²“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this: that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you continue to do the things I instruct you. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will endure, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷These things I am instructing you, so that you love one another.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Melanie Bell, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank, Fred and Karen Schrank.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor’s son), Greg Carow (Dennis Carow’s godson/nephew), Aeron Forsberg (Linda and Gene Erickson’s grandson), Dayton Godfrey (Dave & Cindy Schacht’s great-nephew), Joshua Jansen (Isaac Jansen’s cousin), Patrick Noppenberg (Denis & Deb Vieth’s son), Dylan Vanko, (Roy and Grace Chmela’s grandson), and Thomas Weirich (Mary Bush’s nephew). **Firefighter:** Steve Campbell. **Police:** Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and David Peterson (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer:

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 Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

P: Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The 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 on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

(Hymn 377 v. 1)

- 1 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.
How dearly it has cost him!

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*