



*He who loves Me
will be loved by My Father*

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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*



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OPENING HYMN *“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: The three sad days have quickly sped, He rises glorious from the dead. All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily besets us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

C: Lord God, though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor’s triumph won, sin still hangs on. We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my 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.

INTROIT *Psalm 66:8-20*

P: Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

C: he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

P: For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

C: You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

P: You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

C: I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you-

P: vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

C: I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer bulls and goats,

P: Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

C: I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

P: If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

C: but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

P: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his 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.

KYRIE

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

HYMN OF PRAISE *“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”*

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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. Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 17:22–31* (Paul in Athens)

22Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. **23**For as I

walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.

24"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. **25**And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. **26**From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. **27**God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. **28**'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

29"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone--an image made by man's design and skill. **30**In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. **31**For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL adapt. from *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

All: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE *1 Peter 3:13–22* (Suffering for Christ)

13Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? **14**But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." **15**But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, **16**keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. **17**It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. **18**For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but

made alive by the Spirit, **19**through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison **20**who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, **21**and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22**who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "*Blessed Assurance*"

HOLY GOSPEL *John 14:15–21* (The promise of the Holy Spirit)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

15"If you love me, you will obey what I command. **16**And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever--**17**the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. **18**I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. **19**Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. **20**On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21**Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

Sanctification

All: 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.

P: What does this mean?

All: I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *"Jesus Our Comforter"*

SERMON HYMN *"Trust and Obey"*

SERMON *"Jesus Promises The Holy Spirit"*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for the new life and salvation with which You have brought beauty into our lives and our world again through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray that You open the ears of all who hear Your Word, that this salvation come to many in true repentance and faith, the gift of Your own Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Send Your Spirit mightily especially upon those called to preach, proclaim, and teach Your life-giving Word. Guide all pastors, teachers, and servants of the Church to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: To all who bear the authority of government in our land, give Your blessing, that tranquility and peace rule our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to the true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Visit with Your peace and healing all who suffer illness, injury, or any painful difficulty, [*especially* . . .]. Let not their hearts be troubled or weighed down with any fear, but lift their eyes to Your sure and certain promises of eternal life and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Individual petitions may be added here.

P: With reverence and affection, we remember before You, O everlasting God, all our departed family and friends who have followed Christ and now are with Him in glory. By Your grace, keep us faithful and steadfast, that we see the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 HYMN *"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*



Prayers: Verna Bliesmer, Bev Roben, Craig Cain, Les Anderson

Coping With Cancer: Lori Koerselman, Julie Krogman, Donna Nawrocki, Paul Overgaard, Pastor Jim Fleming, Elsie Swanson, Shelly Callahan, Gary Maday, Ginny

Anderson, Georgia Holtz, Larry Norem, Lacy McNicol, Roger Spiegel, Cyndi Johnson, Gloria Maschoff, Robert Ziemer, Kay Groth, Perry Caven, Harv Baird

Care List: Taylor Antony, Dan Hanson, Marian Youngwirth, Glenna Shanley, Terri Schultz, Butch Pierson, Butch Mulso, Reinold Hagen, Ginny Ringnell, Joyce Hansen Picken, Lorraine Gagnon, Dick Lepird, Nathan Behne, Verna Bliesmer, Sammie Moeller, Whitney Kassner, Linda Chase, Lois Anderson, Adam Janssen, Helen Roebbeke, Bob Sherman, Bob Hoffmeyer, Marcella Brolsma, Bob Brolsma, and those we name in our hearts. *(Please help us keep this care list updated. We would like to know if families would like us to continue to have them on our care list, contact Pastor or the church office.)*

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week: Brenda Frolik, Tammy Smith, Trent VanderWert, Andy Truesdell, Adrianna Garber, Chandler Koehler, Tom Mulso, Linda Schwager, Marriah Salisbury, Steve Frolik, Kelly Koehnen, Lori Stibbe, Dick Lepird, Francie Ziemer, Derek Olson, Aliyah Freking, Hilary Anderson

Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week: Roy & Jina Behne, Duane & Kathleen Potts, James & Judy Hybbert

Never Forsaken

When Jesus went to His suffering and death, He knew how desolate His disciples would be. Deprived of His beloved presence, they would be like forsaken, homeless orphans, left alone in the world. But He did not leave them as comfortless orphans. He kept His promise given them in our text. After three days, He came to them again as the victorious conqueror of death and the grave. When He ascended into heaven, He sent them His Holy Spirit. Through His Spirit, He remained with them all the days of their lives.

Our merciful Savior gives this sweet and precious promise to us: "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." In His Holy Spirit, He came to us in our Baptism and comes daily to us in His Word. Through faith in Him, His Spirit dwells in our hearts and teaches us to pray, "Abba! Father!"

Though father and mother forsake us, though we are like lonely orphans or grief-stricken widows and widowers in this world, He does not leave us comfortless. He comes to us in His divine Word with the cheering promise: "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5). In Him, we have a rich provider, an almighty protector, and a blessed home in heaven.

May God help us to be His faithful followers, abiding with His comfort. Amen.

About the cover: Jesus has extended His loving arms for us on the cross, and now the living Jesus extends them to draw us close to Him. Because we are loved by the Father through Jesus, it is natural that God's love is reciprocated through the work of the Holy Spirit in and through us. We are drawn up into the love of God by our Lord, who first loved us and gave Himself for us.