



**Love One Another
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Woodlawn Lutheran Church – Easter 5 – May 14-16, 2022

Welcome to Woodlawn Lutheran Church

» *Please sign the friendship register located at the center aisle of each pew. If you are visiting with us today, please include your contact information so we can acknowledge your visit.*

† *Our Worship Focus today: If anything is the defining mark of Christians, it is not the spiritual gifts that they possess. It is the love at work as they put those gifts into practice.*



First Reading

Acts 11:1–18

¹ The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ² When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³ saying, “You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!”

⁴ So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵ “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶ When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷ I also heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!’

⁸ “But I replied, ‘Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹ “A voice spoke from heaven a second time: ‘What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.’ ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

¹¹ “At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³ He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. ¹⁴ He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵ “As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered how the Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸ When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”

Responsive verses from Psalm 145

P: I will exalt you, my God, the King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the Lord and worthy of great praise, and there are no limits to the extent of his greatness.

C: One generation will praise your deeds to another, and they will declare your mighty acts.

P: I will contemplate the glorious splendor of your majesty and the accounts of your wonderful works.

C: Then they will speak about the power of your awesome works, and I will tell about your great deeds.

P: They will pour forth the memory of your abundant goodness and sing loudly about your righteousness.

C: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in mercy.

P: The Lord is good to all.

C: His compassion extends over all he has made.

Opening Praise

Glorify thy Name (LAPPY, p. 86)

Worship Team:

Father, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth

Worship Team and Congregation:

**Jesus, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth**

**Spirit, we love You
We worship and adore You
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, Glorify thy name
Glorify thy name in all the earth**

Confession and Absolution

Pastor: We worship in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: Dear friends, as we stand in God's presence today, we know that we have done many things that God has commanded us not to do and left undone many things that he commands us to do. Although we come as God's people, we come as sinful people who need God's mercy. So let us come before God's throne of grace and ask him to forgive us for the sake of his Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

P: This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through God's Son, Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

All: Amen.

Worship Team

King of Love

Prayer *(All)*

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Song Think About His Love (CW 505)

Song: Think About His Love

(Worship Team sings through 2 times, then congregation joins in)

**Think about his love,
Think about his goodness,
Think about his grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above
So great is the measure of our Father's love.
Great is the measure of our Father's love.**

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Sermon Text John 13:31–35

³¹ After Judas left, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once."

³³ "Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ "A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

God's Love

1. It's Something We All Have
2. It's Something We All Want to Share

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

WELS Connection

Prayer of the Church

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.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

P: The Lord says, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

Closing Song Love is Christ is Strong and Living (CW726)

**Love in Christ is strong and living,
binding faithful hearts in one;
love in Christ is true and giving,
may his will in us be done.**

**Love is patient and forbearing,
clothed in Christ's humility,
gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever,
fainting not when ills attend;
love, forgiving and forgiven,
shall endure until life's end.**

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