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Worship Focus: *In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is a life lived for others. In our Gospel, Jesus answers, "Who is my neighbor?" God allows us opportunity to serve and love one another. We get to show His love by sacrificing and serving all those around us.*

Gathering Rite

M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

M: Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with gifts to serve you and our neighbor. We repent for times we have used those gifts selfishly instead of generously and selflessly. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

C: **♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything, That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.** (CW467:3)

M: Dear Savior Jesus, you have shown us the full extent of your love by giving your life for ours on the cross. Though that love is what ought to motivate our service, too often our service is grudgingly given, motivated by guilt and obligation, instead of generously given, motivated by your love. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

C: **♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea, Him exalting self abasing – This is victory.** (CW467:4)

M: O Holy Spirit, you want all people to be saved by the power of the Gospel. You also tell us that you use our Christian lives and service to lead them to hearing the Gospel. We are sorry when people see sin in our lives and not the good deeds you desire from us. Forgive us and live within us.

C: **♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win, And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.** (CW467:6)

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: **♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day, By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say. May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour, So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.** (CW467:1-2)

M: We pray together...

C: Almighty and merciful God, you sent your son not to be served but to serve. Grant to us a rich measure of your mercy and strength and work in us a love for others that overflows in acts of service and compassion; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe, Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)

THE WORD

First Lesson

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Psalm 133-134 (Sing responsively)



How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

**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.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Thessalonians 4:9-12

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. It is a sin to despise one's neighbor, but blessed is the one who is kind to the needy. Alleluia. (Proverbs 14:21)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶ "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”



Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day – 486 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

**Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To th' unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it unto me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?**

Yes, the sorrow and the suff' rings
Which on ev'ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off' rings
Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you,
Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity
Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

Sermon Text

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus Makes Us Loving Neighbors

1. Jesus teaches love that fulfills the law
2. Jesus demonstrates love that fulfills the law

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Stewardship Presentation – Challenge Card #2

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: 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."

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."

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

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei). It consists of five staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and so on. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

DISTRIBUTION

For our Visitors: "May I receive the Lord's Supper here today?"

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Woodlawn are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

Distribution Hymn –484

Brothers, Sisters, Lets Us Gladly

**Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best-
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.**

By his mercy, by his bounty,
 By the gift of Christ, his Son,
 What great goodness he has shown us,
 What high marvels he has done!
 Let us to him promptly, freely,
 Yield our bodies and our souls,
 Thankful that his love protects us,
 That his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service
 For the sake of Christ, your Son;
 Lo, our hope abides now only
 In the righteousness he won.
 Bless and save us; help and guide us;
 Watch to comfort and restore
 Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
 Praising you forevermore.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis*

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us: Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-89, alt.

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly: Text: Henry Bateman, 1802-72, alt.

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