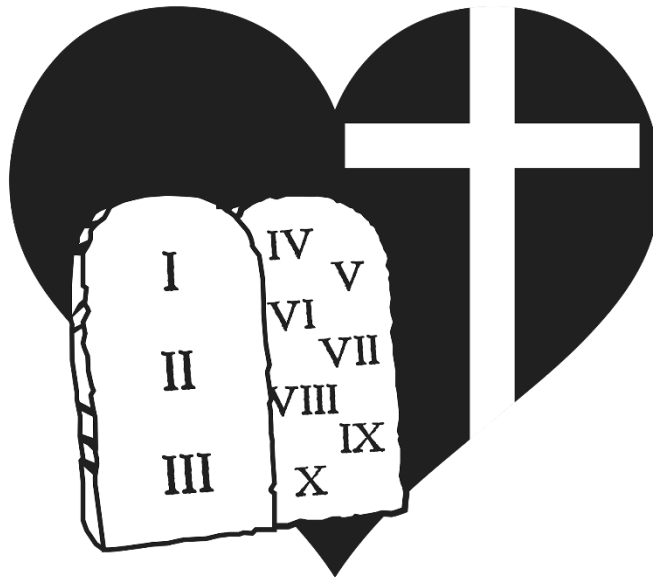


CELEBRATE

Praise and Worship Service



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5th, 2024

10:45am

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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

INVOCATION

OPENING SONGS

"Lord I Need You"

Verse 1:

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest.
 And without You, I fall apart. You're the one that guides my heart.
 Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
 My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Verse 2:

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
 And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.
 Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus:

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You, Ev'ry hour I need You.
 My one defense, my righteousness; Oh, God, how I need You.

Bridge:

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
 When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.
 When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Repeat Chorus 2X

My one defense, my righteousness; oh God, how I need You.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, while we were still in our sins You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another that we may abide in Your grace and may bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34–48* (People from every nation are accepted by God.)

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 John 5:1–8* (The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 15:9–17* (Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

People: **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.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**SONG** “Amazing Love”**Verse:**

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; you were condemned.

I'm alive and well, your Spirit is within me, because You died and rose again.

Repeat Verse

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.

In all I do I honor You.

Bridge:

You are my King, You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Repeat chorus 2X

In all I do, let me honor You.

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SERMON**STATEMENT OF FAITH** *The Third Article*

Pastor: The First Reading today tells how the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Gentiles as well as to Jews—which includes all the peoples of the world. Sharing words of faith confessed around the world, we speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and then express our confession of its meaning in the Small Catechism words of Martin Luther.

People: 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.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SHARING OF PEACE

Service of the Sacrament



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You now for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to give us assurance of Your fatherly care, knowing that all of our days are spent in God's sight. Directed by Your Holy Spirit and reflecting Your limitless love toward us, grant that we abide in Christ's love, awaiting the fulfilled promise of eternal life in Your heavenly kingdom, where saints and angels gather around Your throne in glory everlasting.

LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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 OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; I Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: 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 \times 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 \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

DISTRIBUTION

(Guests and visitors, please speak with the pastor before the worship service before communing.)

DISTRIBUTION SONG

“What Love My God”

Verse 1:

What love, my God, could bring You down to earth?
 What king would take a low and lonely birth?
 Yet to this dark and broken place
 You came to sleep beneath the stars that You had made.

Verse 2:

What love, my God, would send the Way of Life
 To walk the road rejected and despised,
 That You might know the weakness I possess
 And be my rock of strength and righteousness?

Chorus:

O Your love, my God, like a flood as heaven opened up
 Pouring out on us. O praise the King who came to the world
 In His love like a mighty flood.

Verse 3:

What love, my God, could hold You to the tree
 to bear that overwhelming debt for me?
 The Son of heaven leaves the Father’s side,
 The Healer bleeds, the Life was made to die.

Repeat Chorus

Verse 4:

What love, my God, so gracious and extreme
 Was strong enough to come and fight for me,
 To go through hell and down into the grave
 And raise me up to see You face to face?
 You raise me up to see You face to face.

Repeat Chorus 2X

In His love like a mighty flood.

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, once again You have welcomed us at Your Table of grace. Grant that this Sacrament that we have now received may strengthen us so that we may abide in loving service day by day. As we have shared in the blessings of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who see people around us as You see them and love them as You love them. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG**“This is Amazing Grace”****Verse 1:**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

Verse 2:

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
 Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
 The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus:

This is amazing grace this is unfailing love
 That You would take my place
 That You would bear my cross
 You would lay down Your life
 That I would be set free
 Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Verse 3:

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Verse 4:

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquers the grave
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain
And worthy is the King who conquers the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Repeat Chorus

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