

Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:30 am Service



Our Vision:
Disciples Making Disciples

Our Mission:
*Connecting to One Another in the Contagious
Joy of Following Jesus*

Theme of the Year
Love One Another As I Have Loved You

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PRESERVICE THOUGHTS Disciples follow share Jesus' heart to participate in the Lord's Supper together

The Last Supper, the Lord's Table, Holy Communion, the Eucharist: These are all descriptions of the sacrament commonly referred to as the Lord's Supper. This meal, along with a few other awesome mealtimes with God, are the focus of our time together this morning.

PRESERVICE PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You have given us such a blessing in this meal that we call Your Holy Supper. Let us benefit from it, hold both it and You in great honor by how we share it, and rejoice in the connection it foreshadows of a heavenly reunion with You and our brothers and sisters who have died in faith. Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC *"Give Us Clean Hands"*

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
O Spirit come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things,
O Lord, we cast down our idols.

Chorus
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts.
Let us not lift our souls to another.
Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts.
Let us not lift our souls to another.

Bridge
O God let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.
O God let us be a generation that seeks,
that seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.

Verse, Chorus, Bridge

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
O Spirit come make us humble.

“The Table”

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table. *Repeat*

Chorus

*Come all you weary; come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
He is able; He will restore at the table of the Lord.*

There is peace at the table of the Lord.
There is peace at the table of the Lord.
And I won't worry anymore at His table.

There is healing at the table of the Lord.
There is healing at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore
at His table, oh, at His table. *Chorus*

Oh, I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
with the saints around the mercy seat of God.

Come all you weary; come and find
His yoke is easy; His burden light.
He is able, He will restore
at the table of the Lord, at the table of the Lord.

I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says, "Come just as you are" to His table.

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Vs 1,2,4

Let us break bread together on our knees,
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

“The Lamb”

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Chorus

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!*

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,
Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. *Chorus*

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their Shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. *Chorus*

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. *Chorus*

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows
His song prolong till ev'ry heart to him belong. *Chorus*

“I Will Glory in the Cross”

I will glory in the cross where my Jesus was crucified.
Through His blood I stand forgiven,
cleansed from sin and justified. I will glory in the cross.
I will ever lift it high as a banner for salvation,
as the standard for my life.

Hallelujah for the cross where my Jesus was crucified.
Through His blood I stand forgiven,
cleansed from sin and justified. Hallelujah for the cross.
I will ever lift it high as a banner for salvation,
as the standard for my life. *Repeat all*

WELCOME and SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen. May we worship in spirit and in truth as
the Father seeks.**

OPENING HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast” 633 v1-5

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King
Who hath washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by
nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned
against You in thought, word, and deed, by what
we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, Have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,
and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will
and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy
name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die
for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.
As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by
His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in
the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You , we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Pastor: O Lord Jesus, You have given us such a blessing in this meal that we call Your Holy Supper. Let us benefit from it, hold both it and You in great honor by how we share it, and rejoice in the connection that it foreshadows of a heavenly reunion with both You and our brothers and sisters who have died in faith, trusting in You as Lord, the One living and reigning with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CALL TO LISTEN *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”*

*Turn your thoughts upon Jesus,
Drink deep of His comforting love,
And the thoughts of sin and self and strife
Will be lost in the truth of His Word.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said.

Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.” But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Reader: This is God’s story, the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep. But if we were more discerning with regard to ourselves, we would not come under such judgment. Nevertheless, when we are judged in this way by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be finally condemned with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together. Anyone who is hungry should eat something at home, so that when you meet together it may not result in judgment.

And when I come I will give further directions.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

DISCIPLESHIP POINT on the benefit and power of participating in the Lord's Supper

Reader: *What benefit do we receive from eating and drinking of the Lord Supper?* These words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: forgiveness of sins. (*Luther's Small Catechism, pp. 233,236*)

DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

Reader: Join me in praying:

People: Thank You Lord Jesus for the forgiveness of sins, for life and for salvation that are mine through Your body and blood shed for us all at the cross. This is what I believe and rejoice in – and why I gladly call You Savior and Lord. Amen.

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, "Take this and divide it among you. For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

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PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST and OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN "Create in Me" 192
(with altered words)

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Thank You for the gift of Your presence,
Pour out Your Holy Spirit in me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: (after each petition) Lord, in Your mercy...

People: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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
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.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [2 Timothy 4:22]

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You for Jesus, Your only-begotten son, by whose sacrifice and authority we are welcome into Your presence. Accept our thanksgiving by our presence and participation in this holy sacrament.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Remember Me

On the night You were betrayed, You took the bread
After giving thanks, You broke it and said,

“This is My Body broken for you”

And as you eat it Remember Me

“This is My body broken for you”

And as you eat it Remember Me

On the night You were betrayed, You held the cup
After giving thanks, You lifted it up

“This is My blood poured out for you”

And as you drink it Remember Me

“This is My blood poured out for you”

And as you drink it remember Me

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave Your body You shed Your blood

And we remember Your wondrous love

You gave Your body You shed Your blood

This is the Body and this is the Blood
broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the Body and this is the blood.

I will remember everything, Lord, that You've done for me.
I won't take for granted the sacrifice that set me free.
I hunger and thirst for Your love, come fill me today.

This is the Body and this is the Blood
broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion we share in His love.
This is the Body and this is the Blood.

We hunger and thirst for Your love
and Your righteousness.
We long for Your presence here, Lord.
Be with us again.

This is the Body and this is the Blood
broken and poured out for all of us.
And in this communion, we share in His love.
This is the Body and this is the blood.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *“Thank the Lord”*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev'ry one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father,
You have allowed us to receive Your grace in a
physical format and given us a foretaste of the feast
to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and
blood. Thank You and may its blessings continue in
us moving forward until we celebrate the marriage
feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end.

People: Amen and Amen.

HOPE PRAYER BOX(ES)

OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (taken from Scripture)

Pastor: Let's remind ourselves who we are in Christ Jesus:

- **In Christ, we are dearly loved, cared for and blessed with the riches of God in Jesus.**
- **In Christ, I am God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for me to do.**
- **I am a grateful recipient of the forgiveness that comes to us through Jesus' body and blood shed on the cross and shared in Holy Communion.**

BENEDICTION FOR THE WEEK

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" 643

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sunday's will continue with one service only beginning with Prayer & Praise at 9:00 am and Worship at 9:30 am.
- Go to our website for a link to Facebook for the live stream of the service, a copy of the bulletin and Immersion.

EXIT INVOCATION

Pastor: We are a discipleship-oriented church.
As disciples of Jesus, let's follow in His path of
loving and serving.

**People: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit; Amen!**