

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

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.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

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.

Holy Gospel

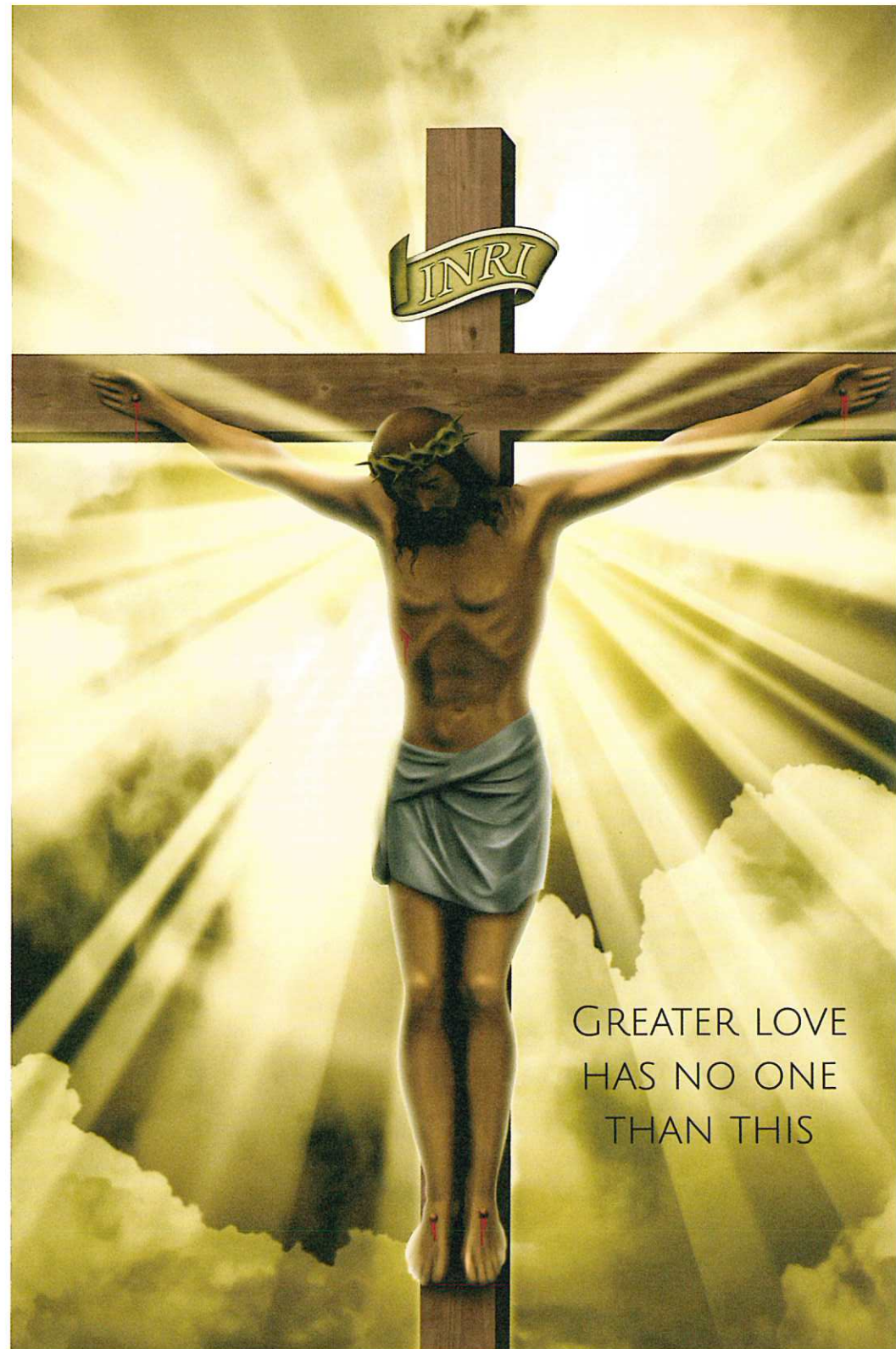
John 15:9–17

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.”



About the Cover: In the light of Easter morning, we see the cross all the more clearly. We see the glory in the greatest love. Jesus was willing to lay down His life for His friends. Jesus considers us His friends because He loves us. The light of His cross shines brightly today because Jesus’ redemption and life for us come from His self-sacrificing love.



GREATER LOVE
HAS NO ONE
THAN THIS

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5 & 9, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151
Hymns: 649, 862, 924
Sermon: "Christian Parents Are Really Foster Parents"
1 Samuel 1:26-28

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

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| Attendance 4/28 (Wed.): 35 | Comm.: 34 | Offering: \$1,220.04 |
| Attendance 5/2 (Sun): 54 | Comm.: 35 | Offering: \$5,278.00 |
| Budget Needs: \$3,541 | | Scrip Profit 5/2: \$19.50 |
| S.S. – 8 | | Staff – 2 |

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (5/10) Office Closed
WED (5/12) 7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
7:45 p.m. – Elders
THUR (5/13) 3:30 p.m. – Trustees
SUN (5/16) 8:15 a.m. – S.S./No B.C.
9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember our mothers; Norma Bailke who is battling lung and brain cancer.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Steve & Sue Juno.

CONFIRMATION & MOTHERS DAY CARDS are available in the card room.

VACATIONING? Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response. In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE

1 Timothy 2:5-6 – "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God, fair and square. This is not only because He created us, but this is doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God. That's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

