



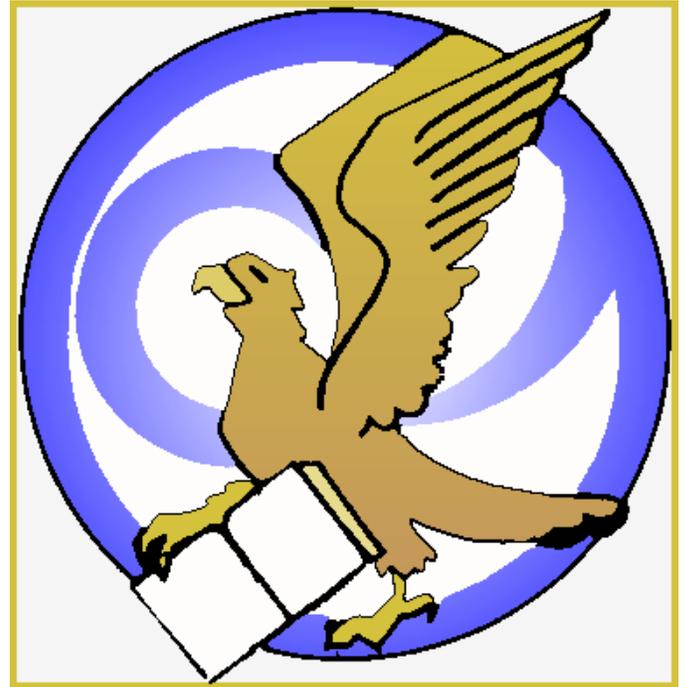
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Sunday, July 3, 2022  
4th Sunday after Pentecost  
4th of July Weekend  
10:00 OUTDOOR SERVICE

***Good morning and  
welcome to worship!***

*Happy 4th of July weekend!*

*Today we continue our theme on the  
disciples, "The Twelve Plus One!"  
And on this day we look at John, the  
Beloved Disciple. Our sermon title is,  
"Why Should I Love?"*



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*Pre - Service Music*

*Michael VanBemmelen*

*Welcome*

*Pastor Paul Appold*

*Opening Song*

*"How Great is Our God"*

**The splendor of the King - Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice - All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice - And trembles at His voice**

**(CHORUS) *How great is our God - Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God***

**And age to age He stands - And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End - Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one; Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb - The Lion and the Lamb**

**(CHORUS) *How great is our God - Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God***

**(BRIDGE) Name above all names - Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing - How great is our God**

**(CHORUS)**

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*Psalm of the Day*

*Psalm 66:1-5*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth, sing the glory of His name.

**C: Give to Him glorious praise**

**P:** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**C: So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You,**

**P:** All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

**C: They sing praises to Your name!**

**P:** Come and see what God has done;

**C: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of men.**

**All: 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!**

*Time of Confession and Forgiveness*

**P:** If we claim to be without sin,

**C: We deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.**

**P:** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**C: If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.**

P: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**C: He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: The truth is that we are all sinful people who have earned the wrath of God. But more than that, the truth is that Jesus Christ came to save sinners, "of whom I am the worst," so that you and I might be set free to serve Him. Your sin has been paid for by the precious blood of Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I speak God's forgiveness to you. You are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

*Song of Praise*

*"As the Deer"*

**As the deer panteth for the water - So my soul longeth after Thee  
You alone are my heart's desire - And I long to worship Thee**

**(CHORUS) *You alone are my strength my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship Thee***

**You're my friend and You are my brother - Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other - So much more than anything (CHORUS)**

**I want You more than gold or silver - Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver - And the apple of my eye (CHORUS)**

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*Prayer of the Day*

P: Please pray with me... Lord Jesus Christ, we live in a very broken world. Open our ears and our hearts so that we may learn to overcome the temptations of this world. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that in our many trials of life we may be faithful to Your call to love the Lord our God and love our neighbors as ourselves;

**All: In the powerful name of Jesus, we pray! Amen!**

## First Reading

## 1 Corinthians 13

*In this great chapter of love, the Apostle Paul speaks about how love is the greatest of all virtues. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, God will help us to grow in love.*

R: The First Reading for the 4th Sunday after Pentecost is from the book of First Corinthians, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup> When 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 gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## 1 John 4:7-21

*John writes about the defining characteristic of the Christian faith being love.*

R: The Second Reading is from the book of First John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us

of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup> And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Anthem*

*"Weary Traveler"*

*Tim Koeppe*

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*Holy Gospel*

*John 15:12-17*

*Jesus gives His disciples the command to love one another*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> No 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. <sup>16</sup> You 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. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## *Apostles' Creed*

**All: 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.**

## *Children's Message*

### *Sermon Hymn*

### *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*LSB #525*

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.**

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Sermon

*"Why Should I Love?"*

1 John 4:7-21

Offering

Hymn for Our Country *"God Bless America!"*

**God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home**

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*Prayers of the Church*

P: Lord in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*The 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.**

*Blessing*

P: Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God,

**C: And whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.**

*Benediction*

P: 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.

**C: Amen!**

*Closing Hymn*

*"Great Are You Lord"*

**You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord**

**(CHORUS) *It's Your breath in our lungs***  
***So we pour out our praise***  
***We pour out our praise***  
***It's Your breath in our lungs***  
***So we pour out our praise to You only***

*Interlude*

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**(CHORUS) *It's Your breath in our lungs***  
***So we pour out our praise***  
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***It's Your breath in our lungs***  
***So we pour out our praise to You only (REPEAT)***

*Interlude*

**And all the earth will shout Your praise**  
**Our hearts will cry these bones will sing**  
**Great are You Lord**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise**  
**Our hearts will cry these bones will sing**  
**Great are You Lord**

**And all the earth will shout Your praise**  
**Our hearts will cry these bones will sing**  
**Great are You Lord**

**(CHORUS) *It's Your breath in our lungs***  
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