

Holy Gospel

John 14:12-20

In the Upper Room, Jesus tells His disciples whoever believes in Him will also do the works that He does. He also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will be with them forever.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me^[a] anything in my name, I will do it. ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper,^[b] to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be^[c] in you. ¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



Good morning and welcome to worship!

Today is “Life Sunday.” It is the celebration of the gift of human life. Human life is tremendously undervalued in our society. God’s Word from Ephesians helps us to understand that our life is a gift, and we have a purpose for living. Our sermon title for today is “Created for a Purpose!”



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Worship: Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: Sunday 9:30 a.m. & throughout the week

Opening Psalm *Psalm 8:1-5,9*

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
C: You have set Your glory above the heavens.
P: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You, have established strength because of Your foes,
C: to still the enemy and the avenger.
P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
C: the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
P: what is man that you are mindful of him,
C: and the son of man that you care for him?
P: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
C: and crowned him with glory and honor.
P: O Lord, our Lord
C: how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
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.

Collect of the Day

P: O Lord, You have wondrously created us and all else for Yourself and for life everlasting. In the coming of Your Son, You have redeemed our race and united humankind to Your own immortality. As Your Holy Spirit continues to call and lay claim to body and soul, grant us everyone, to be made new and every more like the image of Him who made Himself like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 9:1-15*

God blessed Noah and his sons after the flood. God also makes a covenant in the sky that He will never again destroy all flesh in a flood.
And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. ²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. ⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. ⁶"Whoever sheds the blood of man,

by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. ⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it." ⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.
R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 2:1-10*

The Apostle Paul writes about the depth of our sin, and the grace of God, by which we are saved. God has also given us a great reason and purpose for living.
² And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body^[a] and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.^[b] ⁴But^[c] God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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