

“The Love of our Heavenly Father!”

Text: 1 John 3:1–7

Date: 04/18/21

Verse to Remember:

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 John 3:1

Points to Ponder:

1. Does God love us? How do we know?
2. How does God show His love for us?
3. Do you love God? How do you show your love to God?
4. Do you love yourself more than you love God?
5. How does God want us to show our love to Him?
6. Psalm 51:10 “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.”

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- A Family to Whom You Belong -

Our Mission is to: **Make More & Better Disciples**

The Third Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Elders: Don Lantis **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Dallas Schuz Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Judy Seaman

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

AS WE GATHER Often, a person knows he or she is loved by what is done by another. From the words said, actions shown, and even at times gifts given from parents to children, spouses to each other, friends among one another, and more, we can often sense the motivation of love behind many forms of kindness and care. How can we know God's love for us? It's in some ways similar to our earthly relationships, but is from One who always loves perfectly. "See what kind of love the Father has given to us" (1 John 3:1). The Lord speaks His Word of unchanging truth, promise, and hope. He gives the action of sending His one and only Son to this world to live, die, and be raised to life that we may have a new and forgiven life in Him. He gives the gift of His Means of Grace claiming us as His own in Baptism and providing Christ's body and blood for our forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith. Unlike love shown in temporal earthly ways, His love is eternal and everlasting and one we are blessed to see with eyes of faith and know in our hearts as we continue in this Easter season, rejoicing in the fact that Christ is risen!

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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- Worship Services:** Traditional (6 p.m. Saturday & 8:15 a.m. Sunday)
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- Sunday School:** 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Adult Bible Classes** 9:30 a.m.
- Pastor:** Rev. Kenneth Hsu
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Sunday School
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Juniors in Fellowship
Confirmation Program
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(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION “Amazing Love”

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.

You are my king
You are my king
Jesus, You are my king
Jesus, You are my king

Amazing love, how can it be? That you my King should die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true. It's my joy to honor you. In all I do, to honor You.
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The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Going Out Song “Your Name”

As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

Jesus, in Your name we pray, come, and fill our hearts today.
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your name.

Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
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Your name is a strong and mighty tower; Your name is a shelter like no other.
Your name, let the nations sing it louder,
'Cause nothing has the power to save but Your name.

But Your name. But Your name.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

The Wave of Fellowship

The Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Opening Sentences *Psalm 16:11b; 30:1-3*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Opening Song “I Will Call Upon The Lord”

Congregation:	I will call upon the Lord,
Praise Singers:	I will call upon the Lord,
Congregation:	Who is worthy to be praised.
Praise Singers:	Who is worthy to be praised.
Congregation:	So shall I be saved from my enemies.
Praise Singers:	So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Congregation: The Lord liveth and blessed be the rock, And may the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord liveth and blessed by my rock. And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
(repeat from beginning)

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Nicene Creed

First Lesson Acts 3:11-21 (Peter preaches salvation through Christ.)

¹¹While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?" ¹³"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But

what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

The Epistle 1 John 3:1–7 (We are God’s children now.)

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who

makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

Holy Gospel Luke 24:36–49 (Amid disciples’ doubts, the resurrected Christ affirms the fulfillment of God’s Word.)

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy

C: Yet we often choose not to see the love You have given to us, letting other things of this world impede our vision of Your mercy and grace in Christ. We do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.

P: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You in the love You’ve shown.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

C: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

C: and give thanks to His holy name.

P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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.

P: In Your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 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. As His children, may He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a renewed life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

INVITATIONAL SONG (“Praise Team):

**He said come to the table
Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
Take your place beside the Savior now
Sit down and be set free
Come to the table**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory "I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul. I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

There's a day that drawing near when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. And I will rise when He calls my name;
No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagles' wings;
Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise,

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!

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Before my God fall on my knees, and rise. I will rise, I will rise.

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The Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week that they remain faithful to your Word including: Gabrielle Wagner, Anastasia Morgan-Baker, Joyce Segebart, Alyce Strong Davis, Dianna Anderson, Patricia Murphy, Theresa Hammond, Ryan Dean, Zoey Ford, and Alex Hinrichsen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Concerning the Lord's Supper, Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29
"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

Confession and Absolution 1 John 3:1; Psalm 30:4–5; 16:11b

P: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.

⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness | ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of
of sins should be proclaimed in his name | my Father upon you. But stay in the city
to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. | until you are clothed with power from on
⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. | high."

Children's Message

The Song of Instruction "In Christ Alone"

- 1) In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand
- 2) In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

(Interlude)

- 3) There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Brought with the precious blood of Christ

(Interlude)

- 4) No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
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The Word "The Love of our Heavenly Father" Text: 1 John 3:1-6

WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings. Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

Luke 12:15—And He said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."