

FAITH

HOPE

& LOVE

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the love of Christ draw us to himself.

- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please fill out a Visitor Card and hand it to an usher. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

HOLY COMMUNION Today we have the privilege of receiving Christ's true body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Through this sacrament the Holy Spirit seals to us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation for the strengthening of our faith. Scriptures also teach that as we commune together, we are publicly testifying to a complete unity of faith based on a confession of all of God's Word. For this reason, we respectfully request that all of those who are not members of the WELS or our sister ELS please speak with one of the pastors before communing with us. Thank you.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP O Master of the loving heart, the friend of all in need, we pray that we may be like you in thought and word and deed. Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, so joyous, free and true, that all your children, everywhere, be drawn by us to you. Amen.

SERVICE THEME Selfless love marches victorious over self-glorification.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Setting One | 154

The soloist / choir will sing stanzas 1-2. The congregation joins in stanzas 3-5.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

God overcomes Peter's self-glorification by teaching Peter that God does not show favoritism but rather selfless love to both Jew and Gentile.

The apostles and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. ²When Peter went up to Jerusalem, those who insisted on circumcision criticized him, ³saying, "You went to visit men who were uncircumcised and ate with them!"

⁴So Peter began to explain everything to them, point by point. He said, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision in which an object like a large sheet was let down from heaven by its four corners. It came right to me. ⁶When I inspected it very carefully, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!'"

⁸"But I replied, 'Certainly not, Lord, for nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

⁹"A voice spoke from heaven a second time: 'What God has made clean, you must not continue to call unclean.' ¹⁰This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up into heaven again.

¹¹"At that very moment, three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them without any hesitation. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he saw an angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and call for Simon, the one called Peter. ¹⁴He will speak words to you by which you and all your household will be saved.' ¹⁵"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came down on them, just as he came down on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered how the

Lord had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to try to stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things, they had no further objections, and they praised God, saying, “So then, God has granted repentance that results in life also to the Gentiles!”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR AND BELLS IN 8:00 SERVICE

“*Ten Thousand Reasons*”
by Lloyd Larson

*Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I’ll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning; it’s time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. *Refrain.*

You’re rich in love and you’re slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind. For all your goodness,
I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. *Refrain.*

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near,
and my time has come; still my soul will sing your praise unending
ten thousand years and then forevermore. *Refrain.*

SECOND LESSON (Sermon Text)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If anything is the defining mark of Christians, it is not the spiritual gifts that they possess. It is the love at work as they put those gifts into practice.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When 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 put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.

¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same selfless love he has shown us.

After Judas left, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify the Son in himself and will glorify him at once.”

³³“Dear children, I am going to be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, so also you are to love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Will | 728

“Put Love on Display”

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Self-seeking children lack it.
2. Mature Christians put it into practice.

**PRESENTING OF OUR OFFERING
WITH ADULT BELLS IN 8:00**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
by Sondra Tucker

THE SACRAMENT

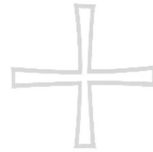
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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

He’s Risen, He’s Risen | **445**
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | **663**

CLOSING HYMN

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living | **726**



ORGANIST

Brent Nolte

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Chris, Courtney, Brayden, Sophia & Aubrey Stolper

10:30 ~ Ann & Gib Trewin