

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome to a special service series where we look at the Christian virtues, also called The Fruit of the Holy Spirit. They are the backbone of our faith in Jesus Christ. He embodied these virtues and passed them on to His disciples, when He breathed the Holy Spirit into them. When we strive to live by these virtues through spiritual disciplines we allow the Spirit to transform our lives and bring miracles we have never even dreamed of. Faith is trust in the power of God in Christ to use us as conduits for a miraculous and abundant life.

INSPIRATIONAL SONG: *“There Can Be Miracles When We Believe”*

This is the day that the Lord has made! It is a miracle! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

GATHERING HYMN: *“I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY”*#661

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

MORNING PRAYER

Please join with me in lifting our prayers to God. **You are the Love of each living creature O God. You are the warmth of the rising sun. You are the whiteness of the moon at night. You are the Life of the growing Earth. You are the strength of the waves of the sea. Speak to me this morning O God. Speak to us Your truth. Dwell in us this glorious morning. Dwell in us with Love.**

Let us hear the Holy Spirit ‘s Voice speak to us today!

So if you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on things that are above. For you have died to the old ways, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is misery:

promiscuity, impurity, strong emotions, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. **But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth.** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in the knowledge of love according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, male and female, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all! Word of God Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 5:1-7

Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice;
in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.

**For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil will not sojourn with you.**

**The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.
You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.**

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love,
will enter your house,
I will bow down towards your holy temple in awe of you.
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness
make your way straight before me.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 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 do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LCOR members and friends—join us Sunday, August 28th at 10:30am for lawn and board games. If you have a game to bring and share, please let Pastor Liliana or Terresa know. All offerings appreciated—we are specifically looking for a bocce set and volleyball.

**Join us Saturdays in August ~ 20 & 27 ~ at 10:00 a.m. for Bible Study.
If you like a brainy Bible study, this is for you! All are welcome!**

Join us after fellowship Sunday, August 14th to study the scriptures using a method called Lectio Divina. We will spend 30 minutes looking for how Biblical texts speak to our lives. All are welcome!

NEW IN AUGUST!

**A Friday evening meditation service will be offered the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month (August 5th & 19th) at 6pm.
Come check out this 45-minute worship service!**

We are missing a communion banner.

If you have any idea where this may be, please let us know!

God's Work Our Hands Sunday and Patriot Day are September 11, 2022.

LCOR is hosting a first responder appreciation barbeque here at the church with a special 10 a.m. service of recognition.

Your help is needed!

Sign up on the clipboard in the narthex to bring a side dish.

We need many to help out that day with serving, set up, clean up, etc.

Please sign up where you'd like to pitch it or reach out to Pastor Liliana or Terresa to find out how you can contribute.

or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. Word of God Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH”

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 13 AND 21

Glory to you, O Lord. And Jesus said to his disciples: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Love Is All We Need”

Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY “JESUS LOVES ME”#595

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God's continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God's Creation. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer. Merciful God, ...**Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY SONG "GIVE THANKS"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your love and goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

BENEDICTION

The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “*LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING*”#631

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PEACE (*You may join hands.*)

My peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand. Peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.