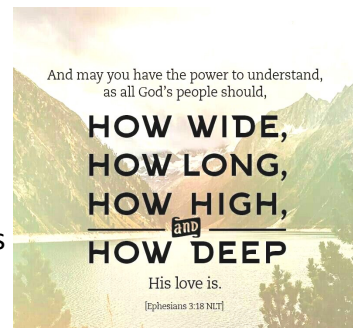


10th Sunday After Pentecost

EPHESIANS 3 - Abundant Love

AS WE GATHER

In Ephesians we learn about the tremendous riches which we have through Christ Jesus. Today, we focus on Ephesians 3, which proclaims the abundant love of Jesus Christ, a love that surpasses all knowledge (Eph. 3:19).



SPECIAL MUSIC - "Promises"

St. Matthew Sunday School

+ INVOCATION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURES - Abundant Love

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1

Pastor: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another,

People: As I have loved you.

John 13:34

Pastor: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,

People: Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Pastor: May you know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,

People: That you may be filled with all the fullness of God!

Ephesians 3:19

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. Psalm 130:3-4

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

People: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

KYRIE

LSB 204



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE – Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:11-17

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. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 136:1-6

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ²Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁴To him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁵To him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;
- ⁶To him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

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.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-20

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE


LSB 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:45-52

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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.**

535 How Wide the Love of Christ



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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THE SERMON

THE OFFERING (*Offering plates are located in the back of the church.*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus, we give thanks to You for Your abundant love, which surpasses all knowledge and understanding and fills our hearts with Your joy. Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, as You have loved us, help us to love one another with a sacrificial and forgiving love, Lord in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Compassionate Savior, we pray for all who are suffering or who are in need, [especially...], Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

THE DISTRIBUTION

588 Jesus Loves Me sts. 1, ref, 2

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.
 Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt. Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68 Text and tune: Public domain

AGPS 78 Brothers and Sisters in Christ *(Led by St. Matthew Youth, Sung By All)*

1. Sing Alleluia! Amen!

Let your prayers and your praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior, our King!

Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.

CHORUS:

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. Man walked alone and in need,

Without faith, hope or promise or creed;

Wandering aimlessly lost, unaware of the staggering cost;

That God in his mercy would save, All his people from death and the grave.

CHORUS

3. Lord, teach us how to proclaim

All your goodness, your love and your name!

Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.

Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.

CHORUS

Text: Terry Dittmer Tune: Terry Dittmer

649 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free

The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

544 O Love, How Deep *sts. 1-2, 5-6*

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
5 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,
6 For us He rose from death a - gain;

Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,
For us He went on high to reign;

That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
He bore the shame - ful cross and death;
For us He sent His Spir - it here



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world Him - self He came.
 For us He gave His dy - ing breath.
 To guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380-1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819-85, alt.
 Tune: English, 15th cent.
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POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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