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**“Sharing the  
Love of  
Jesus”**

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

**Sunday School &  
Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.**

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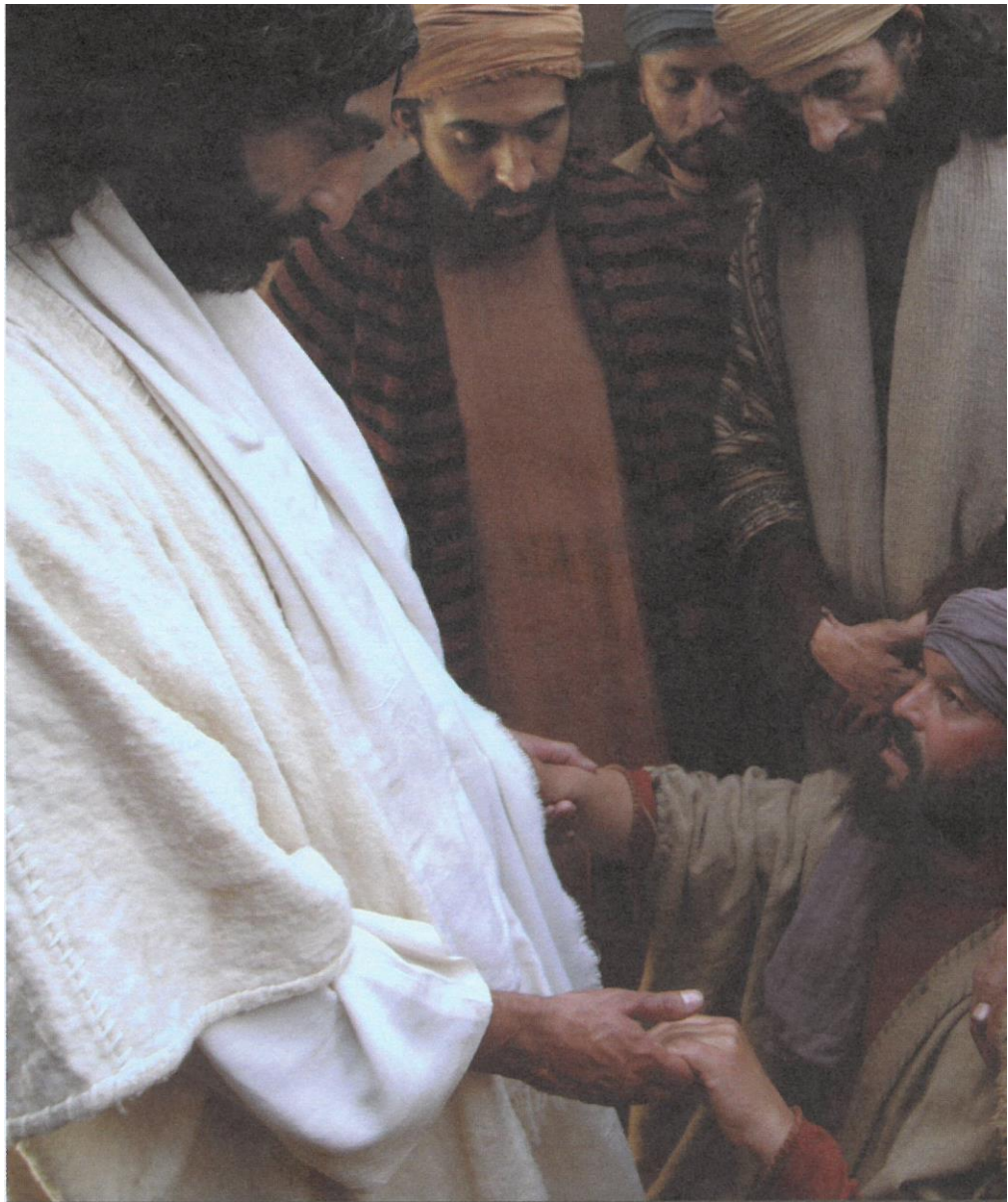
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**He who loves Me  
will be loved by My Father**

**May 17, 2020 Family Worship Service**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elder are praying for you.**

**OPENING PRAISE SONG 25: "I Lift My Hands"**

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

*In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Give glory to the God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth.*

**In Him we live and move and have our being.**

*Praise the name of Jesus – the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

**No one can come to the Father except through Jesus.**

*Open your hearts to the Holy Spirit who is our Helper, even the Spirit of truth.*

**Spirit of the living God, dwell *with* us and *in* us always.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Let us take the time to humbly and honestly come before the Lord's presence to confess our sins and acknowledge our need for His truth to guide us.*

**Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy which spares me from what I deserve for my sins. Your Spirit gives me truth, but the world does not know that truth and I often become confused by what I see and hear. It affects my thinking, it influences the words I use and lures me to follow through with actions which are contrary to Your will and ways. Forgive me, Father and grant me the grace Jesus won for me by His suffering and death on Calvary's cross.**

*Continue to love Jesus in spite of the sins which cause us to stumble. All who love Jesus are loved by the Father and Jesus promises to love us and show Himself to us more and more.*

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 17:16–31**

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there.

<sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babblers wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching

is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:**

**1 Peter 3:13–22**

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 14:15–21**

*The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.*

### **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>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 in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

### **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **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.**

## **SERMON PRAISE SONG 31 “Here I Am To Worship”**

### **SERMON: “The Spirit Of Truth”**

**Pastor William Zeige**

*The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

**BENEDICTION:**

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

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

*The Lord look upon you with favor and give you (†) peace.*

**Amen.**

**CLOSING PRAISE SONG 13 “You Are My King”**