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AS WE GATHER

Is God's Love for Us "Iffy"?

Throughout our lives, we look for a helper. Maybe that's a parent who can hold our hand to cross the street, a spouse who can open the pickle jar, or an expert who delivers wisdom we don't have. Our Lord Jesus Christ sends us a helper, the promised Holy Spirit. The Spirit opens our heart to faith and then fills it with heavenly wisdom. Present in our Baptism and present today in worship, the Spirit keeps our hand firmly in our Savior's, so that linked by love, we can walk confidently in His promises.

PRELUDE

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" #842

Please stand as you are able.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; John 14:18; Hebrews 13:6*

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

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "I will not leave you as orphans;

People: **I will come to you."**

Pastor: So we can confidently say,

People: **"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 14:19*

Pastor: We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

People: **Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.**

Pastor: To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, "because I live, you also will live." By the Spirit's power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

ANTIPHON

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: **♪ For He is our maker.**

VENITE *hymnal page 220-221*

**♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,
and His hands form-ed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING Acts 17:16-31

(Paul preaches Jesus and the resurrection, pointing Athenians to the "unknown God" who has been raised from the dead.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 1 Peter 3:13-22

(Saved by Baptism, believers are prepared to give a reason for their hope in Christ the Lord.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

VERSE Romans 6:9; John 16:33b

People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

(Until He returns, Jesus promises to surround His disciples with truth by sending the Holy Spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

Please be seated.

HYMN "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" #556

SERMON Pr. Mark Croucher

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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 in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O Triune God, You have placed Your name on us in Holy Baptism, making us Yours and saving us from death and darkness. Teach us to quiet our consciences with the assurance of all You have accomplished for us.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, we proclaim Your name in a world that does not yet know You. Bless all who bring Your Gospel to new places, and make us fit proclaimers in our homes and neighborhoods, that our words and works would witness to Jesus Christ, the risen one.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, Your grace makes a home for us within Your kingdom. We pray for orphans, the widowed, the homeless, and the lonely who do not currently know the warmth of home and family. Surround them with Your care and send us to show them Your love.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, those marked by Your name are not immune from suffering. We lift up to You those who are struggling, sick, and grieving, including Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta. Be the helper they need most.

People: For our good and Your glory, O God, we pray.

Pastor: O Triune God, we rejoice in Your faithfulness. Make Your dwelling in us, and keep us in faith until the day of Christ's returning.

People: Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

BENEDICAMUS AND 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 on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

HYMN “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” #590

POSTLUDE

THE MESSENGER

May 10, 2026

WELCOME! Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

SERVING US TODAY: Rev. Mark Croucher
Dan Henggeler, Organist

IN OUR PRAYERS: Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz



The **Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary** will meet on Wednesday, May 20 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 711 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, MO. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the opening devotion at 9:30 a.m. The program speaker will be Doris Cannon, Lead Victim Advocate for Jackson County, MO. The Mission of the Month collection is personal hygiene items, underwear (all sizes) and monetary donations. Lunch will be served. Please RSVP by May 17 to Pat Enomoto, 816-810-0647, patenomoto@sbcglobal.net.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and all donations for the Mission of the Month collection are appreciated. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR theme for next Sunday, May 17th is "**Don't Despise Small Beginnings**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. Acts 1:14 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.