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## A New Commandment

### John 13:31-35

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

“LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

*Whoever you are...*

*Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...*

*YOU are WELCOME here!*

# WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## Welcome

## Gathering Music

*Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.*



## Invocation and Prayer

**Leader:** The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the Lord a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing? Jesus' telling the disciples to love one another seems an impossible command, but He was reminding them how greatly God has loved them. That realization can only call for singing!

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**Leader:** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**People:** **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

**Leader:** The Lord has made known His salvation;

**People:** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**People:** **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

## Opening Prayer



**Leader:** Let us pray: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE**

Pastor: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

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

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. 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.**



Opening Song: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" – LW #286

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD** *(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGES 7 – 8)*



First Reading: Acts 11:1–18

Reader: This Is God's Word  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1–7

Reader: This Is God's Word.  
All: **Thanks be to God**



THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL LESSON

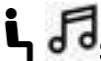
**JOHN 13:31-35**

Jesus Washing Feet of Disciples  
by Ford Madox Brown (1821-1893)



Gospel Reading: John 13:31–35

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



Song of the Day: "We Will Glorify" – Songbook #125

Message: "Love One Another" – Pastor Tom Hurley

## **WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**



**Nicene Creed – (*All speak together*)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



**The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear Our Prayer.”**

### **WE ARE REFRESHED BY GOD’S GRACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, about whom and to whom we offer thanks and praise, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. With saints of old and the hosts of heaven we lift our voices, evermore praising You. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



## 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.



## Communion



*Please come forward as the ministers (Pastor and Lay Leader) serve you the Sacrament. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say to each communicant, "The Body of Christ, given for you... The Blood of Christ, shed for you." The communicant may say, "Amen." We invite non-communing children to come forward for a blessing and to cross (X) their arms while at the Altar.*

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## Dismissal Blessing

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in every way through this life-giving Sacrament.

**People:** **We pray that we may be strengthened through it to sing Your praises and love one another each day until we celebrate at the heavenly feast;**

**Pastor:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

### Benediction

**Pastor:** Bless we 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 look upon you with His favor and grant you His everlasting peace. **Amen.**



**Closing Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" – LSB #680**

**Postlude:** **Melissa Muller**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT FORUM** – Join us today after service for the Adult Forum to discuss today's message. Also, tomorrow morning join our Adult Forum online on ZOOM at 9:30 to discuss Sunday's message.

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### **SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:    SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:**

**Lay Leader:** Dwayne Warren  
**Comm. Assistant:** Dwayne Warren  
**Usher/Greeter:** Lance & Susan Desmond  
**Reader:** Nancy Warren  
**Altar:** Susan Desmond  
**Counter:** Shirley Gremmels  
**Fellowship:** Dwayne & Nancy Warren

**Lay Leader:** Judy Montoya  
**Comm. Assistant:** *\*No Comm.*  
**Usher/Greeter:** Shirley Gremmels  
**Reader:** Linda Sotto  
**Altar:** ***Cecilia Bowman\****  
**Counter:** Shirley Gremmels  
**Fellowship:** Linda Sotto & Joy Bloom

*\*No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change & light the hanging candle.*

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**BIRTHDAY:** None

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** None

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** **Joseph Worthington** (*Grandson of the Bakken's*), and **Esteban Ramirez** (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and **1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Charles Gremmels** (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels & Grandson of Nelson & Shirley Gremmels*).

### **SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:**

**Eddie Hailey** – He is suffering from brain damage, dementia & Alzheimer's. His sister, Dorothy, is caring for him. Prayers for professional care to take over for his sister.

**Daina Vitols** – Prayers for successful radiation treatment and continued healing.

**Vicky Dayan** – Prayers for comfort; and cancer treatment  
(*Pastor Tom & Marcia's neighbor*).

**Diana Goebel** – Prayers during her recovery.

**Fern Johnson** – Prayers for continued good health.

**Jules & Elena Schindler** – Pray for Jules' dementia condition, and Elena's weak heart, while she cares for Jules.

**Mike Gremmels** – Continued prayers for healing.

**Carmen Roncancio** – Prayers for her health and prayers for the finances of her great-grandson, Gabriel, and his father, Daniel.

**Lance Desmond** – Prayers for a kidney transplant, as he continues dialysis.

**Ken Benson** – Continued healing from cancer.



## **First Reading: Acts 11:1–18**

**11** Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup> “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup> Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

## **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1–7**

**21** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

## Gospel: John 13:31–35

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

