

Jesus Gives Us Unity

John 17:20-26



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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION [Leader-fine print, Congregation-Bold Print]

C: Dear God, for the day you have given us, with all its possibilities, we thank you. For your gifts of life and love, of labor and rest, we praise your holy name. Forgive us that too often we are unappreciative while your goodness surrounds us; that we feel alone when there are many who love us; that we despair when your strength is near at hand. Tear down the walls that isolate us, make strong the ties that bind us, and help us to walk together with joy in all your ways; through the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of your Spirit. Amen

L: The good news is that God forgives us and gives us Christ to be living water and true bread. Let us accept with joy these precious gifts of abundant life. Amen



OPENING HYMN

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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PRAYER OF THE DAY (In unison)

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as

Romans to adopt or observe.”²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.



Psalm: Psalm 97 [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

¹ The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness surround the Lord,
righteousness and justice are the foundations of God’s throne.**

³ Fire goes before the Lord,
burning up enemies on every side.

⁴ **Lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.**

⁵ The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.

⁶ **The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord,
and all the peoples see your glory.**

⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!
Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.**

⁹ For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

¹⁰ **You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and
rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the honest of heart.

¹² **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous,
and give thanks to God’s holy name.**



Second Reading: Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.



Gospel: John 17:20-26

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



CHILDRENS SERMON



SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior

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OFFERING (Offering will be received during the hymn of the day)
You can use the QR code to give online



OFFERTORY PRAYER (In unison)

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



APOSTLES' CREED (In unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



THE PRAYERS



HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

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 DISTRIBUTION



BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

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DISMISSAL [Leader-fine print, **Congregation-Bold Print**]

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE PARISH

June 1st - 9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

June 1st - 5th - Vacation Bible School

June 8th - 8:45 am Worship at Little Bethany
9:00 am Coffee Hour at New Life
10:00 am Worship at New Life

June 11th - 10:00 am Mission Quilters
5:45 pm Wednesday Supper & Worship
6:30 pm NLLC Council meeting

June Office Manager Hours:

June 3rd - 10 am - 1:30 pm
June 4th - 11 am - 2:00 pm
June 5th - 10 am - 1:30 pm
June 9th - 10 am - 1:30 pm
June 11th - 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
June 13th - 10:00 am - 1:30 pm

Do you and your family have a busy summer planned?

Weekdays filled with activities, pressed for time, and hoping to get away for the weekends?

Could you use a little break in the midst of that busy-ness?

New Life is offering an opportunity for folks to briefly:

- 1) Relax
- 2) Share a meal and some fellowship, and
- 3) Worship together

All in about 45 minutes each Wednesday

During this past Lenten Season, New Life hosted a Wednesday evening combined Supper and Worship Service. It proved to be so popular that the New Life Council decided to try a similar combined Supper and Worship Service for part of this summer. Beginning June 11th and continuing through July 23rd (except for July 2), New Life will be hosting a 5:45 pm Supper and Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday. It'll be a family friendly service—Come as you are. There will be a free will offering asked for the meal.

Youth Events

(Grades 7 thru 12)

Fun: Movie night! June 13th at 7pm! Looking for a host for the Bring a blanket and camp chair OR we will be on the big screen to the heritage room or watch in the sanctuary! Bring a snack or drink if you wish, but there will be popcorn and lemonade provided!

Service: June 21st! Serving lunch at East Park during prairie days!

Need help making the sandwiches on Friday afternoon at the church from 2-5! It shouldn't take too long once we get started and many hands make light work! Let Jess know if you can help!

UPCOMING EXCITING NEWS!



Miquette Deni, the founder of TeachHaiti will be coming to speak at our worship service on Sunday, June 29.

There will be brunch after worship where she will tell us more about the school.

Come hear what our noisy offering is used for!



Rothsay Prairie Days Breakfast

Please join us for breakfast before the Prairie Days Parade Saturday, June 21st, starting at 8am.

Menu:

Breakfast sandwiches (English muffin/egg/cheese/sausage)
hash browns
homemade caramel rolls
Juice/Coffee/Milk

This is a fundraising event, all proceeds will go towards NLLC property betterment.

Mission Quilters will be meeting on Wednesday, June 11th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Bring a sack lunch.

Otter Tail County needs foster parents,

We need loving homes for children of all ages. If you have ever considered fostering, now is the time to learn more and explore whether it's right for you.

Not everyone can become a foster parent, but everyone can help! Whether it's through providing a meal, offering a listening ear, or helping with daily needs. There are many ways to support foster families through your organization and community.

Help raise awareness about the need for foster parents by sharing this information with your network, using the included resources on social media, and becoming a champion for foster care in Otter Tail County.

Thank you for your consideration.

For questions or more information, please contact:

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CARE COMMITTEE

New Project

CARE bag Looking ideas for Expecting Mothers and donations!

Continue doing Birthday Bags!

CARE bags for those need support in illness if know of someone please contact one of the committee member.