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Our mission is to  
**Glorify God**  
as we  
**Gather**  
around the Gospel  
to help people  
**Grow**  
in the Gospel  
and  
**Go**  
with the Gospel

**Welcome!** We thank  
God that you have  
joined us at worship  
today.

Restrooms are  
located in the  
basement. Hearing  
loop headphones and  
Large Print Hymnals  
are available from an  
usher.

If your children need  
to leave worship,  
please take them to  
the basement. A TV  
broadcasts the service  
in the basement.

Today we gather  
together in the  
presence of God. He is  
present among us in a  
special way through  
his Word and  
Sacrament. We  
acknowledge our sin  
and rejoice in the good  
news of forgiveness  
through the life and  
death of Christ. This is  
the focus of our  
worship.

October 6, 2024  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



## Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families

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Love can cause harm. Consider the wife whose husband wants little to do with church. She loves him and does not want to upset him. So, when her husband wants her and the children to stay home Sunday morning, she complies without protest. That wife's love for her husband hurts him, her children, and herself. Or consider the father who loves his child so much that he gives the child everything that child asks for. That father's love is toxic. It is shaping that child to be a selfish, entitled adult.

In our families, it is not enough that there is love. We need to rightly love, to love in a way that leads to blessings for those we claim to love. This illustrates the need for followership. In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us as we are. He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love their family.

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# Opening Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth* CW 505



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er,  
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our



glo - ry of the skies, for the love which  
day and of the night; hill and vale, and  
heart and mind's de - light, for the mys - tic  
sis - ter, par - ent, child, friends on earth, and  
world so free - ly giv'n; for that great, great



from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.  
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*Stand*

**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.

**C** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

**L** Hasten to save me, O God.

**C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.

**L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.

**C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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# Come, Oh, Come Let Us Sing To The Lord

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain.

## Refrain

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

*Repeat for use with canon*

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

## Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,  
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.  
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
You are the God whom we call our own,

you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

*to Refrain*

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Be Seated

Choir (8 am choir 10:30 am junior choir)

*In Unity and Peace* CW 732

*Refrain*

*How good it is and how pleasant  
to live in unity and peace.*

*How good it is and how pleasant  
to live together in one Lord.*

*(Last time only)*

*to live together in one Lord.*

1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
agree in ev'rything you say.

May there be no divisions among you,  
but be united in one mind.

For there is one Lord, one faith,  
one God of us all. (*Refrain*)

2 Live a life that is worthy of your call,  
be humble, gentle, and patient.

Bear with each other in ways that are loving,  
preserve the unity of faith.

For there is one Lord, one faith,  
one God of us all. (*Refrain*)

3 Share the love that has joined us as one,  
unite in spirit and ideals.

Never be rivals, do not be conceited,  
but look to others in their need.

For there is one Lord, one faith,  
one God of us all. (*Refrain*)

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## Old Testament Lesson

## Genesis 2:18-25

The family is the foundation of society, and marriage is the foundation of family. Marriage is not a social construct or custom but an institution of the Creator God.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

<sup>19</sup>Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>The man said,

"This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called 'woman,'

for she was taken out of man."

<sup>24</sup>That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup>Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame. (NIV)

## Psalm of the Day

*Unless the LORD the House Shall Build* Psalm 127D CW



1 Un - less the LORD the house shall build, the wea - ry  
2 In vain you rise at morn - ing break, in vain your  
3 Yes, chil - dren are a great re - ward, a gift from  
4 How blest are those whose lives are cheered by chil - dren's



build - ers toil in vain; un - less the LORD the  
late - night vig - ils keep, and drain - ing days of  
God in ver - y truth; as quiv - er full of  
growth in strength and grace. With - in their house no



cit - y shield, the guards a use - less watch main - tain.  
work par - take— those whom God loves fall fast a - sleep.  
ar - rows stored are chil - dren giv'n in days of youth.  
foes are feared, for God keeps watch with - in that place.

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt.

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## Seasonal Response

**M:** Alleluia. Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia. (Ephesians 5:2)

## Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus explains that husbands and wives are to retain the bond of love, existing as one flesh. Jesus also teaches that God craves a loving relationship with children.

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”

<sup>3</sup>“What did Moses command you?” he replied.

<sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.”

<sup>5</sup>“It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,” Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup>“But at the beginning of creation God ‘made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup>He answered, “Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup>And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them. (NIV)

# Hymn

## *Oh, Blest the House CW 760*



1 Oh, blest the house, what - e'er be - fall, where Je - sus  
2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in  
3 Oh, blest the par - ents who give heed un - to their  
4 Blest such a house, it pros - pers well; in peace and  
5 Then here will I and mine to - day a sol - emn



Christ is all in all! A home that is not  
hope and love a - bound; they trust their God and  
chil - dren's fore - most need and wea - ry not of  
joy the par - ents dwell, and in their chil - dren's  
prom - ise make and say: though all the world for -



whol - ly his— how sad and poor and dark it is!  
serve him still and do in all his ho - ly will.  
care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!  
lives is shown how rich - ly God can bless his own.  
sake his Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1712–1784, abr.; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 3): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal, 1880, alt.  
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## Sermon - Epistle Lesson

**Ephesians 5:21-6:4**

St. Paul describes the various roles and responsibilities God has given to different people within a family, ways for them to demonstrate love not only for each other but also for Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

<sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup>“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— <sup>3</sup>“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

<sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (NIV)

# You Are God; We Praise You *Te Deum*

Pastor will sing the verses. The congregation will sing the refrain.

## *Refrain*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

## *Verses*



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



**praise you!** With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,  
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**  
You be - came a man to set us free;



**praise you, we praise you!** With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**  
You have ris - en to free us;

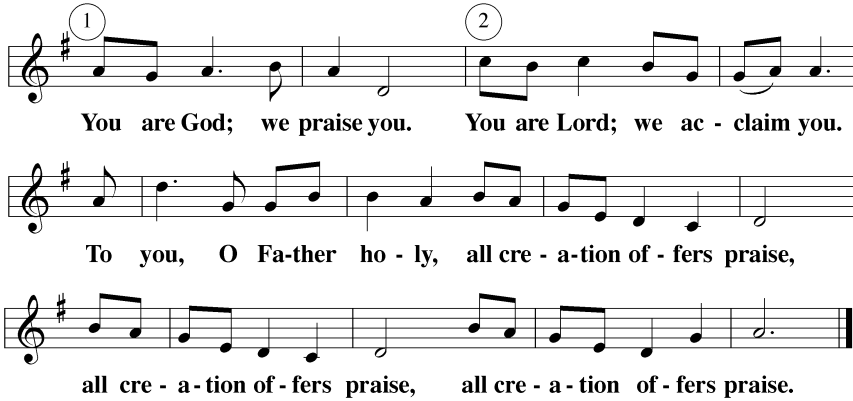


**praise you, we praise you!** With the mar - tyrs and your  
To the Trin - i - ty most  
And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,  
bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*  
glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*  
*to Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



1 You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

2 To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

Be Seated

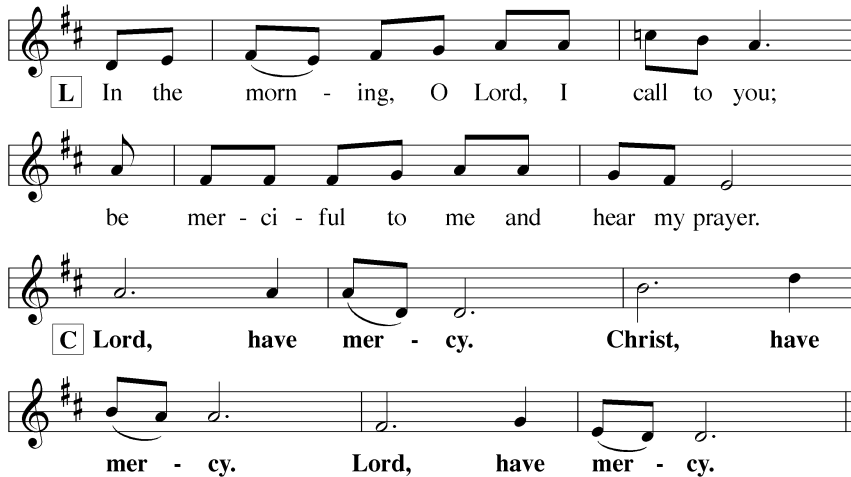
Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

**Lord, Have Mercy** *Kyrie*



**L** In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;

be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Prayer of the Church

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

M: Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: Protect us and others from evils which deplete households, degrade children, cheapen love, and dishonor old age.

**C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.**

M: Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. [We pray especially for... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Hold those we love in the arms of your grace.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

M: O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

C: **In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

C: **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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

M: Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



**L** Let us praise the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## Blessing



**L** The Lord bless and keep you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



**C** A - men.



**L** The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



**C** A - men.

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*Be Seated*

## Closing Hymn

*Jesus Loves Me* CW 584



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 will wash a - way my sin, let 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.

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