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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.

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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.

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13th Sunday after Pentecost



I'm a Church Member - Week 1 I Will Be a Functioning Church Member

When people hear membership they think about being part of a gym or a wholesale club. Membership is often thought of to come with privileges, perks, and benefits. Members are served. Is this what it means to be a member of a Christian church? Paul explains the metaphor of the church as being a body with many members with Christ as the head (1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12). At the heart of this is love (1 Corinthians 13). Forgiven by the love of God through the love Jesus has for us to win us forgiveness we can love God and others. *"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* He has placed us all in the church with different gifts. In this series we look to build a strong healthy church by asking the question "What does it mean to be a church member?"

Week 1 – Many churches only have 1/3 of their membership active and functioning. Meaning if your membership is 300 only 100 are regularly in worship and serve in joy. This week we look at what it means to be a functioning member of the body of Christ led by his love.

Gathering Rite

Church of God, Elect and Glorious CW 854

1 Church of God, elect and glorious,
holy nation, chosen race,
called as God's own special people,
royal priests and heirs of grace;
know the purpose of your calling,
show to all his mighty deeds,
tell of love that knows no limits,
grace that meets all human needs.

Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: He says "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who does good, not even one." (Romans 3, Psalm 14 & 53)

M: How has this shown itself in our lives?

C: We have not loved you with our whole hearts and lives. We have not loved those around us as we love ourselves.

M: What should we do if we are not aware of our sins or are not troubled by them?

C: We should examine ourselves according to the Ten Commandments and ask ourselves individually:

How well have I carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student?

Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction?

Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious or quarrelsome?

Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name?

Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is good and right?

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Silence for personal prayer and confession.

Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious CW 854:2

2 God has called you out of darkness
into his most marv'lous light,
brought his truth to life within you,
turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
that God's name is glorified
and all find fresh hope and purpose
in Christ Jesus crucified.

M: How are we assured of his gracious forgiveness?

C: God's holy and perfect Word assures us that Jesus led a pure and holy life for us and died on the cross to pay the full price for all our sins. Through faith in Jesus, we have been clothed in our Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness. We have been graciously forgiven of all our sins. He is the head of his holy church we are his body.

M: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,

C: Holy and pleasing to God—this is our true and proper worship.

M: Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

C: Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12)

M: Thanks be to Christ for his mercy and love! In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn

Church of God, Elect and Glorious CW 854:3-4

- 3 Once you were an alien people,
 strangers to God's heart of love,
 but he brought you home in mercy,
 citizens of heav'n above.
 Let his love flow out to others,
 let them feel a Father's care,
 that they too may know his welcome
 and his countless blessings share.
- 4 Church of God, elect and holy,
 be the people he intends,
 strong in faith and swift to answer
 each command your master sends.
 Royal priests, fulfill your calling
 through your sacrifice and prayer;
 give your lives in joyful service,
 sing his praise, his love declare.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

God of heaven, Lord of our salvation, you came into a hostile world to bring us peace and comfort. You came to save people like us.

C: **Thank you, Savior, for your sacrifice.**

M: Be with us today in your love and keep us mindful of your forgiveness. May we never consider your presence in our lives inconvenient,

C: **but be with us by your Spirit and guide our every step on the path of righteousness. Amen.**

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Romans 12:1-5

¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
(NIV)

Psalm of the Day

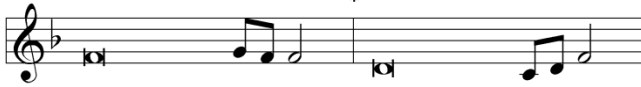
Psalm 1 (Red Hymnal)

Refrain



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

Psalm tone



Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked*
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season*
and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

Refrain

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked.

She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?"

"We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
(NIV)

The reading concludes as follows:

M: In Christ, we who are many form one body,

C: and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5

Children's Devotion

Children are invited to come forward for a short devotion.

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve CW 716



- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose
- 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to
- 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

C: ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

M: ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it,

C: ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

M: ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a member of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

^{13:1} If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

C: ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

M: ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

C: When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.

M: Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

WELS Connection

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

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.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

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Closing Hymn

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways CW 705



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot - steps by your Word, and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep,
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-mands—'tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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