

# “For the Sake of Others”

January 28, 2024

## As We Gather

Paul calls upon the Corinthians to place the needs of others, especially those who are weak in their faith, ahead of the assertion of their freedom. In the same way, as Christians, we are called to value the needs of those around us as more important than our own wants and preferences. In this we follow the example of our Savior.

## Welcome

## + Gathering +

### “Son of God, Eternal Savior” LSB 842

1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of Love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing,  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;  
Here on earth Your will be done.

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

### **"Fade with our Voices"**

After all the songs are sung  
And our prayers for kingdom come  
Did we bring honor to the words we sing?  
Does our worship have hands  
Does it have feet  
Does it stand up in the face of injustice  
Does our worship bow down  
Does it run deep  
Is it more than a song that fades with our voices  
Does it fade with our voices?  
Lord, it's you we long to please  
Make our lives a melody  
That we proclaim when we live in Jesus name

Does our worship have hands  
Does it have feet  
Does it stand up in the face of injustice  
Does our worship bow down  
Does it run deep  
Is it more than a song that fades with our voices  
Does it fade with our voices?  
Does it fade with our voices

So if we raise our hands high  
Let us also reach them out  
If we lift our voices up  
Let it be the sound of love  
Let it be the sound of love  
  
Let our worship have hands  
Let it have feet  
Let it stand up in the face of injustice  
Let our worship bow down  
Let it run deep  
It's more than a song that fades with our voices

Let our worship have hands  
Let it have feet  
Let it stand tall in the face of injustice  
Let our worship bow down  
Let it run deep  
It's more than a song  
And it won't fade with our voices

It won't fade with our voices  
It won't fade with our voices  
It won't fade with our voices  
It won't fade with our voices

## Prayer

### Children's Church

#### + Service of the Word +

#### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:14-20

The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. <sup>15</sup> The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. <sup>16</sup> For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die."

<sup>17</sup> The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. <sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. <sup>20</sup> But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death."

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

#### Psalm 111 (Read responsively)

Reader: Praise the LORD. I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

People: **Great are the works of the LORD; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Reader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

People: **He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

Reader: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

People: **He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

Reader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

People: **They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

Reader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.

People: **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. <sup>2</sup> Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But whoever loves God is known by God.

<sup>4</sup> So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

<sup>7</sup> But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. <sup>8</sup> But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

<sup>9</sup> Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup> For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? <sup>11</sup> So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. <sup>12</sup> When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. <sup>22</sup> The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. <sup>23</sup> Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>25</sup> “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek.

<sup>27</sup> The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” <sup>28</sup> News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You O Christ!**

## The Nicene Creed

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 men 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 Christian 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.

## Sermon

*"For the Sake of Others"*

## Offering

## Prayers

*Please add your prayer requests to the chat.*

## Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

## St. John's People and Families

Lenora Balsiger  
Don Hatfield, Eva, Ariel, & Alex Winkler  
Kyle & Backy McAhren  
Mark, Yvette, Melissa, & Tyler Morgenlaender  
Ken & Bonnie Wilson  
Justin, Tanya J.J., & Maxwell Brown  
Joseph, Nell, & Jacqueline Greenberg  
Jacob, Alyssa & Peyton Howard  
Abe, Shayla, & Addison Newman  
Rebekah and Blake Shaw

## + The Service of Holy Communion +

## Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**People: 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.**

### **Words of Institution**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **Communion**

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**People: Amen.** *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**People: Amen.** *(Take and drink)*

### **"Your Grace is Enough"**

Great is Your faithfulness oh God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

#### **Chorus**

So remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise  
Oh God

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I see your grace is enough  
I'm covered in your love  
Your grace is enough for me  
For me

### **"Hope of the World" LSB 690**

1 Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great  
compassion;  
Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,  
Who by our own false hopes and aims are  
spent.

2 Hope of the world, God's gift from highest  
heaven,  
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
Still let Thy Spirit unto us be given  
To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter  
strife.

3 Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,

Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways  
Lure us away from Thee to endless night.

4 Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst  
save us  
From death and dark despair, from sin and  
guilt,  
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;  
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death  
victorious,  
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,  
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.  
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

#### **Communion Blessing**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body  
and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: **Amen.**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**“O God of God, O Light of Light,” LSB 810**

1 O God of God, O Light of Light,  
O Prince of Peace and King of kings:  
To You in heaven's glory bright  
The song of praise forever rings.  
To Him who sits upon the throne,  
The Lamb once slain but raised again,  
Be all the glory He has won,  
All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.

2 For deep in the prophets' sacred page,  
And grand in poets' winged word,  
Slowly in type, from age to age  
The nations saw their coming Lord;  
Till through the deep Judean night  
Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"  
Sung once by first-born sons of light,  
It echoes now, "Good will!" Amen.

3 That life of truth, those deeds of love,  
That death so steeped in hate and scorn--  
These all are past, and now above

He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.  
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates!  
So sang that host beyond our ken.  
Lift up your heads, your King awaits.  
We lift them up. Amen, amen.

4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song,  
And shout His name, His mercies tell!  
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong,  
And all on earth, your anthem swell!  
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain!  
Forever let the song ascend!  
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign,  
All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

**Offering**

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**Memory Verse for This Week**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility  
value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but  
each of you to the interests of the others.

*Philippians 2:3-4*



## **Serving in Worship Today**

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
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