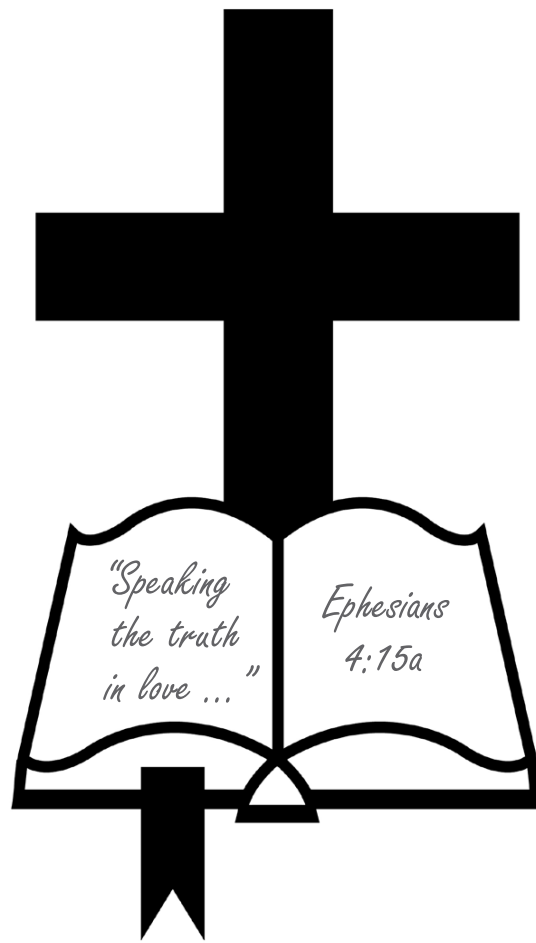


**Speak
the
Truth
of
Life**



**St. John's
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SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

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Prelude “Prelude and Fugue in G Minor” *Dietrich Buxtehude*

Hymn “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” *LSB 791*
Please Stand for Last Verse

Invocation

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

C *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Gracious Father, we confess that in thought, word, and deed we have often strayed from Your truth. We devise our own “truths” and do what seems right in our own eyes. We listen to the lies of the world as if they are truth and we are led astray into all kinds of falsehoods. We fail to speak Your truth or we fail to speak it in love. Father, have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus’ sake.**

P Jesus said, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31-32). The truth is, there is “no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:1-2).

Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The truth is, “If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).

Service of the Word

Introit

Selected Psalms

- P** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth (86:11a).
- C** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation (25:5a).**
- P** Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me (43:3a).
- C** **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart (51:6).**
- P** And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for my hope is in your rules (119:43).
- C** **The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever (119:160).**
- P** The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call on him in truth (145:18).
- P** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth (86:11a).
- C** *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Kyrie

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- C** *Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- C** *Glory be to God on High,
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee.
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;*

*O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

Lord of Life, who is the Truth that sets us free from sin and death, help us to know the truth of the value that You give to all human life, and then enable us to courageously and joyfully speak that truth in love. We pray in Your name who lives with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Sit

Today we celebrate Sanctity of Life Sunday. Our Old Testament reading from Job marvels that all of creation, including humanity, is the work of the Creator's hands.

Old Testament Reading

Job 10:8-12

Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether. Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust? Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

St. Paul reminds the church at Ephesus and us of the oneness that we enjoy in Christ with all Christians, and points to those who are Christ's gifts to the Church – to teach us his Truth, and to equip and encourage us in our own service to him.

Epistle

Ephesians 4:14-16

[S]o that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Today's Gospel reading is part of Jesus' "high priestly prayer." As Jesus prays on behalf of His people He calls upon His Heavenly Father to uphold His children in the truth of His Word.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 17:14-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

Apostles' Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Sit

Children's Message

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Hymn

“Lord of Life”

(Tune: Hyfrydol)

Verse 1

Lord of life, Whose hand has made us,
Formed us each with tender care.
You had crowned man with Your
image,
Not intending such despair.
Yet through sin the glory faded,
Death and doom came in its place.
But inspite of our condition,
We've been rescued by Your grace!

Verse 2

God so loved the world, He gave us,
Jesus Christ to bear our sin.
On the cross His life He offered,
That we might be His again.
And the Holy Spirit calls us
By the gospel's joyful ring.
Making us His own dear children
Us, eternal life to bring.

Verse 3

Lord of Life, Who rose in triumph,
Conquering death and giving hope,
You have called us and equipped us,
In a sinful world to cope;
Teaching us to love each other,
To befriend and help in strife;
To forgive and seek to comfort,
And preserve the gift of life.

Verse 4

Help us, Lord, to see as You do
Life is precious in each stage.
From the unborn to the feeble,
Life is precious in each age.
Help us, Lord, to be Your witness
And to show the world we care.
So that people may not perish,
But, instead Your life may share.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

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☐ *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Announcements & Record of Fellowship Is Shared

Offering

Organ Offertory

“Christ Be Our Light”

Stand

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

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Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing to us the truth that every life is the work of Your hands.
- C** **Help us to speak this truth in love.**
- P** Thank You for revealing to us the truth that every life has been bought with the blood of Your Son.
- C** **Help us to speak this truth in love.**
- P** Thank You for revealing to us the truth that You desire to call every life into an eternal relationship with You.
- C** **Help us to speak this truth in love.**
- P** Help us to speak these truths to one another.
- C** **So that, as Your body, we may grow in our knowledge and appreciation of the value that You give to life.**
- P** Help us to speak these truths in our society through our words and deeds.
- C** **So that, as Your body, we can influence and bring change to a death-obsessed culture.**
- P** Help us to speak these truths in our society through our words and deeds.
- C** **So that, as Your body, we can have opportunity to bring others to the knowledge of Your truth and the freedom from sin and the death it brings.**

P As Your body, we now bring before You the joys and sorrows of our congregation...

All these prayers we bring to You, Heavenly Father, in the name of Your Son and our Head, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven...

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Bless we the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you in His truth.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

Postlude

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Preacher: Rev. Troy A. Countryman
Liturgist: Rev. Del L. Nack
Organist: Dr. Herman D. Taylor
Elder: Doug ZuHone
Assisting: Steve Degler
Ushers: **8:00 am** Joel DuFrain, Fred Hood, Warren Moody, Clayton Wohltman
9:15 am Doug Blume, Bill Gass, Mike Stortzum
10:30 am Todd Thoman, Donna Homann
Acolytes: **8:00 am** Hannah Prevo & Gabriel Stoll
9:15 am Emily Love & Amanda Jones
10:30 am Jonathon Atwell & Lucas Kearney
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