



## All We Need Is Love, 2: A Perfect Arrangement

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**ORDER OF THE SERVICE OF THE WORD  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE  
JANUARY 23, 2022 - 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. We celebrate our Savior's love in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or, as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

From the time of conception to the time of natural death — and every time in between — life is a gift. There is much for which we and our society need to repent: senseless war, destruction of the environment, wasting God's precious resources, the gluttony of some in the midst of another's hunger, the wealth of some in the midst of another's poverty, not to mention bigotry, selfishness, greed, and many other sins against our fellow human beings. This lack of respect for human life is among the many things for which Jesus issued a call to repentance. Those who heeded the message found grace and forgiveness from a God Who wants all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth, Jesus Christ.

All We Need Is Love

Do we overuse the word love, or do we not use it enough? As Christians, do we grasp the immensity of the love that God has given us and the love that we are called to give to others? Throughout the rest of January and into February, we will be taking a closer look at 1 Corinthians 12-13 and three specific stories from Luke's gospel that will guide us as the Body of Christ in the ways that the love of God unites us as His children as well as how it sends us into service to one another and to those God has placed around us. God is love. He is a love that is greater than anything that we could ever imagine, and He is the love that makes us one as the Body of Christ for the Mission of Christ to bring love to the world.

**PRELUDE**

*Celebration* – F. Gramann

Heavenly Handbells

**GREETING**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN**

*O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

**LSB 839**

**1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice.**

**2. Fill with the radiance of Your grace The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

**3. O gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In You find peace and heav'nly rest.**

**4. Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

**5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.**

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❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*John 20:21-23*

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, 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.

P 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, we come before You confessing our sin of choosing ways that lead away from You, ways that lead to darkness and death. As You have sent Your Son into our darkness to bear our sin and to be our Savior, show us the light of Your Salvation, give to us Your Forgiveness, and lead us in the way of forgiveness and life; for the Sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

❖ **ABSOLUTION**

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

❖ **KYRIE**

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us  
pray to the Lord.



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

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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

## ❖ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have been our Creator from the moment of conception, shaping our bodies in flesh and bone, formulating our minds in wisdom and strength, and redeeming our souls with Your Holy and precious Word.

**C** **Remove from our hearts grievous faults, and refresh us with the knowledge that You are the Lord of all life, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [ESV]*

*(The priests taught the Word of the Lord clearly so that the people might understand.)*

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand.

And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra opened the Book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people...and as he opened it all the people stood.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

And Ezra blessed the LORD, the Great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.”

For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord.

And do not be grieved, for the Joy of the LORD is your strength.”

## PSALM

*Psalm 19:1-14 [ESV]*

*(The heavens declare the glory of the Lord.)*

A The heavens declare the Glory of God,

**C and the sky above proclaims His Handiwork.**

A Day to day pours out speech,

**C and night to night reveals knowledge.**

A There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

**C Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.**

A In them He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,

**C and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

A Its rising is from the end of the heavens,

**C and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.**

A The Law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

**C the Testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

A the Precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

**C the Commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

A the Fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

**C the Rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

A More to be desired are They than gold, even much fine gold;

**C sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

A Moreover, by Them is Your servant warned;

**C in keeping Them there is great reward.**

A Who can discern his errors?

**C Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

A Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;

**C let them not have dominion over me!**

A Then I shall be blameless,

**C and innocent of great transgression.**

A Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your Sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a [ESV]

*(Though individually members, we are all one body in Christ.)*

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing?

If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable

we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require.

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the Body of Christ and individually members of it.

And God has appointed in the Church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

Are all apostles? Are all prophets?

Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

Do all possess gifts of healing?

Do all speak with tongues?

Do all interpret?

But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ ALLELUIA AND VERSE



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

❖ HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 4:16-30* [ESV]

*(Jesus opens a scroll to read and fulfills its words in His person and work.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up.

And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read.

And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him.

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
because He has anointed Me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.*

*He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's Favor."*

And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down.  
And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.  
And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."  
And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the Gracious Words that were coming from His Mouth.  
And they said, "Is not this Joseph's Son?"  
And He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, "Physician, heal Yourself."  
What we have heard You did at Capernaum, do here in Your hometown as well."  
And He said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown.

But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C Praise to You, Lord Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Zach Sarrault

## HYMN

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

LSB 849

**1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.**

**2. Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**3. Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.**

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## **SERMON**

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*1 Corinthians 12:12-31a*

## ❖ **CREED**

### **MARTIN LUTHER'S EXPLANATION TO THE FIRST ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.** (c) 1986 Concordia Publishing House

## ❖ **GREETING OF PEACE**

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow, or handshake) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God's people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*Rise, Shine, You People* – arr. H. Morris

Heavenly Handbells

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Father in Heaven, thank You for Your Spirit's Gift of faith enabling us to receive Forgiveness, Life, and Salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

**C Help us live in faith every day.**

P Thank You for the gift of life.

**C Help us live in faith every day honoring and speaking up for the value You give to life.**

P Thank You for instituting marriage between a man and a woman so that they might complement one another, reflect Your Relationship with us in Christ, and be the context for Your ongoing procreation of life.

**C Help us live in faith every day honoring our spouses and Your Gift of marriage.**

P Thank You, Father, for purifying us in Jesus through the waters of Holy Baptism.

**C Help us live in faith every day making good decisions and being pure in thought, word, and deed.**

P Thank You for Your rich and daily Forgiveness for all believers.

**C Help us live in faith every day confessing our sins of impurity and trusting in Your Mercy and Grace and the strength to strive again for purity.**

P Thank You, Lord, for the opportunities You provide to give witness to Your Truth and bring our influence to bear upon our culture.

**C Help us live in faith every day boldly sharing Your Truth in words spoken in love and in deeds performed in mercy.**

- P Thank you for the work You do through Gateway Women's Care.
- C May You continue to bless them so that they might continue to equip us to live in faith every day and be Gospel-motivated voices for life.**

#### **ADDITIONAL INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

- P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
**C hear our prayer.**

- P Dearest Father, cause us to respect all that You make, to care for all people, and to celebrate the life that shines through the deepest darkness, undimmed and eternal. Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your Mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.**

- P Jesus, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### **❖ 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.**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)  
C **Amen.**

❖ **HYMN**

*Almighty Father, Bless the Word*

**LSB 923**

**1. Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!**

**2. We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.**

**3. 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.**

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*O Jesu Christ, Mein's Leben Licht* – P. Manz

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