



## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 14, 2021

**AS WE GATHER:** Love. Marriage. As amazing as these concepts are, **Love and Marriage** have been some of the most fought over words in America in the last 20 years. If love means whatever I feel it should mean, shouldn't I be able to love whomever I want? If marriage is **ONLY** an expression of my understanding of love, shouldn't I be able to marry whomever I want and leave the marriage when I don't feel the love anymore? Join us these next two weeks as we explore that Love and Marriage have Biblical definitions and that if they are exercised in grace, they can be some of the most powerful tools to witness the love of Jesus to others. God designed marriage to be a reflection of His love for the church and Christ's love is something we are called to share with others no matter if we are married or not!

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### OPENING HYMN #901

*"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"*

- 1      Open now thy gates of beauty;  
          Zion, let me enter there,  
          Where my soul in joyful duty  
          Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
          Oh, how blessèd is this place,  
          Filled with solace, light, and grace!
  
- 2      Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
          Come Thou also unto me.  
          Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
          There a heav'n on earth must be.  
          To my heart, O enter Thou;  
          Let it be Thy temple now!
  
- 3      Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
          Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
          Let my soul, where it is planted,  
          Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
          So that all I hear may be  
          Fruitful unto life in me.

4      Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
          Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
          Howso'er temptations thicken;  
          May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
          As my guiding star through life,  
          As my comfort in all strife.

5      Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
          Let Thy will be done indeed.  
          May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
          While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
          Here of life the fountain flows;  
          Here is balm for all our woes.

#### INVOCATION

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

People:       Amen.

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:       To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People:       **O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to  
                  shame.**

Pastor:       Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

People:       **Teach me your paths.**

Pastor:       Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

People:       **For you are the God of my salvation.**

Pastor:       Good and upright is the LORD;

People:       **Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.**

Pastor:       All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and  
                  faithfulness,

People:       **For those who keep His covenant and His  
                  testimonies.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:       Heavenly Father,

People:       **We confess that we have not always walked in  
                  Your ways. We confess that we have ignored  
                  and avoided conflict rather than seek  
                  reconciliation. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus  
                  Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Bring  
                  Your reconciliation and peace that surpasses all  
                  understanding into our lives.**

Pastor: Even though we have held on to our anger and resentment of others, our heavenly Father sent Jesus to be our reconciliation and peace. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled to God and can approach Him in all confidence. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled with one another. 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.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast”

*Refrain*

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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## SALUTATION

Pastor           The Lord be with you.  
People:           And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor:           O God, our dwelling place in all generations, look with favor upon the homes of our people. Embrace husbands, and wives, parents and children, in the arms of Your love, and grant that each, in reverence for Christ, fulfill the duties You have given. Bless our homes that they may ever be a shelter for the defenseless, a resting place for the weary and a foretaste of our eternal home with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:           Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 2:18-24

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,*

*"This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man."*

*Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Lector:           This is the Word of the Lord.  
People:           Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"We are Family"

Miss Heidi

**EPISTLE**

Ephesians 5:1-2; 21-33

*<sup>1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God; <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

*<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)**

“Alleluia”

**All:** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 10:6-9

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

*But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON                    “Love and Marriage: Marriage”  
   Pastor Adam Wolfe

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#862

*“Oh, Blest the House”*

- 1      Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
         Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
         A home that is not wholly His—  
         How sad and poor and dark it is!
  
- 2      Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
         And all in hope and love abound;  
         They trust their God and serve Him still  
         And do in all His holy will!
  
- 3      Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
         Unto their children's foremost need  
         And weary not of care or cost.  
         May none to them and heav'n be lost!
  
- 4      Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
         In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
         And in their children's lives is shown  
         How richly God can bless His own.
  
- 5      Then here will I and mine today  
         A solemn promise make and say:  
         Though all the world forsake His Word,  
         I and my house will serve the Lord!

**NICENE CREED**

**All:**            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.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING**

Today, at 11:45 am, in the gym, will be the Special Voters Meeting to vote on extending a Divine Call to Rev. Dr. Nathan Meador, to serve as our next Executive Pastor. We plan on leaving the chairs set up after the service for this meeting.

Easter Flowers: The deadline is February 28th to order your Easter flowers. Pick up an order form in the narthex/cafeteria or fill out the form online through the website or the weekly eblast sent to your email.

February's Serve Opportunity is to donate new adult plain t-shirts and adult socks. Bins are in the Narthex, cafeteria, or school lobby. Deadline to donate is February 28.

Divine Redeemer Lutheran School has begun online applications and re-enrollments for the 2021-2022 School year. Contact the School's Admissions Office for more information or to arrange an IN-PERSON tour. Also, A special IN-PERSON Early Childhood Open House, for parents interested DR's Infant, Toddler, 2K- 5K programs, is being offered Tuesday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM. You must register for this event by calling 367-3664.

#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God and for all people according to their needs.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** God, our Father, in these last days, we experience conflict in our families, with husbands and wives struggling to stay together until death parts them, brothers and sisters at odds with one another, and further conflict within extended families.

**People:** Almighty Father, heal our families.

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace, yet You did not come to this world to bring us peace here and now. We experience the divisions that the sharp two-edged sword of Your Word brings.

**People:** Lord Jesus, give us strength to stand firm in Your Word of truth.

Pastor: Creator God, You gave us a world with everything we would ever need to sustain our bodies and lives, yet some on this planet experience famine and hunger, and this earth is savaged with pestilence, hurricanes, heat waves, hail, earthquakes, and other disasters, reminding us of the broken world in which we live.

People: **Lord God, guide us in being good stewards of this earth, and lead us to provide for those in need.**

Pastor: O Jesus, You have called us to follow You and have baptized us into Your holy name. You have set us apart to be Your witnesses, and You have called us to go to the ends of the earth with the Good News of Your unconditional, all-accepting love.

People: **Jesus, lead us and all Your people to reveal You to others through our words and our actions.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter, there are those among us who are struggling in their hearts, with their strength, in their souls, and with their minds. Grant them peace, healing and relief from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer. Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

All: **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.**

#### **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.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has redeemed and bought us with the price of His blood so that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## COMMUNICANT INSTRUCTIONS

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### CANTICLE

*“Thank the Lord”*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
 He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## BENEDICTION

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be  
gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you  
peace.

**People:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN #923 *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

- 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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### Lay Readers:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Todd Radke

### Acolytes:

8:00AM: Michael Hamell & Jason Sitzman

10:30AM:

### Sound:

8:00AM: Todd Radke

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

### Elders:

8:00AM: John Uttech

10:30AM: Ben Wehmeier