

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of goodness and mercy, of gentleness and kindness, of righteousness and faithfulness: be the light of our salvation and sustain our souls. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: We offer the daily tasks that consume us to you, for we accomplish nothing without your grace. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: We submit to your will, that we should love you with our everything and love our neighbors, and even our enemies, as ourselves. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

P: Renew us and transform us by your steadfast love into the people of God.

ALL: Amen.

~ written by Thomas Turner, and posted on EverydayLiturgy. <http://everydayliturgy.com/>

OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING

+ OFFERTORY SONG **ELW # 712**
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (verse 1)

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.

+ SARON - *On the Night* David Lipps

+ BAXTER - WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+ THE 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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

(We welcome all who have put their faith, trust & hope in Jesus Christ to commune here with us.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **ALL: Amen.**

Please stand as you are comfortable and receive the blessing.

+ BLESSING AND AMEN

P: May the God of peace, who raised to life the great shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do his will in every good thing, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **C: Alleluia! Amen.** *(spoken)*

+ BELL TOLL

+ SENDING HYMN **ELW # 836**
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

+ DISMISSAL

P: Go forth in joy to love and serve God in all that you do.

C: We are sent in the name of the risen Christ.

P: Let us bless our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! POSTLUDE

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PRELUDE / BELL TOLL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

P: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

ALL: Love one another!

P: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

ALL: No longer servants but friends!

P: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

ALL: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

GATHERING HYMN

ELW # 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all.

ALL: We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory.

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

that we may be your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

P: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. **ALL: Amen.**

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

How deeply you have loved us, Jesus; how willingly you stepped into our experience, how completely you empathized with all that we endure.

ALL: Teach us to love as you have loved us.

P: How sacrificially you have loved us, Jesus; how completely you gave yourself for us, how courageously you suffered for our sakes.

ALL: Teach us to love as you have loved us.

P: How restoratively you have loved us, Jesus; how generously you share your life, how extravagantly you make yourself available to us.

ALL: Teach us to love as you have loved us.

We praise you for your love which is given so freely and so unconditionally. And we thank you for believing that we could learn to offer such love to each other. Amen.

— written by John van de Laar

We won't withhold water

Pastor Matt

PRAYER

ALL: Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL READING

John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel according to St. John.

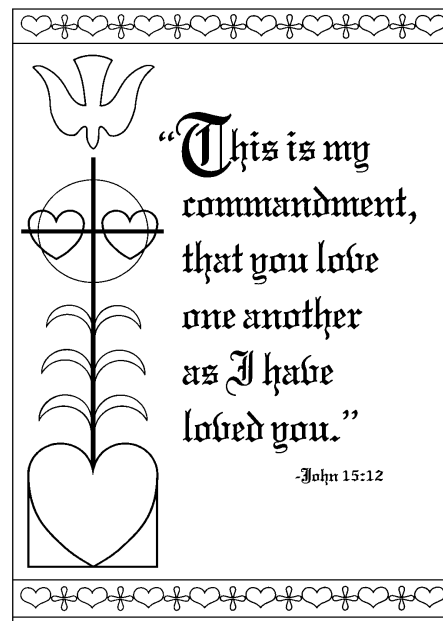
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



SERMON

Friends, not servants

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 656

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

QUILT BLESSING

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, it is your will to bring comfort and help to the distressed.

Thank you for all who use their talents to create these beautiful messages of love to people all over the world who may be seeking your word of grace and comfort.

Bless these quilts wherever they may be used, that they may provide warmth and security to those who have experienced tragedy or who have no other shelter.

May all who receive these quilts be wrapped in your love and forgiveness.

May they also encounter your grace and peace and learn the joy of Christ.

Renew our mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, cloth the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, and be a loving neighbor to all people of the earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER FOR BOLD WOMEN

P: God of Generations, we celebrate the lives of the women who fought the good fight and stood up for the Gospel and the truth of Scripture, yesterday and today. Strengthen our voice of proclamation. We give thanks for the bold women among us today who serve with a sense of holy purpose in their vocations as daughters, mothers, grandmothers, sisters and mothers. Empower us by faith and bless our vocations at home and in the church. Inspire us to encourage one another in fellowship, laughter, hospitality and sharing. Make all of us your bold and faithful servants, this day and forevermore through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

+ APOSTLES' CREED (in front cover of red hymnal)

BAXTER QUILTING

Thank you to everyone who helped with quilting in any way this year!

Members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of Baxter made a total of approximately 40 quilts this year. Following will be the recipients of our handiwork:

High School Graduates
Prairie Five
Dawson Prom
Project Turnabout
Montevideo Ambulance

Baptisms
Santa Anonymous
Montevideo Prom
Veteran's Home
Local Emergencies



SARON MISSION ACTION TEAM UPDATE

Fleece Blankets - 26 to share with area schools

Quilts - 112 to share with:

Congregational members including:
baptisms, graduations, weddings

Pastor Matt's ministries

Eagle's Nest

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

YME, MACCRAY, Monte Schools

Project Turnabout

Neighbors United Food Shelf

Prairie Five

Thanks so much to the generous group of men & women who donated their time and talents this year to create the beautiful quilts/blankets and to help package kits for Global Health Ministries & LWR. Thanks, also, to the treat makers for the delicious morning lunches. It is truly a team effort for Saron to support God's people here and beyond.
Karleen & Robin