

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

All Things to All Men

February 7, 2015

5:00 Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Service

### AS WE GATHER

Do you ever change how you act based on who you are around? You probably act differently in church than you do in a football stadium. Why is that? You know that what is appropriate in a football stadium would rarely, if ever, be appropriate in church. Yet, you know how to act in different situations to “fit in” as well as simply to have fun. In today’s Readings, Paul urges us to be “all things to all people.” He urges us to modify our behavior, but not to fit in. Rather, he wants us to be all things to all people for one goal: to share Jesus. He certainly does not encourage us to sin, but he does want us to use every method possible in our own behavior to proclaim Jesus! So today, consider how you can be “all things to all men.”

### PRESERVICE MUSIC

Abbie Moravec

### WELCOME

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12, NIV)

### FELLOWSHIP GREETING

#### + PREPARATION +

### OPENING HYMN #868 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” *Rise for the last stanza*

Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.

In conversation be sincere, Thy conscience as the noon day clear;  
Think how the all seeing God thy ways And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew; Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will And with Thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest this day All I design or do or say  
That all my pow’rs with all their might In Thy sole glory may unite. *(continued next page)*

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.

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Run the straight race through God’s good grace;

**People: Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.**

Pastor: Life with its way before us lies;

**People: Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Jesus has called us not only to live perfectly, but also to *be* perfect.

However, we were born in sin. We inherited sinfulness from our parents, and we show that by how we act. Even our most righteous acts are nothing more than dirty rags. God commands us to be perfect, and we give up in our struggles far, far too easily. So, let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him to forgive us.

**People: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are, by nature, sinful. We have sinned against you in our actions, in our words, and in our thoughts. Yet, you have promised forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We throw ourselves on your mercy and ask you to forgive us and renew us.**

Pastor: Jesus has lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus lives again! While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us, and God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God. Therefore, as an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

### Love Program

#### SONG

“I Love You, Lord”

4K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### SPEAKERS

#### SONG

“You Can’t Imagine How He Loves You”

4K – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade



Pastor: Lord of the Church, you desire us to live in your love and share your love with others. Help all your children to bear witness to Christ in their daily lives.

**People: Move each of us to reach out to others and share with them the encouragement, hope, and salvation we have in the good news of Jesus as our Savior.**

Pastor: Father of all, bless the Elizabeth Ministry as they seek to serve the women of our congregation in their time of need.

**People: Grant us all to support and encourage mothers among us, sharing their joys and helping to carry their burdens, that they might find delight in the privilege caring for their children.**

Pastor: Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who grieve and those in need of healing and deliverance, especially; Helen, Sharon, Carleen, Charles, Shirley, Dennis, Marion, Jack, Virginia, Dolores, Ginger, Gretchen, Mark, Richard, Lois, Sarah, and the Dan Kirchner family mourning the death of Dan's mother.

**People: Heal the brokenhearted, bind up their wounds, grant them healing and relief, and preserve them in hope and trust in the unfailing love of Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: Lord of love, we pray for those who receive the Holy Communion today, that they might do so with prepared and penitent hearts and sincere faith in Christ Jesus.

**People: Bless all who partake to rejoice in their Savior who gives to them His very body and blood which bestows his great love and mercy through the forgiveness of sins.**

Pastor: O LORD our God, we give thanks to you for all of the saints whom you have delivered from this dying world to eternal life with you. Bless the Hinz family as they remember Eunice, and bless Nancy Maike as she remembers Roy. In your steadfast love, light up our eyes with your life and grace until we sleep the sleep of death and awaken to the eternal day in your presence forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**People: Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

### HYMN #685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die, There to live with you on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head.  
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

**HYMN #684 “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”**

“Come unto Me, ye weary, And I will give you rest.”

O Blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that hath no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

“Come unto Me, ye wand’ers, And I will give you light.”

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;

But Thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

“Come unto Me, ye fainting, And I will give you life.”

O Cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!

The foe is stern and eager, The fight is fierce and long;

But Thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

“And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,

Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,

Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

**HYMN #633 “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”**

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King.

Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,

Gives His body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword: Israel’s

hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas’chal victim, paschal bread;

with sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;

You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;

You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;

From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,

Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: O God the Father, who gives us every good thing, who sent your Son to run a good race until the end, we thank you that you have done as you promised in this Sacrament and given us forgiveness in such a personal way. Send your Holy Spirit so that we are strengthened in faith to run a good race and reach out to all people; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**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 #727 “On Eagles’ Wings”** Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Part 1. Copyright © 2014 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life, Say to the Lord: “My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!”

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings.**

**Bear you on the breath of dawn,**

**Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

For to His angels He’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways; Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain**

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