HARD QUESTIONS

Is Love Actually All We Need?

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  |  July 12
ORDER OF ONLINE WORSHIP

PRELUDE “One Voice” (Ruth Moody) Larry Bach, Hannah Fleming, Matthew Fleming

INTRO/WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Pastor: Blessed be God, the holy Trinity, source of life, love, grace, and peace. Amen.

(silence for reflection)
Loving God, if we say we have no sin then we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins in silence.

(silence for reflection)
God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. Amen.

SONG “Let My Prayer Rise Before You” (Marty Haugen)
Larry Bach, Matthew Ian Fleming, Hannah Fleming

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: Merciful God, we have been baptized by your grace into a living faith and set apart for faithful lives of service. Make us a fruitful body of believers so that we may serve you not only with our lips but with our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN’S STORY Pastor Gail Bach

SONG “We Could Fly” (Rhiannon Giddens) Matthew Ian Fleming, Hannah Fleming

READING Mark 12:28-34
One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.
Pastor: The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Is Love Actually All We Need?”

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BEFORE YOU GO

BENEDICTION
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.

SONG “Let Justice Flow Like Streams”
Larry Bach, Barb Carroll, Hannah Fleming, Matthew Fleming

SENDING
Pastor: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Finale and Fughetta” (J.K.F. Fischer) Barb Carroll
Prayers

As a community of faith we are connected through joy, sorrow, worship, and prayer. Please pray for the people listed below. Your prayers are greatly appreciated!

We ask for God’s loving embrace to hold all those who mourn, especially:
*Kevin and LoriAnn Gillick on the death of Kevin’s brother, Mike
Julie Bane & Carter Staff and family on the death of Julie’s brother, Gordy

Prayers of Mourning:
• Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. Psalm 31:9
• He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

As we are praying for all members of the St. Andrew community, this week we pray especially for God’s comfort, healing, protection, and strength to be present with:
*Ken Hallonquist
*John Woitas
*John Bell and Linda Wilson’s newborn relative, Emma
Warren Carlson
Cathy Schweitzer’s husband, Vaughn
Kevin and Kacie Roth’s baby girl, Magnolia

Long Term Prayers
Haitian friends amid the Covid-19 crisis with limited access to health care
Sheryl Ebert’s mother, Dorothy
Brad Ward
Grace Olson
Dave & Sherri Anderson’s daughter, Sarah Anderson-Jacobson
Rhonda Allen’s sister, Mila Krause
Ron Wolfbauer
Kraig Brose’s nephew, Nick
Josh Richter
Marilynn Boorsma’s son, Mark
Julie Bergquist’s cousin, Kathy Wesley
Dan and Judy Dunlevy’s sister-in-law, Connie Bloedow
Dick Smith
Paul & Marjene Skoog’s sister-in-law, Lois
Julia Nelson
Marcia Lund’s sister, Jenni Fick

• Seeds of Support Mission in Haiti requests you ongoing prayers for our friends in Haiti. Haiti is experiencing a political and economic crisis that is producing widespread frustration among the population. Fuel shortages, food shortages, and general hopelessness are common. Please pray for Redemption Lutheran Church of Jacmel and all our friends there. Our mission will continue in evolving and vital ways to support their ministry.
• All those in the military serving our country

General Prayers:
• Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. Jeremiah 29:12
• Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice. Psalm 141:2

* New this week: names will remain listed for three weeks unless otherwise requested.
To add a name to the prayer list, click the ‘Prayer Request’ button on the homepage of our website or contact Pastor Peter at pastorpeter@standrewlu.org.