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OUR WORSHIP

Kindness

SERVICE THEME When God acts in “kindness” in the Old Testament, it means God is being faithful to His covenant promises. It also means God is acting in generous and merciful love, providing everything for our blessing and benefit. On the night of His betrayal and on the eve of His death, Jesus’ concerns were for His disciples and keeping God’s new covenant promise through His Meal offering forgiveness through intimate connection to His death. We need His kindness so that His kindness might be implanted in us and expressed through us.

+ Preparing to Hear the Word +

SEVENTH PENTITENTIAL PSALM Psalm 143:1-2, 7-8

Pastor: LORD, hear my prayer,

People: listen to my cry for mercy;

Pastor: in Your faithfulness and righteousness

People: come to my relief.

Pastor: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

People: for no one living is righteous before you.

Pastor: Answer me quickly, LORD;

People: my spirit fails.

Pastor: Do not hide Your face from me

People: or I will be like those who go down to the grave.

Pastor: Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,

People: for I have put my trust in You.

All: 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!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION LSB 606 “I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

**I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Father, send Your Holy Spirit that we who will experience the kindness of Jesus in His Meal, feeding our souls with His presence and forgiveness, may be exemplars of kindness in our communities. We ask in the name of Jesus, our kind and life-giving Lord.

People: Amen!

+ Hearing the Word +

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke My covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

³³“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put My law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be My people. ³⁴No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Pastor: These Readings are the Word of the Lord.

People: thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:26-29

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tax collector,
the twenty-sixth chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is My blood of the (new) covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE SONG LSB 642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

**O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.**

**My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,
The Bread of Life from heaven, That now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit, Bow down before Your throne.**

**Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.**

MESSAGE "The Fruit of the Spirit is Kindness"

Introduction

In the OT, the Greek word translated "kindness" can mean "covenant love."

The Passover

Jesus' Supper was the Passover.

Jesus' Kindness

Jesus, as the Lamb of God, takes on Himself the judgment.

Two Greek words display His kindness: "covenant" and "new"

Concluding Thoughts

The Lord's Supper repeatedly renews and motivates our kindness to others.

+ Responding to the Word +

OFFERING The Other Songbook 26 "Have Thine Own Way"

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me After Thy will,
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!
Power, all power, Surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

**Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being, Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit, Till all shall see
Christ only, always, Living in me!**

PRAYERS & 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!**

+ The Visible Word – The Lord's Supper +

JESUS' WORDS AND KINDNESS LITANY

Pastor: On the night Jesus was betrayed –

People: **Jesus showed us His kindness through giving us Himself in the
Supper He gave us.**

Pastor: He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to
His disciples.

People: **We see Jesus' forgetfulness of Himself; we see Jesus' kindness in
giving us His Supper.**

Pastor: Saying, "Take! Eat! This is My body, which is given for you."

People: **Jesus, You truly are the Lamb of God and in eating Your body we
participate in Your death.**

Pastor: And, after the Supper and after giving thanks, He took the cup and said,
"This cup is the blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the
forgiveness of all of your sins.

People: **As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we show the
kindness and the power of the Lord's death for us.**

Pastor: Do this often to remember and be renewed in our Lord's death. Come
now to His Supper!

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION LSB 547 “The Lamb”

COMMUNION BLESSING

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Father, again we ask that the kindness of Jesus through giving us this Supper would strengthen our faith in what He has so graciously done for us and enable us to be kind and gracious to others we meet every day of our lives. Enable us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit’s gift of kindness. We ask in Jesus’ name.

People: Amen!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

People: Amen!

SENDING SONG LSB 431 “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

**Not all the blood of beasts On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.**

**But Christ, the heav’nly Lamb, takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.**

**My faith would lay its hand On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand
And there confess my sin.**

**My soul looks back to see The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursed tree;
I know my guilt was there.**

**Believing, we rejoice To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.**