

A close-up photograph of several vibrant pink roses in full bloom, with green leaves and dark brown stems. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and pink, suggesting a garden setting.

Christ Our Redeemer

Pastor Mark Voss

Mother's Day

May 13, 2018

The LORD delights in those who fear him,
who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Psalm 147:11

Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this day, set aside to honor mothers, we thank you especially for the gift of Christian mothers. Bless them always. Give them grace to set a good example for their families. Make them constantly mindful that their children are a sacred trust from heaven. Hold your protecting hand over them, and give them strength for every task, courage for each trial, and trust in you that daily will grow stronger. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Call to Worship

P: In the name of Jesus our Lord and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on you, heavenly Father!

C: Hear us for your name's sake.

P: We approach you confidently, for we rely on Jesus, our Redeemer, for the full forgiveness of sins.

C: Receive our thankful worship for his sake.

P: By the Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will for our lives and families. Fill our hearts with joy and peace into eternity.

C: In you O Lord, we take refuge; never let us be ashamed.

P: O Lord, our Rock and Fortress, assure us that because you live, we also shall live.

C: In you we hope. Our praise is for you. Amen.

Opening Hymn “Son of God, Eternal Father”

CW 492

Confession of Sins

All: Forgive us Lord, for allowing our selfishness to divide us from you and from members of our family. Pardon us for doing those things that result in strife – between parent and child, between husband and wife, between you and us. Forgive our anger, jealousy, greed and hatred. We ask you to restore us into a loving relationship with you and with each other, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the Good News

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Amen. In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

Hymn “Now Thank We All Our God”

CW 610 vv 1 & 3

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In who the world rejoices,
Who from our mother’s arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience and godliness. Bind together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect and affection for one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

God's Focus on the Family

Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-31 - A Loving Wife and Mom

¹⁰A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. ¹¹Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. ¹²She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. ²⁵She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. ²⁶She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. ²⁷She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: ²⁹"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." ³⁰Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

John 15:9-17 Love Leads to Obedience

⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other."

Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Be imitators of God as dearly loved children and live a life of love. Alleluia.

Ephesians 5:1-2a



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that



we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Confession of Faith - Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn "Love Is the Gracious Gift"

CW 505

SERMON - Acts 11:19-26 Encourage Christian Families

Encourage Christian Love

¹⁹Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews.

²⁰Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

Encourage Christian Faith

²¹The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. ²²News of this reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. ²³When he arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. ²⁴He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

Encourage Christian Hope

²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

Hymn for Mother's Day - "Oh, Give Us Homes"

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Oh, give us homes built firm - ly on the Sav-ior, Where Christ is
Oh, give us homes where Christ is Lord and mas-ter, The Bi - ble
O Lord, our God, our homes are yours for - ev - er! We trust to

head and coun - sel - or and guide, Where ev - 'ry child is
read, the pre - cious hymns still sung, Where prayer comes first in
you their prob - lems, toil, and care; Their bonds of love no

taught his love and fa-vor And gives his heart to Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
peace or in dis - as-ter And praise is nat-ural speech to ev - 'ry tongue.
en - e - my can sev-er If you are al-ways Lord and mas-ter there.

How sweet to know that, though our foot-steps wa-ver, A faith - ful
Where moun-tains move be - fore a faith that's vast-er And Christ suf-
Lord, be the cen - ter of our least en - deav-or; Lord, be our

Lord is walk - ing by our side!
- fi - cient is for old and young.
guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Children's Lesson

A Prayer for Mothers

Gracious God, on Mother's Day I thank you that you sent your Son to be born of a human mother in order to save us. Thank you for mothers who carried their children into this world. Give mothers everywhere the wisdom and love to put the needs and Christian training of the family first. Bless them, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

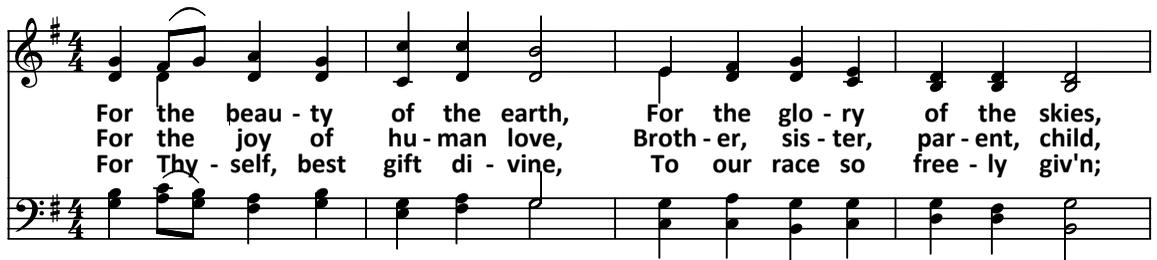
Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth"

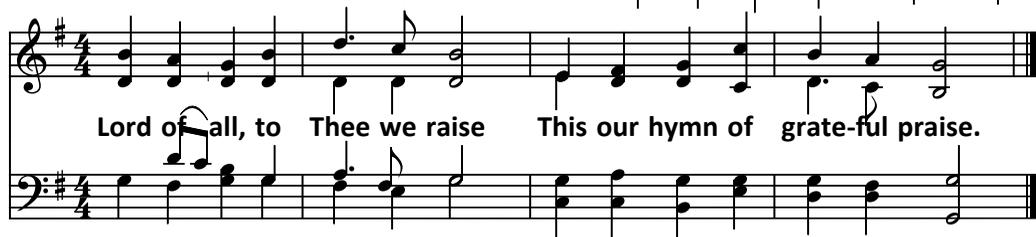
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For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For Thy - self, best gift di - vine, To our race so free - ly giv'n;



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies;
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild;
For that great, great love of Thine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

COR Calendar

Today	Mother's Day Worship 8 & 10:30a 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School Noon to 6p Facility in Use
Monday, May 21	Calendar & Newsletter Deadline

Announcements

Last Day of School: Our school year is winding down. Friday, May 25th, is the last day. Our closing service for the year will be Friday, May 25th, at 10a at our picnic which will be held at Mountain View Park, 17200 E Kentucky.

THANK YOU!!! A sincere, heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits while I was recently in the hospital & since returning home. I realize more than ever how truly blessed I am to part of God's family here at COR. My brothers and sisters in Christ showed me such compassion, concern and love that it has been amazing. God's Continued Richest Blessings Always. Judy Seggelke

Summer Worship Schedule: Our summer worship schedule starts Sunday, May 27th (Memorial Day Weekend). We will have one Sunday service at 9a with fellowship and Bible study following at 10a. You also have the option of worshipping on Thursday nights at 7p, with Bible study at 7:45p.


Worship the Lord
with gladness;
come before him
with joyful songs.

Psalms 100:2



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Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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