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1 Corinthians 13:13

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2025 THEME FOR BERE A & ZION

COME AND SEE!

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

BEREA & ZION GUESTS

At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family to be a part of, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ. Talk to Pastor John today.

Epiphany 4 ~ February 2, 2025

As We Gather

All three Readings today declare the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for the world. When God's people were drifting away, God sent prophets, such as Jeremiah, to speak God's Word and call the people back to faithfulness. God declares His love for Jeremiah: "I formed you in the womb . . . I consecrated you; I appointed you . . . I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:5, 8). God's love is shown forth in Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus casts out a demon from a man, thereby restoring his life. Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law, and He casts out even more demons and heals more diseases. This all points to the restoration of all creation in God's coming kingdom. The Epistle, often read at weddings, calls us toward lives shaped by the depth, breadth, and height of God's love for us.

WELCOME AND SHARING OF PEACE

Opening Hymn

902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

**1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine,
And let Your truth within us shine.**

**2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds;
And set us free from doubt that blinds.**

**3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
"O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place
We then shall see You face to face.**

**^ 4 All glory to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise throughout eternity!**

Invocation and Opening Sentences Based on Jeremiah 1:5, 7-8

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

P: The Lord says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."

C: We thank You, O Lord!

P: The Lord says, "Before you were born I consecrated you."

C: We adore You, O Lord!

P: The Lord says, "Whatever I command you, you shall speak."

C: We praise You, O Lord!

P: The Lord says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you to deliver you."

C: We worship You, O Lord!

Confession and Absolution

P: Embraced by the love of God through our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sin before God and one another.

(A time of silence is observed.)

P: Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, God of love, in thought, word, and deed.

C: In Your great love for us, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

P: We have shown lack of trust in Your loving purpose for our lives.

C: In Your great love for us, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

P: We have failed to immerse ourselves in Your Word and to speak it freely in the world.

C: In Your great love for us, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

P: We have failed to love You and to love one another, even using our faith as an excuse not to love our neighbours.

C: In Your great love for us, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

P: We have been envious, boastful, arrogant, rude, insistent, irritable, and resentful.

C: In Your great love for us, forgive our sins and renew our lives.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

P: In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

C: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me, and save me!

P: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come; you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

C: Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

P: For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

C: Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of 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 will be forever. AMEN

Prayer of the Day

P: *We pray.* Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(The call of Jeremiah)

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13

(The more excellent way of love.)

But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love,

I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31-44

(Jesus heals many)

And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, "What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!" And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P: These are the Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Profession of Faith

(Tune: Hymn # 802)

***In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.***

***In Jesus, the Saviour, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross he endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin,
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.***

***God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now he does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. AMEN***

Children's Talk (Zion)

Hymn of the Day

842 Son of God, Eternal Saviour

*1 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.*

*2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.*

*3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,
Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.*

*4 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.*

Sermon

The Offerings Are Gathered

(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!*

Prayers of the Church

P: Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to open Your kingdom to us by His sacrifice on the cross. Greater love has no one than this. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, work in us a desire to walk and serve together in love for You and love toward one another, that many would come to the knowledge of Your truth and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, watch over all who serve our country and it's people. Give wisdom, strength, and integrity to all leaders here and around the world to lead with compassion and love for all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus, we lift to You our prayers for all who are sick or hospitalized, the injured and the lonely. We especially pray for... and all in our hearts. In Your wisdom, love, and compassion grant healing, strength, and rest as You know is best. Use medical professionals and all the medications and treatments at their disposal to accomplish healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy Spirit, be with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. Thank you for the past, and we look forward to the future. Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: AMEN

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

Benediction

P: The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: AMEN

Closing Hymn

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

**1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.**

**2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.**

**3 Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.**

**4 Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.**

**5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.**

**6 Abide, O faithful Saviour, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.**

Announcements and Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

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