

A reading from 1 John chapter 4 verses 7 through 12. You can find the reading on page 1023 in your pew Bible.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 136.

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**People: to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: to him who by understanding made the heavens,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**People: to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: to him who made the great lights,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**People: the sun to rule over the day,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

Leader: the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**People: It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever;**

July 5, 2015

Leader: and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

**People: he who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**All: Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.***

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.