

Music Today

Terrie Sanchez & Choir

AS WE GATHER

Sports and leisure are an everyday aspect of life. Scripture commends rest and enjoyment as well: "I know that there is nothing better for men than to be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil—this is the gift of God (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13). But how many Christians playing (or enjoying) sports are Christians in sport? In other words, how many Christians don't just play sport but actually see that their sport and faith are integrated? Not separate areas - "I go to church on Sunday and enjoy sports during the week" - but integrated - "I enjoy sports as part of a whole view of worship."

Gathering Song

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Welcome & Invocation

Opening Song

God Himself Is Present LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault,**

by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Almighty Lord God, Yahweh, our Father, You are our God. You command us to not let anything else take Your place, or for us to trust in anything else over You. Lead us to open our eyes to be aware of the ways we can keep glorifying You and make You our priority.

People: Amen.

Reader

Judy Baggenstoss

First Reading

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

(Exercise faith as we do our bodies.)

²⁴Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 4:7b-12

(Train yourself for Godliness)

^{7b}Rather train yourself for godliness; ⁸for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. ⁹The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance. ¹⁰For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

¹¹Command and teach these things. ¹²Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

Matthew 6:19-24

(Lay up treasures in Heaven)

¹⁹"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Song of the Day

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness LSB 849



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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Sermon

Tough Topic Tackle Box: Sports

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed – Catechism

The First Commandment

Pastor: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean?

People: **We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

The Third Commandment

Pastor: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. What does this mean?

People: **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

The Fourth Commandment

Pastor: Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?

People: **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Lord of Heaven and Earth, You give us times of leisure and activities that help us see beauty in ourselves and Creation. Help us to worship You as our Creator, and not worship anything in this created life. Keep us from making a god out of time, money, people, or sports. Help us trust in You first and foremost by all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy.

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of justice, in Your wisdom You create all people in Your image, without exception. Through Your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity, beauty, and worth of every human being. Fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds, build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace and equality for all in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of Love, so many people are hurting for love and acceptance. Many today do so out of the gender and sexuality you have created in them. Help those struggling with their bodies and minds to see value and worth not in themselves, but in Your saving grace of your Son Jesus Christ. Help all of us be agents of love toward all people, while still also speaking Your truth in love. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty and most holy God, we thank and praise You for all You provide us freely by Your grace. We live in a nation and in communities where we are thankful to have brothers and sisters in Christ, yet there are also many who have either disconnected from You and Your Church, and often cause terror and violence. Lead us to share Your grace with others. Guide our conversations and grow our relationships with those who do not share the hope we have. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, hear the cries of those who awaken to face another day of injustice, prejudice, and oppression. Comfort those considering or are faced with the possibility of aborting the life of a child. Help all of us realize that all life is precious. Give us all hope in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends, and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Help us to be good stewards of Your Creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns may be added by congregational elder here.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Offering

Give Thanks LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. [*Psalm 145:15, James 1:17*]

People: **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Words of Our Lord [*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*]

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. [*1 Cor. 11:26*]

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** [*Revelation 22:20*]

Lord's Prayer [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Distribution

Sanctuary (*Instrumental*)

The Lamb LSB 577



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Refrain
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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