

Living Word Lutheran Church

Sermon Notes and Texts for Palm Sunday

Releasing/Claiming the Power of God's Perfect Love to Overcome Fear

Monday: Perfect love casts out fear 1) our fear of God, 2) fear itself!

I John 4 God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. **But perfect love drives out fear**, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Tuesday: So how much DOES God love *me*??

John 3:16 For God so loved the world (me?) that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Wednesday: So how powerful is God's love?

Romans 8:39 Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thursday: Learning to love yourself, forgive yourself.

Genesis 1:27 So God created mankind in his own **image, in the image of God he created them**; male and female he created them.

Luke 15 The Story of the Prodigal Son

' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Friday: Re-learning the language of love – yes, OTHERS!

I John 4 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 13:34 A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must **love one another**.

2 Thess. 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the **love** all of you have for **one another** is increasing.

Hebrews 10: 24 And let us consider how we may spur **one another** on toward **love** and good deeds,

I Corinthians 13: 1-12 THIS is the “How to....” of **loving one another**

Saturday: Sooooo.....WHAT REMAINS?? Faith is from us to God, Hope is from us to God, but LOVE is what GOD does and that's why it remains and is the greatest force!

I Cor. 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

I John 4:19 We love because he first loved us

THIS is how love is perfected, and perfect love casts out fear!! Now get busy
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EASTER SUNDAY!! READ John 20: 1-18 The POWER of love is the POWER of the Resurrection!