

2nd Sunday of Advent

Love

John 3:16

16 For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

(NIV)

- Rev. 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

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

20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

21 And he has given us this command:
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Heb 12:14-15

14 Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. (NIV)

- Proverbs 18:19

19 An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.

(NIV)

- **Col 3:12-13**

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

- **Martin Luther Selections From his Writings Edited by John Dillengerger**
- Hence the man of faith, without being driven, willingly and gladly seeks to do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of hardships, for the sake of the love and glory of the God who has shown him such **grace**.

- 1 Cor 1:26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

- **Phil 2:3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.**

4 Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 **Your attitude** should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.