

Eucharistic Homily

Seventh Lord's Day after Pentecost

July 24, 2022

All too often, our idea of love is warped and self-serving. We tend to think of love as doing only what will make other people feel good. We tend to think of love as that which will make other people like us. We tend to think of love as a tool to get what we want from others.

This sort of counterfeit love destroys marriages as each spouse pursues their own desires. This counterfeit love leaves children in their sin as parents refuse to confront and correct sin. This kind of counterfeit love makes Christian fellowship impossible as sin runs rampant while everybody pretends like everything's okay.

But this Table shows us what Christian love really looks like. The ultimate expression of love is the body of Christ broken to heal our brokenness and the blood of Christ poured out for our redemption. Christ-like love seeks the good of others no matter the cost. Christ-like love refuses to overlook or condone sin. Christ-like love brings sin out of hiding and into the light in order to kill it and cover it for good.

So reject all forms of false love, and come to the Savior, who loves you too much to leave you in your sin. All who are baptized and are trusting in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins are welcome to partake of this feast. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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