



**Milwaukee
Mennonite
Church**

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I John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them. This is how love has been perfected in us, so that we can have confidence on the Judgment Day, because we are exactly the same as God is in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear, because fear expects punishment. The person who is afraid has not been made perfect in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God" and hate their brothers or sisters are liars. After all, those who don't love their brothers or sisters whom they have seen can hardly love God whom they have not seen! This commandment we have from him: Those who claim to love God ought to love their brother and sister also.

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter **Spring hymn sing!**

GATHERING

Call to worship 1 John 4:7-21
7 Come let us all unite to sing
43 God, be the love
44 We long to know her
57 Holy spirit come with power

PRAISING

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-10
70 Praise God
158 I know God loves me
170 Wonderful grace of Jesus
563 Come thou fount

TELLING, SHARING, LIVING GOD'S STORY

Scripture: 1 John 4:11-16
412 My soul cries out
600 O Thou in whose presence
631 Take Thou my hand
Scripture: 1 John 4:16-21
760 Take my life, that I may be
804 There is more love somewhere

RESPONDING

Sharing our lives and prayers
453 As I went down to the river to pray

SENDING

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21
816 Guide our feet
Announcements