

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SONGS OF ASCENSION

June 9 & 10, 2018

11:00 am



AS WE GATHER

“Rejoice in hope.” Paul’s timeless directive to the Christians at Rome in the first century speaks to us today. We are in a season of hope—a season when seeds are planted and creation is being renewed. Even in times when situations in life have challenges for us, in Christ we are being renewed day by day. As we live in our baptismal grace, the Holy Spirit works in us and through us.

PRE-SERVICE “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Instrumental



OPENING HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”

LSB 725

Sunday School Children v.1 Congregation v. 2-4

Children of the heav’nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e’er was given.

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**



BAPTISM OF LUCAS ALAN SMITH *LSB* pg. 268

(Please Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: **Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

People: **Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!**

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

**People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

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.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

(OR)

Seminary Student: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12, Philippians 1:6*

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin.
People: **Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to live in hope as we seek to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,**
Pastor: who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Genesis 3:8–15*

(The fall into sin in the Garden of Eden)

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1*

(We look with hope to the things that are unseen.)

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ⁵ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)



HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 3:20–35* (Jesus teaches about who truly is His family.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰ Then he went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from

Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”²³ And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter,²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”³¹ And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.³² And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.”³³ And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 207

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN'S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” LSB 790, v. 1

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Songs of Ascension”

Ranked #9



SERMON



VBS VOLUNTEER COMMISSIONING

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As dear children ask their dear Father, let us bring to the Lord our prayers, knowing He will hear us and respond to our petitions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: As citizens of our blessed land, we pray for the world in which we live and for the leaders of every nation, including our own, that peace would prevail around the globe and that we live without fear in our times. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In this season of growth, we pray for the Church, that it grow and flourish even in those places where persecution for our Lord's sake is known. Let the light of the glory of God be reflected in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gathered in heart and mind, we pray for those in need of special petitions, including those who are ill, those dealing with special challenges, the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who grieve this day, [*including . . .*]. According to Your good and gracious will, bring strength to the weak, assurance to the fearful, and hope to those in peril. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: Confident of our identity in Christ and assured that our heavenly Father hears our petitions, we say with hopeful hearts and voices:

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERING “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” *LSB 806* Tied for #24

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. Give thanks.

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord* John 20:19 *LSB 209*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS. "You are God Alone"

Foote

Tied for #23

You are not a god created by human hands. You are not a god dependent on any mortal man. You are not a god in need of anything we can give. By Your plan, that's just the way it is.

You are God alone — from before time began You were on Your throne; You are God alone. And right now, in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne. You are God alone.

You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are. You're unchangeable. You're unshakable. You're unstoppable. That's what You are.

You're the only God whose power none can contend. You're the only God whose name and praise will never end. You're the only God who's worthy of ev'rything we can give. You are God —that's just the way it is. You are God alone — from before time began You were on Your throne; You are God alone. And right now, in the good times and bad, You are on Your throne. You are God alone.

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"Grace Like Rain

Agnew/Collins/Excell/Newton

Tied for #22

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found was blind but now I see so clearly.

CHORUS 1: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're

washed away.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

**CHORUS 2: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away.**

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun. **CHORUS 2 X 2**

... They're washed away.

(Please Stand)



BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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.**



FAREWELL AND GODSPEED FOR MRS. ALICIA KLUG, WORD OF LIFE PRINCIPAL

CLOSING HYMN "Your Grace is Enough" *Maher* Tied for #26

**Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.**

**CHORUS: So remember Your people, remember Your children,
remember Your promise O God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. CHORUS**

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me. CHORUS**

**Yeah, Your grace is enough; Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I sing Your grace is enough; I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

POSTLUDE

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