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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, June 26, 2022 11:00 AM

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WEEKEND WORSHIP TIMES

5:00 pm Saturday Worship
8:15 am Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School and Bible Class
11:00 am Sunday Worship (Contemporary Music)

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TREE OF LIFE SERMON SERIES

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AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. Even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. “I, even I only, am left!” he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn’t true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God’s presence and provision in Elijah’s life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! Even when you may think or feel that you are alone, you are not! God’s presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

PRESERVICE

Instrumental

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: SEEK YE FIRST

LSB 712

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you!
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone, But by ev’ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu, alleluia!

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(Please Stand)

INVOCATION *Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 11:1; Exodus 19:5*

- P** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

- P** The tree of life:
C God’s promise of salvation.

- P** Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant,
C you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(or)

A 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.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

☩ **WORD** ☩

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 12:1-13*

¹ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²“This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. ⁴And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, ⁶and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

⁷“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. ¹⁰And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13-25*

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51-62*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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51 उहाँको स्वर्गारोहणको दिन नजिकै आइपुग्दा उहाँले यरूशलेमतिरै जाने अठोट गर्नुभयो। 52 अनि उहाँले समाचार लाने मानिसहरूलाई पहिलेबाटै पठाउनुभयो। तिनीहरू गए, र उहाँको निम्ति सबै कुरा तयार पार्नलाई सामरीहरूको एउटा गाउँमा पसे। 53 तर यरूशलेमतिर जाने उहाँको दृढ विचार थाहा पाएर तिनीहरूले उहाँलाई स्वागत गरेनन्। 54 तब यो देखेर उहाँका चेलाहरू याकूब र यूहन्नाले भने, “प्रभुज्यू, के तपाईं चाहनुहुन्छ कि स्वर्गबाट आगो बर्साएर यिनीहरू भस्म होऊन् भनी हामी आज्ञा गरौं?” 55 तर फर्केर उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई हप्काउनुभयो। 56 अनि उहाँहरू अर्को गाउँतिर जानुभयो। 57 उहाँहरू बाटोमा जाँदै गर्नुहुँदा, एक जना मानिसले उहाँलाई भन्यो, “हे प्रभु, तपाईं जता जानुहुन्छ म तपाईंको पछि लाग्नेछु।” 58 तब येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “स्यालका दुला छन्, र आकाशका चराचुरुङ्गीहरूका गुँड, तर मानिसको पुत्रको त शिर राख्ने ठाउँ पनि छैन।” 59 उहाँले अर्कोलाई भन्नुभयो, “मेरो पछि लाग।” तर त्यसले भन्यो, “पहिले मेरा बाबुलाई गाड्न जान दिनुहोस्।” 60 उहाँले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “मुर्दाहरूलाई आफ्नै मुर्दा गाड्न देओ, तर तिमी गएर परमेश्वरका राज्यको सुसमाचार प्रचार गर।” 61 अर्काले पनि भन्यो, “प्रभु, म तपाईंको पछि लाग्नेछु, तर पहिले आफ्नो घरमा हुनेहरूबाट मलाई बिदा लिन दिनुहोस्।” 62 तर येशूले त्यसलाई भन्नुभयो, “आफ्नो हात हलोमा लगाएर पछिलतिर हेर्ने कोही पनि परमेश्वरका राज्यको योग्यको हुँदैन।”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु -

एक ईश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृजनेमाथि ।
 अनि उहाँको एकले पुत्र हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि ।
 उहाँ पवित्र-आत्माका शक्तिले देहधारी हुनुभयो ।
 कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो ।
 पन्तियस पिलातसको अधिकारमा दुःख भोगनुभयो ।
 क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो ।
 मारिनुभयो अनि गाडिनुभयो । आत्मालोकमा उत्रनुभयो ।
 तेस्रो दिनमा मरेकाहरूबाट बिउँतनुभयो ।
 स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो ।
 सर्वशक्तिमान ईश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नु भएको छ ।
 जहाँदेखि उहाँ
 जीउँदो र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई आउनुहुनेछ ।
 म विश्वास गर्दछु -
 पवित्र आत्मामाथि, पवित्र विश्व एब्लेसियामाथि,
 पवित्रहरूको संगतिमाथि,
 पाप मोचनमाथि, शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि
 र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि आभिन ।

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE GOD LOVES ME DEARLY

LSB 392 v.1

I God loves me dear - ly, Grants me sal -
 va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.
Refrain
 There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, Loves e - ven me.

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SONG OF THE DAY: RESCUER Hastings

There is good news for the captive
 Good news for the shamed
 There is good news for the one who walked away
 There is good news for the doubter
 The one religion failed
 For the good Lord has come to seek and save

CHORUS: He's our Rescuer! He's our Rescuer!
We are free from sin forevermore.
Oh how sweet the sound! Oh how grace abounds!
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man
Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores
He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive
Oh the good Lord is the way the truth the life
Yes the good Lord is the way the truth the life CHORUS

So come and be chainless, Come and be fearless
Come to the foot of Calvary There is redemption for every affliction
Here at the foot of Calvary REPEAT, CHORUS

Will praise the Lord our Rescuer
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SERMON

(Please Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your presence in our lives.**
- P** Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. [*Grant Your healing mercies to those we name before You, especially . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

(Special Petitions)

- P** Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

OFFERTORY: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

LSB 783 v. 1, 4 & 6



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

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✠ 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 Christians 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.

How should we each examine ourselves before coming to Holy Communion?

1. *Be aware of our sins and be sorry for them*
2. *Believe in our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in His words in the Sacrament*
3. *Intend, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to live as God's forgiven people walking in newness of life*

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)
हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बसुहुन्छ,
तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,
तपाईंको ँच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ त्यस्तै ँस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्।
हाम्रा अपराध क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्।
किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।
आमिन्।

PAX DOMINI *John 20:19*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen

AGNUS DEI *John 1:29*

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please Be Seated)

‡ **DISTRIBUTION SONGS** ‡

GRACE LIKE RAIN Agnew/Collins/Excell/Newton

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: 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

Interlude

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 X 2

. . . They're washed away.
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SWEETLY BROKEN Riddle

To the cross I look, to the cross I cling
Of its suffering I do drink
Of its work I do sing
For on it my Savior both bruised and crushed
Showed that God is love
And God is just

CHORUS: At the cross You beckon me
 You draw me gently to my knees, and I am
 Lost for words, so lost in love,
 I'm sweetly broken, wholly surrendered

What a priceless gift, undeserved life
Have I been given
Through Christ crucified
You've called me out of death
You've called me into life
And I was under Your wrath
Now through the cross I'm reconciled CHORUS X2

In awe of the cross I must confess
How wondrous Your redeeming love and
How great is Your faithfulness CHORUS X2

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(Please Stand)

BENEDICAMUS

P We are people loved by Christ
C **Sharing Christ's love.**

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P 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.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: **YOU NEVER LET GO** Redman

Even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

CHORUS: Oh no You never let go Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

And I will fear no evil For my God is with me
And if my God is with me Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear CHORUS

You keep on runnin' and You never let go . . . Singin' CHORUS

Yes I can see a light That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles But until that day comes
Still I will praise You Still I will praise You REPEAT, REPEAT CHORUS X2

Lord, You never let go of me.
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POSTLUDE

Instrumental

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