

# **Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 29, 2025 (9:00 a.m.)**

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Our values are**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission (Go,  
Make Disciples...)**

## **PRELUDE**

## **GREETING**

## **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P: The peace of the Lord be with you**

**C: And also with you.**

## **OPENING HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LW 339**

**Speak, O Lord, your servant listens, let your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r its inward strife, wars against your Word of life;  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor that I cling to you forever!!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near you and to listen to your voice;  
Let me ever love and hear you, let your Word be now my choice!  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at your Word,  
But to me, who know my burden, show me now your Word of pardon!**

**Lord, your words are waters living, when my thirsting spirit pleads;  
Lord, your words are bread life giving, on your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light through death's vale, its dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing, and my cup of joy unfailing!**

**Precious Jesus, I entreat you, let your words in me take root;  
Let this gift of heav'n enrich me so that I bring gen'rous fruit:  
Never take them from my heart till I see you as you are,  
When in heav'nly bliss and glory I will meet you and adore you!**

## INVOCATION

*(ref. Matthew 18:20)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *(1 John 1:8)*

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:9)***

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. *(ref. Ps 32:5)*

**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 the Word I announce the grace of God to you: your sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Ref. Matt. 18:18; John 20:22-23)*

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE "This Is the Feast Of Victory" LW page 182-183 *(Rev.5:11-13)*

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C\*: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor  
and blessing and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia  
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all  
creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the  
Lamb forever. Amen  
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was  
slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray...

**C:** **Amen**

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**1 Kings 19:9b-16**

The word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup>He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." <sup>11</sup>The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup>After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, broken down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." <sup>15</sup>The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

**It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ... <sup>13</sup>You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup>The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. <sup>16</sup>So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. <sup>17</sup>For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. <sup>19</sup>The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

**R: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE (stand)**

*(John 6:68)*

**C: Alleluia Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**HOLY GOSPEL Luke 9:43-56**

**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, he said to his disciples, <sup>44</sup>"Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." <sup>45</sup>But they did not understand what this meant. It was hidden from them, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask him about it. <sup>46</sup>An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. <sup>47</sup>Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. <sup>48</sup>Then he said to them, "Whoever**

welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." <sup>49</sup>"Master," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us." <sup>50</sup>"Do not stop him," Jesus said, "for whoever is not against you is for you." <sup>51</sup>As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" <sup>55</sup>But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then he and his disciples went to another village.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" LW 381**

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy,  
All discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;  
Then by grace we all may win untold fruits of his creation.  
Jesus, unto you I die, there to live with you on high,

**Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,  
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be  
In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.**

## **SERMON**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed**

**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**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH   - concluding with**

**P: Lord in your mercy...**

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## **OFFERTORY**

**C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, And take not your Holy Spirit  
From me. Restore to me The joy of your salvation and uphold me with  
your free Spirit.**

## **THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **PREFACE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift your hearts and hands in praise**

**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.**

P: It is truly good, right, and helpful... evermore praising you and singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYERS AND THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

P: Our Lord on the night he was betrayed . . .

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

## **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 HYMN    "I Want to Walk as a Child of Light" LSB 411**

**I want to walk as a child of the light**

**I want to follow Jesus**

**God sent the stars to give light to the world**

**The star of my life is Jesus**

***Refrain***

**In Him, there is no darkness at all**

**The night and the day are both alike**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**

**I want to see the brightness of God**

**I want to look at Jesus**

**Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path**

**And show me the way to the Father.    *Refrain***

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ**

**I want to be with Jesus**

**When we have run with patience the race**

**We shall know the joy of Jesus.    *Refrain***

*Silent prayer*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**