

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- From Depths of Woe I Cry to You**

CW 305

1. From depths of woe I cry to you; Lord, hear me, I implore you.  
Bend down your gracious ear to me; My prayer let come before you.  
If you kept record of my sin And held against me what I've been,  
How could I stand before you?
2. Your love and grace alone avail To blot out my transgression.  
The best and holiest deeds must fail To break sin's dread oppression.  
Before you none can boasting stand, But all must fear your strict demand  
And live alone by mercy.
3. Therefore my hope is in the Lord And not in my own merit;  
It rests upon his faithful Word To them of contrite spirit.  
That he is merciful and just-This is my comfort and my trust.  
His help I wait with patience.
4. My soul is waiting for the Lord As one who longs for morning;  
No watcher waits with greater hope Than I for his returning.  
I hope as Israel in the Lord; He sends redemption through his Word.  
We praise him for his mercy.

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and

penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

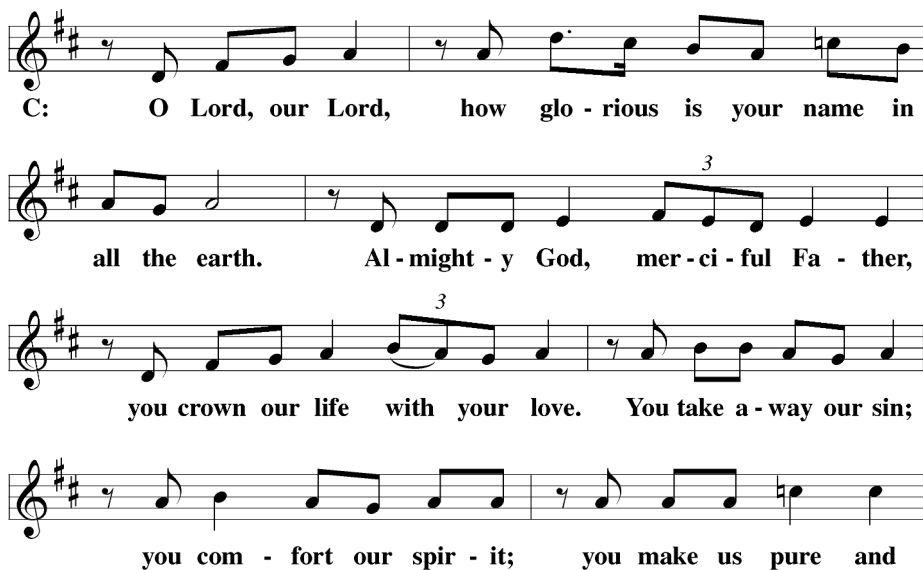


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*





ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

## THE WORD

### **First Lesson** ----- **Genesis 3:8–15**

They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

The LORD God said to the woman, “What

have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.  
You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your  
life.

I will put hostility between you and the  
woman,

and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head,  
and you will crush his heel.

*Refrain*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

*Refrain*

My times are in your hands;  
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy  
when I called to you for help.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## Second Lesson ----- 2 Corinthians 4:13–18

Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: “I believed; therefore, I have spoken,” we also believe, and therefore we speak. For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

*Verse of the Day*

*2 Corinthians 5:19*

*Tune: CW 183*



C: God in Christ has rec-on-ciled All the world which was defiled

To him-self and now are we Mess-en - gers of grace so free.

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*Stand.*

## Gospel ----- Mark 3:20–35

They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, “He is out of his mind.”

The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He drives out demons by the ruler of demons.”

Jesus called them together and spoke to

them in parables. “How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man’s house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and what-



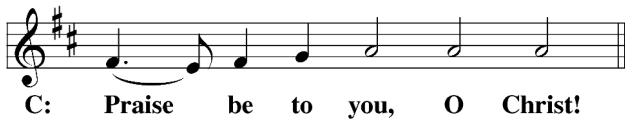
ever blasphemies they may speak. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin.” Jesus said this because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. A crowd was sitting

around him. They began to tell him, “Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.”

He replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, “Look, my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

### **Hymn of the Day ----- Let Me Be Yours Forever**

CW 596

1. Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.
2. Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, To you I all resign,  
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.
3. O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

**Sermon ----- Genesis 3:8–15**

*God Graciously Calls People Trapped in Satan's Power*

*Stand.*

*Nicene Creed*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Dedication of a Piano*

*Stand.*

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of the Gospel here and around the world.*

## *Prayer of the Church*

*The minister offers the petitions and the congregation responds with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the promised Offspring, Jesus Christ, whose death has crushed Satan’s head forever, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that as God received the meager confessions of our first parents for the sake of His grace, so He would forgive our sins and lead us forward in hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Church, her preachers, all servants who work, the generous who give and all who suffer with patience, that made brothers and fellow heirs of Christ Jesus by His incarnation and suffering for our sake, we may always do the will of God and so be true and faithful members of the household of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For courage, that as we believe, so we also would speak of the confidence of Christ’s resurrection; that we would be emboldened to confess this Christian faith from a lively conscience; and that, for Christ’s sake, grace may extend to more and more people for the glory of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our nation and its government, that as no kingdom or house divided can ever stand, God would frustrate the destructive work of Satan and unite our leaders and our people for the common good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: That God would lead us to place our true hope in His eternal kingdom, which is not of this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who suffer in this earthly tent, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that fixing their eyes beyond the transient to things unseen, they would not lose heart; and that God, in His eternal wisdom, would prepare them through this slight momentary affliction for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, when at last we are raised with Christ and brought into His presence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who commune, that as Satan once overcame our first parents through the eating of the tree's fruit, so Christ would overcome the devil among us here by the fruit of His cross, His body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: What was lost in Paradise has been regained by the conquering wounds of Your Son, crucified and raised again. In Him, we are restored as Your children and made bold to ask for every need. Hear us for His sake and in His name, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts



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

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



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old*

CW 267

*The congregation sings the bold text.*

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some slurs indicating phrasing. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with the bold text 'Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!' appearing on the eighth and tenth staves.

I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it  
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,  
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were  
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.  
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly  
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;  
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: **Ho - ly is God, the**  
**Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!**  
**Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the**

heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled  
at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

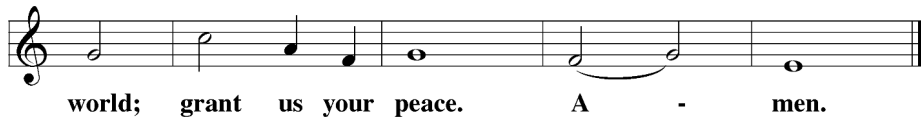
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

*O Christ, Lamb of God*

*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

#### Hymn ----- Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

CW 313

1. Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By his bitter grief and woe He saved us from the evil foe.
2. As his pledge of love undying, He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives his body with the bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
3. Jesus here himself is sharing; Take heed how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe, Judgment instead you shall receive.
4. Useless would be Jesus' passion If salvation you could fashion.  
Do not come if you suppose You need not him who died and rose.



5. Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, And receive my grace and favor;  
Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill."
6. Then hold fast with faith unshaken That this food is to be taken  
By the souls who are distressed, By hearts that long for peace and rest.
7. Praise the Father, who from heaven Unto us such food has given  
And, to mend what we have done, Gave into death his only Son.
8. If your heart this truth professes And your mouth your sin confesses,  
Surely you will be his guest And at his banquet ever blest.

# THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



### *Be seated.*

**Hymn ----- Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us**

CWS 753

1. Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,  
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.  
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!
2. We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.  
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent's head,  
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!
3. Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son  
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.  
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation's work is done!
4. (Solo) Lord, your changeless Word has fed us,  
Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!
5. Forward lead us; Christ, we follow, Drawn by Word and promise true:  
"To all nations preach the gospel; I am evermore with you."  
Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus, Quickly come! Make all things new!
6. Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.  
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

