

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- All Glory Be to God on High

CW 263

1. All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.
The Father's love, the Savior's birth,
Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;
Oh, thank him for his goodness!
2. We praise, we worship you, we trust; We give you thanks forever,
O Father, that your rule is just And wise and changes never.
In boundless pow'r, with mighty reign, Done is whatever you ordain;
Your rule brings countless blessings!
3. O Jesus Christ, the only Son Of God, your heav'nly Father,
You did for all our sins atone, And your lost sheep you gather.
O Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, Jesus!
4. O Holy Spirit, precious Gift, Our Comforter from heaven,
Our weary hearts and souls uplift; For this our praise is given.
Deliver us from doubt and fear; When Satan troubles us, be near;
We trust your love and power.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;





Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence orders all things both in heaven and earth. We humbly implore you to put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things beneficial for us; 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 ----- Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, who forgives guilt,
and who passes over the rebellion of the survivors
from his inheritance?

He does not hold onto his anger forever.

He delights in showing mercy.

He will have compassion on us again.

He will overcome our guilty deeds.

You will throw all their sins into the depths of the
sea.

You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to

Abraham,

as you swore to our fathers from days of old.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 25

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Refrain

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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 ----- 1 Peter 5:5-11

Likewise, young men, be submissive to those who are older. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another. For “God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.”

Therefore humble yourselves under God’s powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around

like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Verse of the Day

2 Corinthians 5:19

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand.

Gospel ----- Luke 15:1-10

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

He told them this parable: "Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my

lost sheep!' I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

"Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- O Christ, Our True and Only Light

CW 569

1. O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear your voice And in your fold with us rejoice.
2. Fill with the radiance of your grace The souls now lost in error's maze
And all whom in their secret minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
3. Oh, gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heav'nly rest.
4. Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'ers to your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart

5. That they with us may evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to you be giv'n
By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon ----- Luke 15:1–10

Joy When the Lost Is Found

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

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

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*Offerings support the spread
of the Gospel here and around the world.*

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

M: For joy in the remembrance that our heavenly Father has released us from guilt and shame and cast all of our sins into the depths of the sea, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: That we may be kept from impenitence and self-righteousness and rejoice at the return of many to the house of our heavenly Father, welcoming them as faithful brothers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Spirit’s help to keep us sober-minded and watchful, that firm in our faith we may resist the devil, who prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For those who govern in our nation, especially our president, our governor, and all those elected and appointed to serve us in the Lord’s name, that the nations would be given an end to violence and terror, and that we would be guided to work toward the common good for the sake of those most vulnerable, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For [_____ and] all who suffer in our midst, that our heavenly Father would remind them continually of His benefits, forgive all their iniquities, heal all their diseases and crown them with steadfast love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

- M: In thanksgiving for the grace and love of Christ, who sought us lost and dead sinners and made us alive through His Word; and in joyful anticipation of the celebration of all the heavenly host as we feast on Christ's body and blood at His table this day, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: That we, who do not deserve to be called God's children but yet have been embraced by our heavenly Father in Baptism, would be kept from squandering our inheritance in Christ through unholy living, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we all like sheep have gone astray and have allowed ourselves to be led from the right path by Satan and our sinful flesh. We implore You, graciously forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may abide in Your Word in true repentance and steadfast faith, and so continue in Your Church to the end and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.



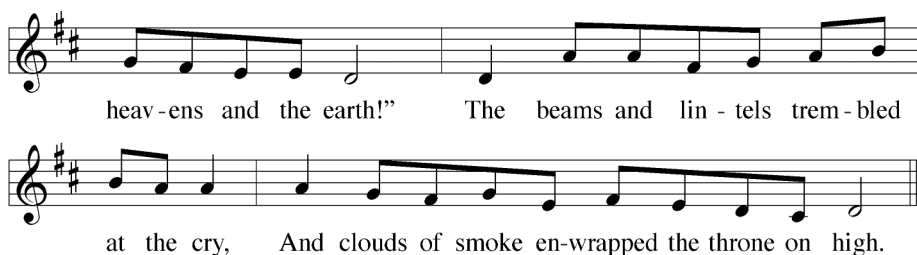
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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 written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

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



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.”

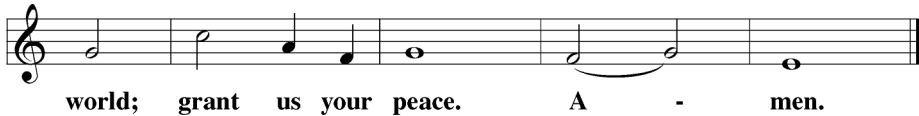
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei





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 hymns:

Hymn ----- From Eternity, O God
CW 461

1. From eternity, O God, In your Son you did elect me.
Therefore, Father, on life's road Graciously to heav'n direct me;
Send to me your Holy Spirit That his gifts I may inherit.
2. Born alive but dead in sin, Lost to all good things by nature,
I was found and changed within And became a newborn creature.
Sinful flesh works ruination, But the Spirit works salvation.

3. Drive away the gloomy night Of my darkened mind's reflection.
Quench all thoughts that are not right; Hold my reason in subjection.
For your truth may I be yearning, Heav'nly wisdom ever learning.
4. As a branch upon a vine, In my blessed Lord implant me;
Ever of my head divine To remain a member grant me.
Oh, let him, my Lord and Savior, Be my life and love forever!
5. Faith and hope and charity Graciously, O Father, give me;
Be my guardian constantly That the devil may not grieve me.
Grant me humbleness and gladness, Peace and patience in my sadness.
6. Help me speak what's right and good And keep silence on occasion.
Help me pray, Lord, as I should; Help me bear my tribulation.
Help me die and let my spirit Everlasting life inherit.

Hymn ----- Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 390

1. Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.
2. What God does in his law demand And none to him can render,
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.
3. It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

4. Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.
5. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.
6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace-All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

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



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 ----- Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CW 304

1. Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.
Here is hope for all who grieve-Jesus sinners does receive.
2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
3. Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord forsaken;
Weary souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken
In his arms that they may live-Jesus sinners does receive.
4. Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!
Firmly in these words believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
5. I, a sinner, come to you With a penitent confession.
Savior, show me mercy, too; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve-Jesus sinners does receive.
6. Oh, how blest is it to know, Were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow By your blood and bitter passion,
For these words I do believe-Jesus sinners does receive.
7. Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to him I cleave-Jesus sinners does receive.



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