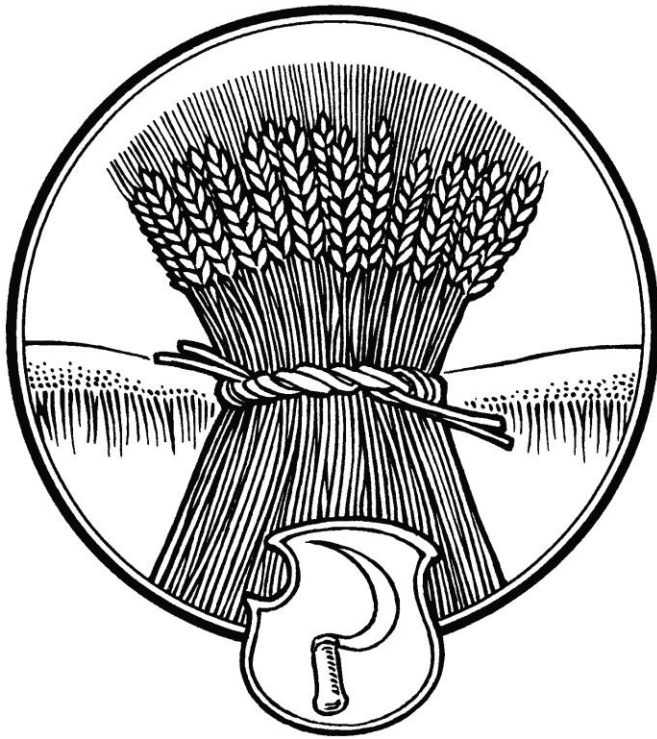


THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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DIVINE SERVICE SETTING IV P. 203-212

AS WE GATHER- THE LORD OUR GOD SAVES US IN LOVE AND CARES FOR US BY THE MINISTRY OF HIS GOSPEL- The holy Triune God “shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,” ungodly and at enmity with Him, “Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9-10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children through “that one man Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:12-17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For “all that the LORD has spoken” (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3-4). Nor does He leave us “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority “to heal every disease and every affliction” by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 10:7).

OPENING HYMN “HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING” 826

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠ P. 203

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

INTROIT PSALM 67:4-7; ANTIPHON: V. 3

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the
nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**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.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

EXODUS 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel." ⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

PSALM 145:3, 5B, 6B

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

EPISTLE**ROMANS 5:6-15**

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE**P. 205****HOLY GOSPEL****MATTHEW 9:35-10:8**

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." ¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother;

James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY "CHURCH OF GOD, ELECT AND GLORIOUS" 646

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in your Mercy, **C** Hear our Prayer.

In Our Prayers:

+ Associate Pastor to be Kyle Bliss

+ Sonya Clausen

+ Mark Barlau

+ Andy Birkholz

+ Margaret Lueck

+ Dave Wroge

+ Phyllis Ernst

+ Angela Litzau

+ Scott Christenson

+ Dan Gueningsman

+ Hillard Klaustermeier

+ Maya Radtke

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠ p. 208-210

The Sacrament is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord, as He says, gives not only bread and wine, but His true body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Our Lord Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us (Matt. 26:26-28; 1Cor. 11:23-29; Matt.6:15).

We practice closed communion. Why? (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Because our Lord says those who eat and drink His body and blood unworthily

do so to their great harm. If not yet instructed, in doubt, or holding a confession differing from that of the LCMS, you are lovingly asked not to commune at this time. Pastor is happy to make an appointment to discuss adult catechesis or questions you have regarding the Sacrament of the Altar.

Examination Questions: Please prepare by asking yourself — Am I sorry for my sins? Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior from sin? Do I believe that I am receiving the body and blood of Christ along with the bread and wine? Will I try, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to live a more God-pleasing life?

Prayers for “Before communing” and “Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament” are printed on the front cover of the hymnal.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL”	791
“YOUR TABLE I APPROACH”	628
“GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE”	571

NUNC DIMITTIS P. 211

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION P. 212

CLOSING HYMN “FORTH IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST WE GO” 920

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Attendance Last Week
Sunday: 119

Organist:
Lynn Mueller

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICE for Rev. Kyle Bliss will be held next Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 p.m. A light reception will follow the service in our church fellowship hall.

2. THANK YOU to all that helped make Music in the Park possible. Many helpers prepared and served food, and it was wonderful to see members of our congregation come out to support the youth of St. Paul’s. The money raised will be used to support ACT activities and the 2028 National Youth Gathering.

3. SANDWICH MINISTRY- Join us for our monthly sandwich making event on Thursday, June 18th at 8:30 a.m.

4. POLKA SERVICE AND HOG ROAST will be held on Sunday, June 28th. Service will be at 10:00 AM, with meal to follow. To help us plan for the Hog Roast, please use the sign-up sheet on the desk in the Upper Narthex to indicate your name and how many will be attending.

5. BASEMENT TABLES- New basement tables will soon be arriving. If you are interested in one (or more) of the old tables, please let the church office know. These will be available once the new ones here.

6. APPLIANCE NEEDED- We are looking for a microwave for Associate Pastor Bliss as he moves into the Teacherage. If you have any of these items available, please contact the church office.

7. SCHOLARSHIP Applications are available by the Administrative Assistant Office. Deadline to apply is July 1st.

8. LWML MEETING-All women are invited to join us for fellowship in God's creation (Jane's backyard - 1502 185th St, LP) on Monday, August 3rd at 6:30. There will be a short meeting followed by good conversation and light refreshments.

9. SCHEDULE- *June 21~* (One Service only) Ushers: Peter Feltmann, Cameron Mogenson, Duane Litzau; Acolytes: M. Vazquez, A. Vazquez; Greeters- Mike and April Lee Family; Flowers: Audrey Litzau; Altar Guild: Katelin Kinneman, Patty Dietel; Worship Bags: Elaine Peterson

Calendar of Events

Sun. June 14	9:00 a.m.	WORSHIP WITH CONT. LINE COMM.
Mon. June 15	Noon	Deadline for Lamplighter
Tues. June 16		Music in the Park Rain Site
Wed. June 17	Noon	Deadline for Bulletin
Thurs. June 18	8:30 a.m.	Sandwich Ministry
Sun. June 21	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION Installation and Ordination for Rev. Kyle Bliss

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

Why do we worship on Sunday?

Do you remember on what day Jesus rose from the dead? On what day did Jesus appear to His disciples on the road to Emmaus? If you guessed Sunday, you are right! The Early Church gathered on Sunday because it directed our attention to Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Many other miraculous events in the early Christian Church, such as Pentecost, happened on Sunday.



When did Christians begin gathering together for worship on Sundays?

We know from the Bible that during Paul's lifetime Christians met on Sunday to hear God's Word and celebrate Holy Communion (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2). Though Christians in different regions of the world sometimes worshipped on different days, by A.D. 325 most Christians worshipped on Sunday because they considered it "the Lord's Day." Wow, what a great tradition we share with our Christian ancestors!



Parents: In the Early Church, Christians used different terms for their day of worship such as "First Day" or "Eighth Day." The label "the Lord's Day" stands out as the most significant title chosen by the Church. Direct your children to the significance in having a particular day set aside for receiving God's wonderful gifts through Word and Sacrament.

