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The Third Sunday after Trinity

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✝ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✝

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider the abundant mercy of God in Christ, rejoicing that He seeks us out when we stray and receives us back gladly when we repent. Yeah, at times we all will fall into sin. Indeed, we should each consider ourselves the “foremost” of sinners. And yet God sent Christ to save us, and now He lovingly seeks us out, assuring us that He will receive us back with joy when we repent.

If you are a VISITOR here, we offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God’s peace and life.

Also, toward the end of our service today we will be celebrating Holy Communion, in which we will eat and drink Jesus’ body and blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Therefore, we ask that you would please see the statement titled “On the Sacrament of Holy Communion,” printed below, which describes our beliefs and practices regarding this sacred gift.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

ON THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: We believe that receiving Holy Communion together is a sacred expression of Christian unity, which includes unity in doctrine (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:5). We also believe that if we receive this sacrament in unbelief, we risk God’s judgment (1 Cor. 11:27-30).

Therefore, communion at this altar is reserved for those who believe and confess with us the teachings of our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Those who have not been formally instructed in our teachings should wait to commune until completing a course of instruction with us.

If you are a VISITOR and would like to commune with us today, please speak with the pastor before the service. If you will not be communing, you are welcome to kneel at the altar with your arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing, or you may simply remain in your pew.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

Stand

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 7:18–20

¹⁸Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 55:22a, 16, 18a

P Cast your burden on the LORD,
and he will sustain you.

C I call to God, and the LORD will save me.
He redeems my soul in safety.

Epistle

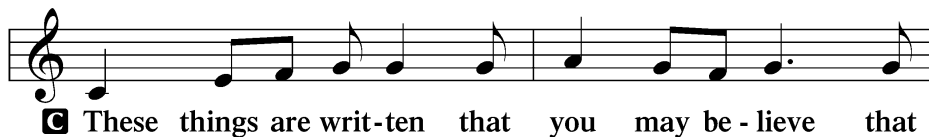
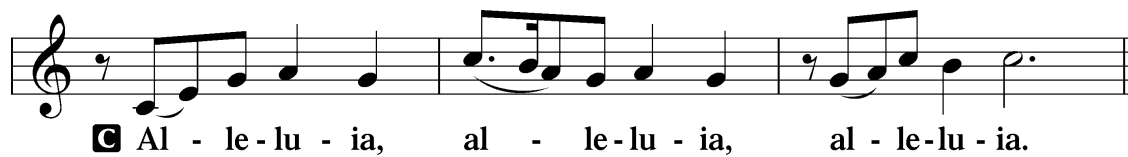
1 Timothy 1:12–17

¹²I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand
Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Sermonette

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Lord of heaven and earth, consider our afflictions and troubles, and forgive all our sins. To You, we lift up our souls. In You, we trust; let us never be put to shame. Seek us when we stray, work in us repentance, and by the voice of Your Son, our Good Shepherd, bring us back into the fold. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Bless the pastors and teachers of Your Church. Preserve them from all error, false belief or other great shame and vice. Fortify them in their vital work as they gather Your congregation together again around Your Word. Bless their preaching and teaching, that it would lead their hearers to confess, with St. Paul, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Defend Your Holy Church throughout the world. Keep her safe from all harm and danger. Defend those who suffer for Your name's sake, and give them boldness to confess the faith no matter the consequences. Even as we love life and strive to preserve it, do not let us love this life above the eternal life won for us in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Bless our country as we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, that we would cherish the freedoms we have and always stand ready to defend them. Give wisdom to all those who have been placed in authority over us, that as they strive to preserve life and livelihood in our land, they would do it with an eye toward sustaining the freedoms enjoyed in our nation, especially our religious liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Support and defend all who face trials and tribulations of any kind; those in any want or need; those who are burdened with animosity in the home and community; those who are suffering from illness, loneliness, depression, anxiety, unemployment or any other affliction [*especially* _____]. Give strength and endurance in the midst of all difficulty and, if it be Your will, grant restoration and relief. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Gracious Lord, You call all Your penitent children to the feast of Holy Communion. Grant that we who receive this most holy feast of Christ's very body and blood today would be strengthened in our faith and encouraged to love one another as Christ has loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

NOTE REGARDING THE OFFERING – Offering plates are located at the sanctuary exit doors where you may leave your weekly offering as you depart today.

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 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.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Visitors – Please see note on the inside front cover of this service folder regarding our Holy Communion policy.

For your health and safety at Holy Communion:

- *Please remain in your pew to receive Holy Communion*
- *Please temporarily receive the host (wafer) in your hands rather than your mouth*
- *Use of the common cup will be temporarily suspended*
- *When you take an individual cup, please be careful not to touch any adjacent cups*

Stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. 6/28 The Third Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** at 9:00 a.m. (those whose last names begin with A – L)
 - **Divine Service** at 10 a.m. (those whose last names begin with M – Z)
- Mon. 6/29 Pastor out of town**
Secretary Debbie on vacation
- Tue. 6/30 Pastor out of town**
Secretary Debbie on vacation
- Wed. 7/1 Pastor out of town**
Secretary Debbie on vacation
- Thu. 7/2 Pastor out of town**
Secretary Debbie on vacation
- Fri. 7/3 Church Office closed for Independence Day holiday**
Pastor out of town
- Sat. 7/4 Independence Day**
- Sun. 7/5 The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
- **Divine Service** at 9:30 a.m.
 - **Adult Bible Study** at 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE REGARDING OUR CURRENT WORSHIP SERVICES: During this time of COVID-19, some of our church members might feel it's better in their personal situations to wait a bit longer before returning to church. And we totally understand. Because of this, Pastor Vergin will continue to post our full worship services online **through June 28**. Pastor is also available for home visits where private Holy Communion will be given and COVID-19 safety precautions will be used. Please call the church office if you would like to schedule a private visit with Pastor.

PASTOR VERGIN AND SECRETARY DEBBIE will both be out of town on vacation next week. The Vergins will be in Indiana, and the LoCascios will be camping fairly close to home, and they would greatly appreciate prayers for safe travels. This also means that the church office will be closed from **June 29 through July 3**. If you are in need of a pastor during this time, please call Pastor Jonathan Moyer from Faith Lutheran Church in Highland at (810) 771-8177. Pastor Moyer has graciously agreed to fill in for Pastor Vergin while he is on vacation and is available should you have any urgent pastoral needs.

RETURNING TO ONE SERVICE STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 5 – We will be returning to one worship service at 9:30 a.m. starting next **Sunday, July 5**. Here's what you should expect when our regular Divine Service resumes:

1. We will still be distributing hand sanitizer at the entryway, as well as before and after Communion.
2. We ask that, at least initially, people wear masks when entering and departing the building and sanctuary (those who wish can remove them once seated at their pew).
3. Certain pews will still be closed to maintain spacing between congregants.
4. The "Sharing of the Peace," the passing of offering plates, and the common cup will still be temporarily suspended.
5. Holy Communion will again be distributed at the altar, but in smaller groups (the Pastor and elder will wear masks during distribution).

Please note that due to technology and time limitations, beginning on July 5, we will have to change how we develop and post our online content. Specifically, since it will now be recorded on Sunday, the service will not be available online until later Sunday or early the next week. Additionally, it will not be formatted/edited as extensively. Thank you for your gracious cooperation and your flexibility during the past few months. We rejoice in the Lord's protection and care, and we look forward to joining together as one in worship once again!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME IN JULY – Our Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will resume starting **July 5**. It will take place in the basement Fellowship Hall starting at 10:45 a.m. We encourage attendees to continue wearing face masks if they can tolerate them, and also to try to sit 6' apart during the study.

SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING – St. Mark's Semi-annual Voters' Meeting will be held on **Sunday, July 12** after the Divine Service in the basement Fellowship Hall. All St. Mark's members age 18+ are invited to attend. The Agenda will include a financial update, as well as a report on the progress that's been made in readying the three back lots to be put up for sale. We hope to see you there!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL NOT RESUME UNTIL AUGUST - Because of the pandemic, we have paused our Men's Bible Study over the past few months. Given the current state of things, including the limited service available at restaurants, we will continue this pause in July. However, we hope to resume Men's Bible Study in August. As usual, it will be held on the first Saturday of the month (**August 1**), from 9:00-10:30 a.m. Hopefully, we will be able to hold it at Greek Jalapeno, as usual. We look forward to seeing the men of St. Mark's there! We will keep you updated on specific details as we get closer to August!

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, please consider participating in their Community Rewards program and **link your shopper's bonus card to St. Mark's** so that our congregation will receive free cash each quarter! There is no cost to you! Kroger will send a percentage of what you spend to our congregation as a way of supporting the community. If interested (and we hope you will be!), please click on this URL below to see how you can link your Shopper's Bonus Card to our congregation: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>. In order to locate St. Mark's Lutheran Church, search for business # 82449. Thanks so much!

REMINDER: Don't forget to periodically check out the BUDGET THERMOMETER located on the bulletin board outside of the church office to see how we're doing financially for 2020! Thanks SO MUCH to all of you for continuing to regularly provide your offerings to St. Mark's either by mailing in your contributions, or participating in our Kindrid online giving program. We truly appreciate it!

INVISIBLE DAD LUNCH PROGRAM AT KEITH ELEM. – Although area schools will not be resuming until September, St. Mark's will continue to receive coin donations to help support Keith Elementary's "Invisible Dad" lunch program. This helpful program, started by a dad at Keith, keeps extra money in the school's Invisible Dad Lunch Fund so that if a student's personal lunch account falls too low, or if a student forgets to bring a lunch (or can't afford to bring a lunch), money is available for them to have the same lunch as other students at no cost. This saves the student the embarrassment of being offered only a sandwich wrap and/or cheese/cracker package (the state mandated free items that the school can provide). A clear, glass jar is located on the table at the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit any spare change you might have in order to help support this program. When school starts up again, the contents of the jar will be brought to the principal's office at Keith Elementary. Thanks in advance for your support!

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER – We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼" of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn't damaged. Thank you.



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

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