

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2020

Trinity Free Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND

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### INVOCATION

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

**Amen.**

### INTROIT: PSALM 56:3-4, 10-11, 13 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> When I am afraid,

I put my trust in you.

<sup>4</sup> ***In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can flesh do to me?***

<sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise,  
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

<sup>11</sup> ***in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?***

<sup>13</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
yes, my feet from falling,  
***that I may walk before God  
in the light of life.***

### OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, this world is not the way it should be. It is not the way you created it to be. There is sickness, unrest, injustice, fear, and sin. Have mercy. Grant justice, peace, order, honor, health, wisdom, repentance, and compassion. Teach us to examine the sin in our own hearts, and not merely in others.

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray that You will open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.

**Amen.**

### #136: "PRAISE YE THE FATHER"

- 1 Praise ye the Father for His loving kindness:  
Tenderly cares He for His erring children;  
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,  
Praise ye Jehovah.
- 2 Praise ye the Savior, great is His compassion;  
Graciously cares He for His chosen people;  
Young men and maidens, ye old men and children,  
Praise ye the Savior.
- 3 Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,  
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us,  
Praise ye the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Praise ye the Triune God.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9) And so with confidence we bow before the Lord to confess our sins.

***Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and ask You for Christ's sake, grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

### KYRIE

***O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us!  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us!  
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us!***

### **ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name, He gives power to become sons of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes, and is baptized, shall be saved. Grant this, LORD, to us all.

**Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: JEREMIAH 20:7-13 (ESV)**

- <sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.
- <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the Lord has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.
- <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.
- <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him."
- <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

- <sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.
- <sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

### **EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 6:12-23 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from where He shall 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.***

#### **GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.***

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

Luther Frette

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **OFFERTORY**

***We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust O Lord from Thee. Amen.***

#### **#208: "LORD OF OUR LIFE, AND GOD OF OUR SALVATION"**

1 Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,  
Star of our night, and hope of ev'ry nation,  
Hear and receive Thy Church's supplication,  
Lord God Almighty.

- 2 See round Thine Ark the hungry billows curling,  
See how Thy foes their banners are unfurling;  
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,  
Thou canst preserve us.
- 3 Lord, Thou canst help when earthly armor faileth;  
Lord, Thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth,  
Lord, o'er Thy Church nor death nor hell prevaieth:  
Grant us Thy peace, Lord.
- 4 Peace in our hearts, our evil thoughts assuaging,  
Peace in Thy Church where brothers are engaging,  
Peace, when the busy world its war is waging,  
Send us, O Savior.
- 5 Grant us Thy help till foes are backward driven;  
Grant them Thy truth, that they may be forgiven;  
Grant peace on earth, and, after we have striven,  
Peace in Thy heaven.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

#### **GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 10:5a, 21-33 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them ...

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

#### **SERMON: “SPARROWS STILL DIE”**

#### **#560: “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”**

- 1 Children of the heav’nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e’er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish:  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them,  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Praise the Lord in joyful numbers:  
Your Protector never slumbers.  
At the will of your Defender  
Ev’ry foeman must surrender.
- 5 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne’er forsaketh,  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

#### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

***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.***

#### **BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)**

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

***Amen.***

#### **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

***Amen. Amen. Amen.***

#### **DOXOLOGY**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Him, all creatures here below;***

***Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

***Amen.***