

# The Divine Service

## The Third Sunday after Pentecost

### June 21, 2020



### AS WE GATHER

It is great during good times to believe that God is on your side with His blessings. Have you ever seen an old black-and-white photograph of a church's Divine Service during or just after World War II? Extra chairs were added in the aisles for the great number of worshipers in dedicated attendance! Seventy-five years later, look around. Today Christianity has not only become more unpopular but is even seen by some as the enemy, the oppressor of freedom, the uninvited critic of a society that no longer labels anything as sinful. As it was for the prophet Jeremiah, to remain faithful to God means for now to be shunned, even persecuted. But the truth of God's Word does not change. It is like a fire that reveals and destroys sin but at the same time inspires and gives strength in the very bones of all who believe.

**Call to Worship**      **"This is My Fathers World"**

*The Hsiao Family*

### Words of Welcome/Theme of the Day

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

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

## Confession and Absolution

**P** We are gathered to celebrate and embrace God, our Father, who created us; His Son, who poured out His life to save us, and the Holy Spirit who works in and with us to open the door of faith.

**G** **Come, Holy Spirit, open our hearts to your power and guidance.**

**P** Filled with the Holy Spirit's power, we come before our great God, admitting we sin in thought, word, and deed as we betray the Spirit's gift to us.

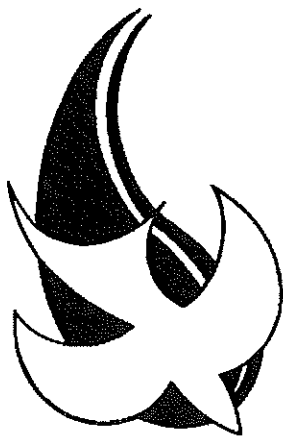
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Father,

**G** **We confess that many times we live spiritually empty lives and ignore your Spirit's power. You call, gather, strengthen, enlighten and comfort us, and yet we fail to embrace these blessings. Rekindle in us the flame of your Spirit, breathe on us your life-giving Spirit, and empower our lives for your service.**

**P** In the church, the Spirit daily and richly forgives the sins of those who repent and believe the Gospel. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (†) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**



Processional Hymn "Just as I am, without One Plea" LSB 570 verses 1,2,3



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -



Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Greeting**

- P** The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

- P** Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

<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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Romans 6:12-23*

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their 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>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? 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.

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## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the tenth chapter.

**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Anthem** “Be Not Afraid”

*Adult Choir*

**Sermon** “Who Is That?”

*Pastor Scott Henze*

## Apostle’s Creed

**G** **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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Petitions end, "Let Us Pray to the Lord"*

*Congregation responds, "Lord Have Mercy"*

## Gathering of Gifts

### Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.**

## Benediction

### Recessional Verse "Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

LSB 570 verses 4,5,6



4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,  
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,  
6 Just as I am; Thy love un-known Has bro - ken



heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -  
ev - 'ry bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea, Thine a -



find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



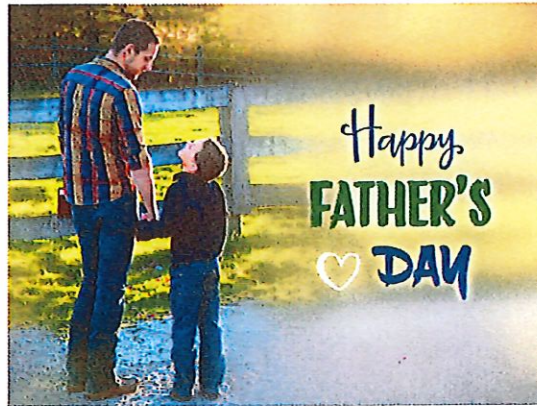
## Dismissal

**P** Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

**C** **Disciples making disciples.**

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God!**



### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 28 Via Zoom at 1:00 PM

Agenda: Presentation and vote of new Governing Board Members

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