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SUPPORT Christian fellowship,
And SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people*

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ Service of Holy Communion +
Divine Service, Setting One (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – *It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD!"*

PRESERVICE MUSIC & WELCOME

"Now Thank We All Our God" by J. Bleresch

[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

♯OPENING HYMN

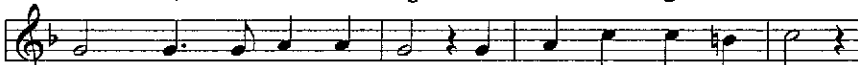
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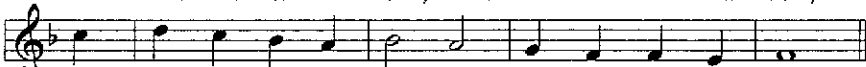
1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father and of the ∇ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P *We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P *Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ∇ Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11; antiphon: v. 13

P *For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,*

C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

P *When I am afraid,*

C **I put my trust in you.**

P *In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

C **What can flesh do to me?**

P *In God, whose word I praise,*

C **in the LORD, whose word I praise,**

P *in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.*

C **What can man do to me?**

All: **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.**

P *For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,*

C **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray.*

All: **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. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:12–23

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 10:32

All: Alleluia. Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Firm A Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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SERMON

“NOTHING TO FEAR”

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

- I. There is so much that causes fear in our life, especially now.
- II. Jesus reminds us today that we have nothing to fear because He has already won for us the gift of eternal life.

☪ NICENE CREED

C 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 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 worshipped 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For the Holy Church throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For this nation, that God's gracious Word have free course and that His righteousness prevails, let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all people, that we be preserved from discord and strife, that God grant us protection in every time of need, let us pray to the Lord.* **C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and dying, and for those who care for them [and for...], let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** *Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.*
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen**

PREFACE

- 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.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

SANCTUS

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

PAX DOMINI

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.* **C** Amen.

DISTRIBUTION / DUET

"It Is Well with My Soul"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** *Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*
C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** *The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you His peace.* **C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing.

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Birthdays: Kyra Hatton, DeLand Petersen]

POSTLUDE

"Sent Forth by God's Blessings"

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WE WISH TO THANK the following for their participation in our worship service this morning:

- Altar Guild.....Elsie Leiker & Marisa Showalter
 - Communion Assistant.....Bill Milliken
 - Counter..... Carl Kurth
 - Organist / Music Director..... Beth Buss
 - Special Music: Duet..... Kae Kemerling & Beth Buss
 - Seating Coordinator..... Al Axford
 - Service Web Recorder..... Robert Showalter
 - Service Live Stream..... Stuart Ruwet
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