THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Order of Worship – 9:00 AM

AS WE GATHER — While we have received great freedom in Christ, we must not use such freedom for our own selfish desires. We use our freedom to follow Jesus. We follow Jesus by living and walking in the Spirit of God, seeking to produce His fruit for the benefit of our neighbors. We cannot have caveats and conditions to following Jesus, as some people did in today’s Gospel. Such people have become conceited and arrogant, thinking they can make demands of God. Thanks be to God that Jesus knows better than we do. Where He is leading is infinitely better than where we choose to go with all of our caveats and conditions.

PRESERVICE MUSIC Pastorale on “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” J. Blersch

WELCOME
[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

OPENING HYMN
Sing Praise to God, The Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation, The God of love who understood
2 What God's almighty power has made, In mercy He is keeping. By morning glow or evening shade
3 We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness
4 He never shall forsake His flock; His chosen generation; He is their refuge and their rock,

Our need for His salvation. With healing balm our
His eye is never sleeping. With in the kingdom
And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother’s
souls He fills And ev'ry faith less murmur stills:
of His might All things are just and good and right:
praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:
tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!
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5. All who confess Christ's holy name,
   Give God the praise and glory.
   Let all who know His pow'r proclaim
   Aloud the wondrous story.
   Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,
   For God is God, and He alone:
   To God all praise and glory!

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES
P In the name of the Father and of the \( \texttt{J} \) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P God makes known to us the path of life;
C in His presence, there is fullness of joy.
P My heart is glad;
C my whole being rejoices.
P For freedom, Christ has set us free.
C So we stand firm, using our freedom to love one another.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS
P That is not how we always use our freedom. We have used our freedom for our own selfish gain, for our own gratification and ambition. As we come into God's house, we confess that we have used His gift of freedom wrongly and plead for His forgiveness. Heavenly Father,
C we confess that we have not always used our freedom to love and serve our neighbors. In our freedom we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in what we have done and what we have left undone. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive and free us from our bondage to sin.
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you, and for His sake forgives all your sins and frees you to live as His disciple. 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 \( \texttt{J} \) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen. We are free to follow Jesus and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

INTROIT
P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us your salvation.
P Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
C for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
C that glory may dwell in our land.
P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
C righteousness and peace kiss each other.
P Righteousness will go before him
C and make his footsteps away.

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 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
C and grant us your salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my
2 O all you pow’rs that He im-plant-ed, Arise, keep
3 You for-est leaves so green and ten-der That dance for
4 All crea-tures that have breath and mo-tion, That throng the

God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re-
si-lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has joy in sum-mer air, You mead-ow grass-ess, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart’s de-

joic-es, Would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs To all, when-
grant-ed! Your no-blest work is to a-dore. O soul and
slen-der, You flow’rs so fra-grant and so fair, You live to
vo-tion, Help me to sing God’s prai-es high. My ut-

ev-er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
bod-y, join to raise With heart-felt joy our Mak-er’s praise.
show God’s praise a-lone. Join me to make His glo-ry
pow’rs can nev-er quite De-clare the won-ders of His might.

5. Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav’n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
All: Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.
P Let us share this peace with one another.
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

1 Kings 19:9b–21

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Luke 9:51

All: Alleluia. When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake,    "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way,    A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your

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SERMON

“GOD’S FACE, SET TOWARD YOU”


Pastor David Vanderhyde, U-Hills

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 there 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the brightness of God.
3 I’m looking for the coming of Christ.

(continued)
I want to follow Jesus.
I want to look at Jesus.
I want to be with Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
When we have run with patience the race,

The star of my life is Jesus.
And show me the way to the Father.
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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. Dear heavenly Father, many in this world have rejected Your Son and His grace. Soften their hearts, Lord, that they hear Your Word and receive You with joy and gladness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, many people in this world are in captivity. In Your infinite wisdom, liberate those who are held by evil and unjust people and systems. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, raise up faithful leaders who are committed to liberty and justice. Oppose all those who would use others for their own ambition and pride. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help, hope, and freedom among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.
Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially ...]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

Dear heavenly Father, send Your servants to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message of freedom, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son’s death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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**

The Lord bless you and keep you. 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.

Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to bear our cross. Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He conquered death, He will free us from destruction. Give to from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus,

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience, Is there is no loss. Though today we sow no laughter,

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He immor tal breath. Let us mor ti fy all pass ion

4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen You are now our head. We are Your own liv ing mem bers;

(continued)
Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter. Jesus,
That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus,
Where you live, there we shall be In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever. Jesus,
Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide. Here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.
Here with you I die, There to live with you on high. Let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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POSTLUDE

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE
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July 7: “A Time to Talk”; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Talking to God—Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)