

8:00 AM

June 25, 2017

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Season of: Pentecost



Welcome, Guests!

Please complete our **Register**, located at the ends of the seats, with your name, phone, email, & address. Thank you for worshipping with us!

Information...

- A **cry room** is located off the welcome area.
- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Our monthly **In-Sites** has highlights and in-depth announcements, calendars, and up-coming events. In worship folders 1st Sun of each month; extras on kiosks.
- **INFO-KIOSKS:** Look for the triangular stands. They have specific ways to connect with our **WITNESS, MERCY, and LIFE TOGETHER**. Let us help you find ways to serve our Lord!

Serving Today...

Message:
Pastor Brad Stoltenow

Organist:
Susan Shoaf



✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

Ringling of the Bell ~ Call to Worship

Prelude

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins *from Ps 124, Mt 10, Rom 6; Jer 20*

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Jesus tells us: "Don't fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell" and "Everyone who acknowledges Me before others, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven."

C: We confess, Lord: We are sinful from birth. In our sinful nature, we have not always acknowledged You as Lord; at times, we have even denied You before others. We have sinned and cheapened Your grace to us, given at great cost. The wages of sin is death, and we deserve nothing less. Remember once again Your love and mercy for us given through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and forgive us. Amen.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination)

P: Thanks be to God, that we who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord! As a called and ordained servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

Prayer of the Day

P: We pray: Almighty God, our refuge, our fortress, our God in whom we trust: as you have done for Your people throughout the centuries, defend us from persecution, stand with us in our struggles, give us strength to stand firm in the face of fear and uncertainty, and raise us up with Your mighty right hand. Lead us by Your Spirit in these last days, as we bring Your name to bear in all circumstances and as we live our lives as Your chosen people. For You live and reign as one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

ALL: Amen! Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

Hymn of Praise # 895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Offering *Also Mite* Sunday ~ 4th Sundays*

You are welcome to fill out the Fellowship Book as it is passed to you! Visitors, you are our guests; your presence is a gift to us! Please give as you are led by the Lord in response to His grace and love toward you.

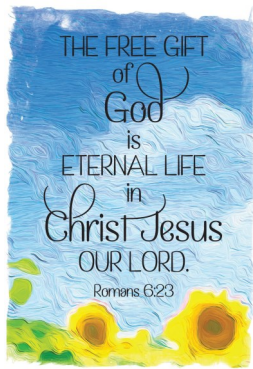
**Mite: A mite was a small coin of little value. Tiny amounts of money, gathered together and given in faith and trust back to the Lord, do mighty acts in His kingdom!*

Offering Prayer

Old Testament Reading p. 648 ESV Jeremiah 20:7-13

O LORD, You 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. 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



“Love must first be in the heart; otherwise nothing will come of keeping the Law. First teach how one may attain love, then the Law may be kept. But now Christ does not want His Word kept with the hand, as human laws are kept, but from the heart, with love and delight. But who supplies these? The Holy Spirit supplies them and no one else.”

~Dr. Martin Luther

Love is the fulfilling of the Law.

~Romans 13:10

long. 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. 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.”

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. 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. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For He has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle Reading p. 943 ESV Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 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. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 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?!

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, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. 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.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 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. 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. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter. C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

The Holy Gospel p. 815 ESV Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

These twelve [apostles] Jesus sent out, instructing them...

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 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.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 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. So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

“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. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.

Response

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Hymn of the Day # 687 “Thine Forever, God of Love”

Message

The Nicene Creed ~ Statement of Faith

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.

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!

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Holy Communion ~ 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!

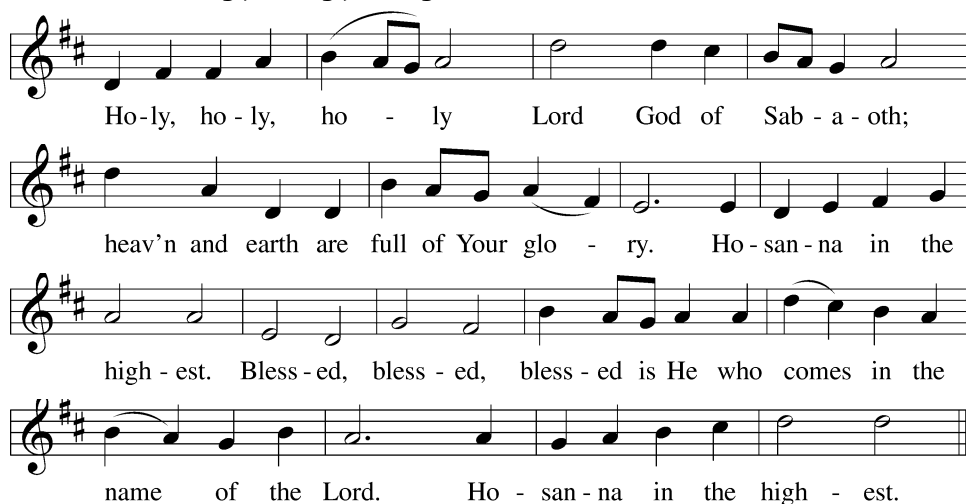
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise!

P: It is truly good, right, and beneficial 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake, He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

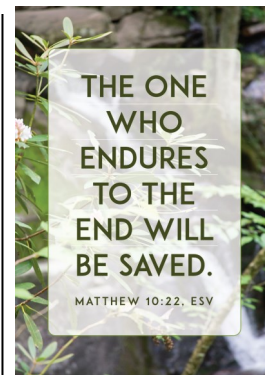
LSB # 961; Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
 heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is He who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25



When we speak the Creed, only because of the faith put in our hearts by the Holy Spirit can we declare (confess) the beliefs of who the Triune God is and what God has done. The Holy Spirit also comes to us in the forgiveness and new life we receive when we take the body and blood of Christ in the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper. This is life together as Christians!

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Preparation for Holy Communion:

Holy Scripture says: *One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Corinthians 11:28,29*

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with the pastor or elder.



Lord's Prayer ~ Table Prayer of the Church

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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 ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: **And also with you!**

You may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," or "God's peace," as a sign of reconciliation and of unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

P: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world.

C: **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world! Have mercy on us, and give us Your peace. Amen!**

Distribution

Directions for Holy Communion

You will be ushered forward for Communion. When receiving the host (bread), please extend your hand palm up. If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

Distribution Hymns # 570 "Just as I Am" # 573 "Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose Thee"

Post-Communion Prayer

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 ~ God's good-creative Word of Blessing

Hymn # 698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

The Disciple: Summertime - How are you seen by others?

Good old Summertime is the time for ball games, picnics, backyard BBQs, relaxing on the deck, patio or porch with friends and neighbors, fishing and block and office parties. It's a great time to relax with a drink or two. It's a time to be yourself. This prompts the question: Who are you as "yourself?"

Are you the friendly, likable, laughing, kind person that friends, neighbors and co-workers admire and want to be around? Or, are you the loud, boisterous, know-it-all who drinks too much, curses, talks crudely, argues with every point, dominates the conversations and makes other uncomfortable and resentful?

St. Paul talks about this in the Epistle for today: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies...but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life (Rom 6:12,13)." Jesus has Commissioned us to go and tell others about Salvation. However, if others see us as crude, rude and obnoxious they are going to have a hard time listening to us and believing our story of the kind and loving Jesus.

Summertime - Be a representative of Jesus

Join us TODAY in the park for 10 AM worship and 11 AM picnic!



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