



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

June 21, 2020

### Prelude

**Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory**

**Lutheran Service Book 850**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**C: Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you.

**C: To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.**

P: As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands.

**C: Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.**

P: Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us.

**C: Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.**

### OFFERING OF CONFESSION (*inspired by Romans 6*)

All: Almighty God,

We offer our lives to you as those who have been brought from death to life, and yet also as those who still cling to the way of selfishness and sin. We confess that we fail to acknowledge you as our master, and so we both live in and inflict the judgment of the law on ourselves and others. We seek your grace this day, that we may become obedient to your will and walk in your ways and in so doing, we would live into the gift of life eternal in you.

### GIFT OF ABSOLUTION

P: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. As a servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and

of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Having been set free from sin, may the holiness of God grow within you and around you. Amen.

#### COLLECT

P: 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.

**All: Amen.**

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**C: And also with you!**

P: We greet one another in the peace of the Lord.

*You are welcome to greet each other as forgiven brothers and sisters in Jesus, in your homes and in our chat, or send a text to someone you know sharing the peace of Jesus is for them.*

#### READINGS

A Reading from Jeremiah 20:7-13

You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed.

I am ridiculed all day long;  
everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> Whenever I speak, I cry out  
proclaiming violence and destruction.

So the word of the LORD has brought me  
insult and reproach all day long.

<sup>9</sup> But if I say, "I will not mention his word  
or speak anymore in his name,"  
his word is in my heart like a fire,  
a fire shut up in my bones.

I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> I hear many whispering,  
"Terror on every side!  
Denounce him! Let's denounce him!"

All my friends  
are waiting for me to slip, saying,

"Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we will prevail over him  
and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;  
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;  
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous  
and probe the heart and mind,  
let me see your vengeance on them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the LORD!  
Give praise to the LORD!  
He rescues the life of the needy  
from the hands of the wicked.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from Romans 6:12-23

<sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

<sup>15</sup> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup> Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. <sup>18</sup> You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

<sup>19</sup> I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. <sup>20</sup> When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! <sup>22</sup> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

A: The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup> You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who

stands firm to the end will be saved.<sup>23</sup> When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup> "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.<sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.<sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.<sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.<sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.<sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.<sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

##### **Song: Trust in You**

###### Verse 1

Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wondering  
Never changes what You see

###### Verse 2

I've tried to win this war I confess  
My hands are weary I need Your rest  
Mighty warrior King of the fight  
No matter what I face You're by my side

###### Chorus

When You don't move the mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust I will trust  
I will trust in You

Verse 3

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less

Bridge

You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood

SERMON

**Hymn: Let us Ever Walk with Jesus**

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APOSTLES' CREED

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: **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.**

PRAYERS

A: Lord in Your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Rejoicing in God, we pray:

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

**Song: No Longer Slaves**

Verse 1  
You unravel me with a melody  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear  
I am a child of God

Verse 2  
From my Mother's womb  
You have chosen me  
Love has called my name  
I've been born again into Your family  
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge  
You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me so I could stand and sing  
I am a child of God

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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