

The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, June 19, 2022  
St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Covington, Illinois

**HYMN:** "O Holy Spirit, Enter In" *LSB 913 / 235*

*Lutheran TV Hymns from the LSB St. John LCMS Hubbard, IA*

1. **O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living, To You giving  
Prayer unceasing And in love be still increasing.**
  
2. **Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching; Let our preaching  
And our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**
  
3. **O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower; By Your power  
Christ confessing, Let us see our Savior's blessing.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184-185

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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 unto 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.**

## PSALM: *Psalm 3*

<sup>1</sup> *O Lord, how many are my foes!*

*Many are rising against me;*

<sup>2</sup> *many are saying of my soul,*

*“There is no salvation for him in God.”*

<sup>3</sup> *But you, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.*

<sup>4</sup> *I cried aloud to the Lord,*

*and he answered me from his holy hill.*

<sup>5</sup> *I lay down and slept;*

*I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.*

<sup>6</sup> *I will not be afraid of many thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.*

<sup>7</sup> *Arise, O Lord!*

*Save me, O my God!*

*For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.*

<sup>8</sup> *Salvation belongs to the Lord;  
your blessing be on your people!*

*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.*

**KYRIE** *LSB 186 / TLH p.7 or 17*

*St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: *(Sung:)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 187-189 / TLH pp. 7-9 or 17-19*

*St. John's Confirmation Reunion, July 30, 2017*

C: *(Sung:)*

**Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill  
toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship  
Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to thee, for thy  
great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father  
Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that  
takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our  
prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the  
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy;  
Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the  
Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; 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

*Isaiah 65:1-9*

P: <sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;  
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here am I, here am I,"  
to a nation that was not called by my name.  
<sup>2</sup> I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good, following their own  
devices;  
<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup> who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.  
<sup>6</sup> Behold, it is written before me:  
"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their bosom  
<sup>7</sup> both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the  
LORD;  
because they made offerings on the mountains  
and insulted me on the hills,  
I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."  
<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,'  
so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;

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my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Galatians 3:23 – 4:7*

P: <sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>4:1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** "Free" *Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ*

*Refrain:* I stand at the tomb and rejoice in Jesus.  
He lives and He comes now for every man.  
I'm happy and free with my life in Jesus,  
I'm running to meet Him just as fast as I can.

1. I groped in the dark of my own blindness,  
I cried out that I might see,  
Then Jesus came and showed me His kindness,  
He answered my plea. *Refrain*

2. On that cross against the sky,  
He laid out His life for me.  
On that cross did Jesus die,  
And He rose in victory. *Refrain*
3. Now soon He'll come again in glory,  
And take me to my Father's place,  
And there I'll hear the wondrous story  
Of God's great love and grace. *Refrain*

*Ending:* We're running to meet Him just as fast as we can. *[repeat]*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 8:26-39*

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**P:** <sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized

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with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

#### **APOSTLES' CREED** *LSB 192*

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 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.**

#### **HYMN: “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** *LSB 656 / TLH 262*

*Higher Things youth conference, 2015, Concordia University, Seward, NE*

1. **A mighty fortress is our God,  
A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**
2. **With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

3. **Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill;  
They shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.**
  
4. **The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Though these all be gone,  
Our victory has been won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.**

**SERMON:** "How Much God Has Done for Us!" *Luke 8:26-39*

**HYMN OF RESPONSE:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Te Deum* Higher Things Youth Conference 2015 Seward, NE *LSB 790 / TLH 39*

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**
  
2. **Praise to the Lord,  
who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**
  
3. **Praise to the Lord,  
who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and,  
when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

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4. **Praise to the Lord,  
who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.**
5. **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **COLLECT FOR THE WORD**

**P: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a  
word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and  
to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your  
Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and  
from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your word  
may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.**

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION** *[LSB 202]*

**P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face  
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up  
His countenance upon you and give you peace.**

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN: “Amazing Grace” LSB 744**

*St. John’s Confirmation Reunion July 25, 2018 [LSB Audio]*

1. **Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see!**
  
2. **The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**
  
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.**
  
4. **Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven’s joy and peace.**
  
5. **When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise  
Than when we’d first begun.**

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