



**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
Wheatfield, New York

*Third Sunday After Pentecost, June 21, 2020*



**WELCOME & GREETING**

**OPENING PRAYER & INVOCATION**

- P** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- 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.

**PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY**

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -  
 a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with  
 health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His  
 tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Loving God, since You have called us by the light of Your truth to let that light shine through us to the world, give us the boldness, love, and strength to be Your faithful witnesses, 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 READING

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have 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.<sup>8</sup>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 long. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Romans 6:12–23*

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. <sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>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? <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>and,

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

“Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . . <sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children

will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the

end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>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.” <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered,

proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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

### 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 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.

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 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

### CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

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1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

### OFFERING

#### 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.

*After each petition:*

- P** Lord in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

#### THE LORD'S SUPPER

- 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. By Your holy prophets and apostles, Your saving Word has revealed to the world deliverance from sin and death in the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ, causing righteousness to be restored to Your world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - SANCTUS

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

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

##### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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.

#### PEACE OF THE LORD - PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Thanks be to God.

#### LAMB OF GOD - AGNUS DEI

- P** Lamb of God,  
**C** You take away the sin of the world;  
**P** have mercy on us.  
**C** Lamb of God,  
**P** You take away the sin of the world;  
**C** have mercy on us.  
**P** Lamb of God,  
**C** You take away the sin of the world;  
**P** grant us Your peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*We have prepared the reception of the Lord's Supper to be a safe and meaningful worship experience.  
Smaller groups, individually sealed bread and wine, masks and gloves will be used.  
Please follow the directions given and the guidance of our ushers.*

## 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 bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C** Amen.

## LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

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*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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