

Third Sunday after Pentecost

JUNE 10, 2018

WELCOME

We welcome you in the name of Christ. **We love welcoming guests/visitors** and encourage you to complete one of the blue cards in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We have a gift for you at our Welcome Desk – please stop by after worship. You are invited to join in all parts of worship. Everything you need is printed in this worship booklet except for hymns which are in the red hymnal in the pews/chairs.

All who desire to receive Holy Communion are welcome at the table. If you do not wish to receive, you may simply remain seated. For instructions on how to receive the bread and wine, see the Communion section later in this booklet. Portions of worship in **bold print** are to be spoken/sung by the whole congregation. **We stand** for portions of our worship service. Please feel free to remain seated, if you prefer.

CHILDREN AND NURSERY

We love having children in worship and welcome their active presence. Please also feel free at any time to make use of our fully equipped and professionally staffed nursery, located at the north end of the Gathering Area (main church entrance). **Our nursery is open and staffed during all regular morning services for children newborn to 5 years old.** Nursing mothers are welcome to use the Caring Corner (through the double doors opposite the Gathering Area). Special activity bags for children in worship are available next to the elevator in the Gathering Area.

SUMMER OF SERVICE

Our regular faith formation classes (Sunday school) take a break for summer. In June, join us for *Summer of Service*, an intergenerational, all-ages learning and serving opportunity every Sunday, 9:30-10:30 in the MAC (activities center). Each week hear from a local organization, connect their work to the scripture of the day, and do a hands-on service project together, made possible by Thrivent Action Team Grants.

OUR WORSHIP

Our worship is rooted in the ancient pattern of the church – gathering, word, meal, sending. The shape of this liturgy and much of the actual words/prayers come directly from scripture. Though we make seasonal shifts, the constancy of our worship reflects God's constant love and promises through forgiveness, scripture, and the sacraments of baptism and communion. Following this liturgical pattern, as well as the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of scripture readings, we are connected through our worship with Christians around the world and throughout time.

OTHER NOTES

- **Amplification devices** for the hearing impaired are available from ushers or at the welcome desk.
- **Large print worship booklets** are available from the ushers.
- A **restroom** is located at the north end of the Gathering Area (additional restrooms downstairs).

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Pastor Mark Radecke Pastor Paul Weber

If you're interested in why we do what we do, follow the notes in this column.

WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

GATHERING

We come from our homes, our labor, our struggles, and our joys – which we share in fellowship as a Christian community. We are gathered together as God's people to worship. In this first part of our worship, we share together honestly – our sins in confession, our joy in forgiveness.

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK: Lily Harmison

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are invited forward for a brief message with a pastor.

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (arr. J. Behnke, 2017)

(We stand)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The congregation turns and faces the baptismal font.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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.

+ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins, but no one should feel compelled.

Both our confession of sin and God's promise of mercy are rooted in our baptism. We come before God recalling our brokenness, but even more God's great grace.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We sing as the Spirit gathers us for worship. This hymn sets the tone for the day.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

665 Rise, Shine, You People!

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The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - men.
Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

This prayer collects the themes from today's scripture readings.

Liturgy, from the Greek, means "the work of the people." Our worship is designed so we all take part. We are far more than just spectators.

The Psalms were the original Hymns in Holy Scripture, used by God's people for personal and corporate devotion. They continue to be prayed, sung and read by God's people all over the world as a rich and honest expression of faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray . . .

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

(We sit)

WORD

The first half of our liturgy focuses on the Word of God through the reading of scripture and preaching. The pattern of reading, singing, reading, singing is an ancient one, which comes from Christianity's roots in Jewish synagogue worship.

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15 (see back of bulletin)

Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 130 The congregation sings the Refrain after it is introduced by the Cantor, and thereafter as indicated. Verses sung responsively.



Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steady love.



¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

²O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

⁴Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared. Refrain

⁵I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

The scripture readings follow a three-year cycle, called a lectionary. We are connected with other Christians all over the world, in many denominations, reading the same texts.

in your word | is my hope.

**⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

**⁷O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.**

**⁸For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1 (see back of bulletin)

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

The reading concludes:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(We stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION –

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Verse sung by Cantor:

The ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. (John 12:31,32)

All - repeat Alleluia

We stand during the gospel because we believe our Lord is present with us in the reading.

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

The creeds (statements of faith) date back to the 4th century and contain the basics of what Christians around the world hold to be true.

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35 (see back of bulletin)

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.

The Holy Gospel according to ... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(We sit)

SERMON

Pastor Mark Radecke

Silence for reflection follows.

(We stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

795 God, My Lord, My Strength

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Let us confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*The use of the
non-capitalized
word "catholic"
here means
simply worldwide
or universal.*

*We pray as a
community. The
assisting minister
leads this time to
gather the prayers
of all, and at his/
her invitation you
may add others
aloud or silently
in your heart.*

PRAYERS

After each petition:

**. . . Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

**Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Have a prayer concern to share? Forms are available in the back cover of each hymnal.

PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:
"Peace be with you."*

(We sit)

*Much more than
a pleasant
greeting – we do
this to proclaim
God's promise of
peace to one
another.*

MEAL

In the second half of our liturgy, we gather around the table, following Jesus' invitation. Here in this meal we encounter the risen Lord who gives himself for the forgiveness of sins and strengthening the Body of Christ.

Our offerings are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. They support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.

This song becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service.

OFFERING

8:00 *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* (C. Martin/C. Gabriel, 2010)

9:30 *Lead Me, Guide Me* (arr. D. Akers, 1922-1995)

11:00 *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* (G. Young)

Vocal Solo
Celebration Singers
Sanctuary Choir

(We stand)

OFFERING SONG *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray...

Gracious God, **be known to us in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving is an ancient part of the worship that proclaims our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The “Holy, Holy, Holy” echoes the heavenly chorus in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus enters Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility. Some will make the sign of the cross at the announcement of God’s presence: “Blessed is He...”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharist is the Greek word for thanks.

*These are the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture:
1Cor. 11:23-26
Matt. 26:26-29
Luke 22:15-20*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God,

Breath of life and Fire of love:

with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.

We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. In this prayer, all our needs and concerns are addressed. See ELW page 1163 for Martin Luther's explanation of this prayer in the small catechism.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this joyous day on Christ, the bread of heaven.

Alleluia!

(We sit)

COMMUNION

Processional Communion:

*Come forward, first receive the **bread*** and then take a glass from the trays. You will be offered wine from the pouring chalice. Place your empty glass on the tray and return to your seat via the side aisle. For those who prefer grape juice, pre-filled cups of juice are available from the center of the serving trays. You may choose to receive only the bread. You may come forward for a blessing if you do not wish to receive.*

**Gluten free bread is located next to the empty communion glass trays. Take one if needed and present it to a pastor for blessing.*

As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words:

“The body of Christ, given for you . . . The blood of Christ, shed for you.” You may say:

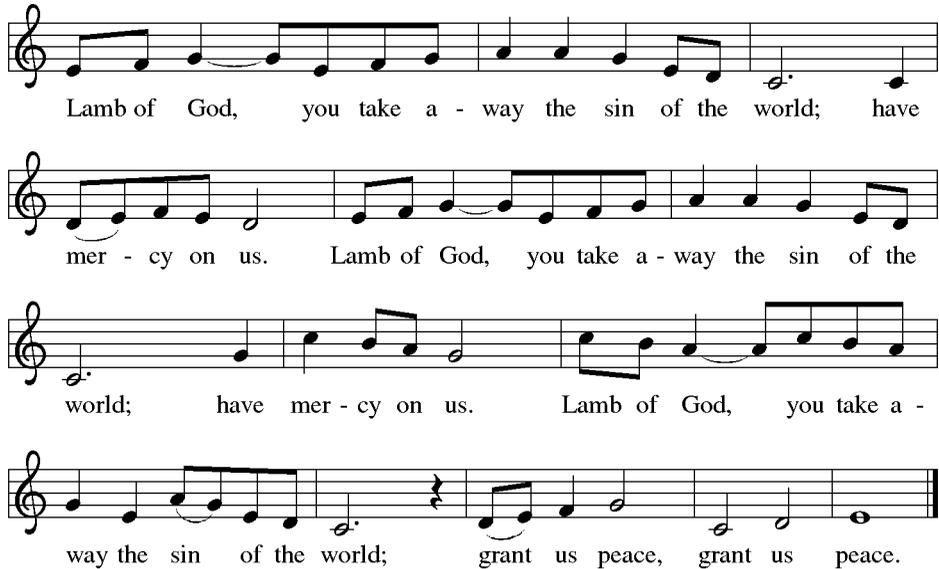
“Amen.”

The “last supper” was a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion. He invited them to share this meal in the future to remember him and he promised to be present in a mysterious, but very real sense.

All who desire to participate are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

483 Here is Bread

772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

(We stand)

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

We gather once more in song as our worship concludes, and we prepare to take this good news into the world.

In this blessing we are reminded we bear God's name as we depart to live out our baptism, serving our neighbor and spreading the gospel.

Feel free to stay and listen to music.

Our worship does not end, but continues in the world. In our daily lives we are called to be ministers of God's love and mercy as we live and serve by the power of the risen Christ.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

783 Praise and Thanks and Adoration

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The congregation turns & faces the cross reminding us that we follow Christ into the world & our daily lives.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Ein feste Burg" (arr. C. Penfird, 2018)

***After worship, the pastors invite you to greet them
and each other in the Gathering Area.***

**Please leave this worship booklet in the basket at the
sanctuary entrance for the next service and take
The Chimes home with you.**

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

PREACHING & PRESIDING MINISTER: Pastor Mark Radecke

ACOLYTES:	8:00 — Peggy Hill
	9:30 — Jim Doyle
	11:00 — Alice Wightman
CRUCIFERS:	8:00 — Margie Miller
	9:30 — Bill Whitmire
	11:00 — Neil Alexander
LAY ASSISTING MINISTERS:	8:00 — Larry Blade
	9:30 — Mary Elizabeth
	11:00 — Gloria Goeres
SOUND TECHS:	8:00 — Mike Koch
	9:30 — Bruce Matthias
	11:00 — Todd Hedinger
LECTORS:	8:00 — Larry Blade
	9:30 — Janine Miller
	11:00 — Sandy Harbin
GREETERS:	8:00 — <i>Ushers also serve as greeters</i>
	9:30 — Steve & Ann Bird
	11:00 — Pete & Tilton Weaver
USHERS:	8:00 — Gary Snyder, Frank Lambert, Tom Yeakle, Don Yeakle
	9:30 — Bonnie Lee Stidley, Yadie Febres, Roger & Pam Bergey
	11:00 — Terry & Linda Looney, Rion Looney, Hans Barthmus
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:	8:00 — Karen Matthias, Margie Miller
	9:30 — Janine Miller, Janessa Baker
	11:00 — Neil Alexander, Meg Wightman
MUSICIANS:	Elizabeth Williams, Music Minister
	Gianne Ge Zhu, Music Ministry Accompanist; Wylie Walton, Vocal Soloist (8:00)
	Cantors: Wylie Walton (8 & 9:30); Cynthia Page (11:00)

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Mark's birthday (June 16) and in memory of John Walter Stidley by daughters Bonnie Lee Stidley & Helen Smith and grandchildren, and in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary and in memory/honor of their parents by Neil and Kathy Alexander.

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