

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymn #908 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Your child and heir remain.

Your Word inspires my heart within;
Your Word grants healing from my sin;
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

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Versicles

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Psalm 84:10

L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: Teach me Your paths.

Psalm 25:4

L: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: Your Word is truth.

John 17:17

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

Introit for the Day

Psalm 56:3-4, 10-11 antiphon: v. 13

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

When I am afraid,

I put my trust in You.

In God, Whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

In God, Whose word I praise,
in the LORD, Whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

**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.**

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 4:1-16

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

recited by all

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn #801 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; Refrain

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **REFRAIN**

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **REFRAIN**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **REFRAIN**

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Catechism

Ten Commandments

- You shall have no other gods.**
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**
- Honor your father and your mother.**
- You shall not murder.**
- You shall not commit adultery.**
- You shall not steal.**
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**
- You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

Apostles' Creed

- 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.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Hymn #648 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them. . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Honoring Our Fathers

Catechism

selected portions from Martin Luther's Large Catechism

L: "Honor your father and your mother." In preference to all the other lesser stations of life, God has given special recognition to fatherhood and motherhood by commanding not merely that we should love our parents but also that we should honor them.

C: As regards brothers, sisters and neighbors in general, He commands nothing higher than to love them.

L: Thus He distinguishes father and mother from all other persons on earth, chooses them, and sets them next to Himself. For to honor is a much higher thing than to love,

C: for honor includes not only love but also

respect,

humility,

and awe,

directed, one might say, toward a hidden majesty of theirs.

L: Young people must therefore have it impressed upon them that they should look up to their parents as representatives of God and bear in mind that however humble, poor, infirm, or eccentric they may be, our father and mother are nevertheless God's gifts to us.

C: They are not to be robbed of their honor because of any peculiarities or failings.

L: First, then, learn what it means to honor your parents as this commandment requires.

C: It means that you are above all to prize and value them as earth's greatest treasure.

A Father's Day Prayer

L: Lord, we praise and thank You this morning for the gift of our fathers. You have graciously used our fathers as participants in Your continuing act of creation.

All: Lord, I thank You this morning for my father _____ .

L: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." We confess this morning that we have not always obeyed our fathers. We have shown them disrespect, been disobedient and have not honored them.

C: Forgive me Lord, and help me to live a life that brings honor to my father.

L: Lord, You have blessed most fathers with an unconditional love for their children. We are confident that as we pray for our children You graciously hear us . . .

Fathers: Almighty God and compassionate Lord, guard my child/children all the days of their lives. Protect them, I pray, from the powers of the Evil One. Bring them through trial and tribulation with their faith intact. And above all, I pray, inscribe this/these name(s) in the Lamb's book of life

_____ .

Wives: I thank you Lord, for my husband – the father of my children. May Your angels guard and strengthen him. May Your Spirit direct and preserve him. Bless now, I pray, _____ .

L: Visit, we implore You, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep far from them all harm and danger.

C: Grant us to dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, and may Your blessing be with us forever;

All: through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn "Father's Day Hymn" tune: "Your Table I Approach"

A dad who spares the rod
De-spis-es his own child
But he who dis-ci-plines his son
Shows love and mer-cy mild.

Proverbs 13:24

In-struct-ing all the time,
a fa-ther shows the Way.
He teach-es as he walks and talks,
All night and ev-`ry-day.

Deuteronomy 6:7

They say a fa-ther's love
re-flects the heart of God.
He loves his child-ren when they're good –
He loves them when they're flawed!

Luke 15:20

A dad who trains his child,
teach-ing all that is right;
Will find his child in ag-ed state
Still walk-ing in the Light.

Proverbs 22:6

Δ All glo-ry to the Son
Who comes to set us free
With Fa-ther, Spir-it, ev-er one
Through all e-ter-ni-ty.

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Blessing

Jude 24-25

L: To Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy — to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore!

C: Amen.

Blessing

Proverbs 18:10

***The name of the Lord
is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it
and is safe.***

What's Happening Next Week . . .

Hymn #763 "When Peace. Like a River"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

REFRAIN: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **REFRAIN**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **REFRAIN**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **REFRAIN**

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