

**THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

26 June 2022



Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Service of Holy Communion

With One Voice, Setting 5 Bread of Life

Prelude / Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: 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, the we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

There is a time of silence for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn # 690 “Shall We Gather at the River”

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise (page 29)

♪ **Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:**

receive our prayer.

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**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Glory to God, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God,
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. (*The Prayer of the Day is said, concluding:*)

C: Amen

Readings

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

**♩ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn # 716 “Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

Confession of Faith: Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs

(Each petition ends: P: God, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Offering

Presentation of the Gifts

♩ **Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first
given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of
your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who
offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♩ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

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.**

Holy Communion is celebrated today.

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♫ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Hymn # 703 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Post Communion Blessing\

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

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle

**♫ Thankful hearts and voices raise;
tell ev’ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and bear Christ’s holy name.
Send us with your promises, O God,**

**and lead us forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn # 764 “Blest Are They”

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Ringing of the Bell / Postlude

Pastor: Rev. Roberta Pierce

Organist: Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

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This Week At A Glance

Sunday 8:00 am Worship service at Faith
 9:30 am Worship service at Our Savior's

Those to keep in prayer: Ruth Braet, Denise Balster, Heather Grau, Lucy Lee Petersen, Velma Jensen, Megan Mineck Wentland, Ryan Dick, Neil Mason, Tim Burke, Barb Johnson; the homebound: Betty Schau, Carol Christensen, Bus Seastrand, Rusty Porth, Hazel Richards, Ron Gasper, Norman Bousset, Joan Shelton, and Myrna Kay Petersen; and those serving in the military.

The **education committee** is looking for volunteers to help with Sunday school: Teachers, helpers, substitutes or volunteers of any kind are needed. Please contact Cindy Burke or Ashley Steffens if you would like more information or to contribute your leadership.

It is time to prepare for the **basket raffle** to support the community fundraiser on August 27th. Baskets, containers, and items to go in the baskets are needed. You may also give a monetary donation for supplies. Please contact Mary Timmerman (563.940.0423) or Andrea Shelton (563.219.0047) with any questions or if you are willing to volunteer to help that day.

The Honesty of Jesus

By William Barclay | www.bibleportal.com/commentary/chapter/william-barclay

Luke 9:57-62 As they were journeying along the road, a man said to Jesus, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus said to him, "The foxes have dens; the birds of the air have places to roost; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow Me! Lord," he said, "let me go first and bury my father." He said to him, "Let the dead bury their dead; but do you go and tell abroad the news of the kingdom of God."

Another man said to him, "Lord, I will follow you; but let me first say good-bye to the folk at home." Jesus said to him, "No man who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is the right kind of man for the kingdom of God."

Here we have the words of Jesus to three would-be followers.

(i) To the first man, his advice was, "Before you follow me, count the cost." No one can ever say that he was induced to follow Jesus under false pretenses. Jesus paid men the compliment of pitching his demands so high that they cannot be higher. It may well be that we have done great hurt to the church by letting people think that church membership need not make so very much difference. We ought to tell them that it should make all the difference in the world. We might have fewer people; but those we had would be really pledged to Christ.

(ii) Jesus' words to the second man sound harsh, but they need not be so. In all probability the man's father was not dead, and not even nearly dead. His saying most likely meant, "I will follow you after my father has died." An English official in the East tells of a very brilliant young Arab who was offered a scholarship to Oxford or Cambridge. His answer was, "I will take it after I have buried my father." At the time his father was not much more than forty years of age.

The point Jesus was making is that in everything there is a crucial moment; if that moment is missed the thing most likely will never be done at all. The man in the story had stirrings in his heart to get out of his spiritually dead surroundings; if he missed that moment he would never get out.

The psychologists tell us that every time we have a fine feeling, and do not act on it, the less likely we are to act on it at all. The emotion becomes a substitute for the action. Take one example--sometimes we feel that we would like to write a letter, perhaps of sympathy, perhaps of thanks, perhaps of congratulations. If we put it off until tomorrow, it will in all likelihood never be written. Jesus urges us to act at once when our hearts are stirred.

(iii) His words to the third man state a truth which no one can deny. No ploughman ever ploughed a straight furrow looking back over his shoulder. There are some whose hearts are in the past. They walk forever looking backwards and thinking wistfully of the good old days. Watkinson, the great preacher, tells how once at the seaside, when he was with his little grandson, he met an old minister. The old man was very disgruntled and, to add to all his troubles, he had a slight touch of sunstroke. The little boy had been listening but had not picked it up quite correctly; and when they left the grumbling complaints of the old man, he turned to Watkinson and said, "Granddad, I hope you never suffer from a sunset!"

The Christian marches on, not to the sunset, but to the dawn. The watchword of the kingdom is not, "Backwards!" but, "Forwards!" To this man Jesus did not say either, "Follow!" or, "Return!" he said, "I accept no lukewarm service," and left the man to make his own decision.