

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9 JUNE 2024



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages. The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **RINGING OF THE BELL**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, †the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

### **HYMN #705 "GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY"**

### **GREETING (PAGE 138)**

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** (*PAGE 138-139*)

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.**

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...our Savior and Lord.*)

**C: Amen**

**READINGS**

**GENESIS 3:8-15 | PSALM 130 | 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13 – 5:1**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)**

♫ **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL (MARK 3:20-35)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUTH SERMON – Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen**

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**HYMN #462 “NOW WE JOIN IN CELEBRATION”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities,  
ourselves, and our world.

*(Each petition ends: P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.)*

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid,  
through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE (PAGE 143)**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

♪ **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

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 pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**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.**

### ***CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION***

*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.**

### **HYMN #781 “CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER”**

#### **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 HYMN (HYMN #595 v.2)**

**♪ Jesus loves me! He who died  
heaven's gate to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding*...Jesus Christ our Lord.)

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #543 “GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING”**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Rev. Leah Holloway-Nilsen

**Organist:** Jason Bousselot or Linda Whitman

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**This Week At A Glance**

Tuesday	12:00 pm	“Meet and Eat” at Buck’s Corner
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship Service at Faith (outdoors)
	9:30 am	Worship Service at Our Savior’s

**Those to keep in prayer:** Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Diane Sievers, Jade Jensen; the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Betty Schau, Bus Seastrand and Vera St. John; and those serving in the military.

A **can drive** is the God Squad fundraiser during the months of May and June. The collection bin will be located in the yard at Faith.

**Birdies for Charity** at the John Deere Golf Classic is a major fundraiser for the DeWitt Community Hospital Auxiliary. Donation forms with directions are located on the bulletin boards at both churches.

**Camila's Causes: A Tournament with Heart**

Camila Christine Barnes' 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
4-Person, 18-Hole Best Shot, Noon Shotgun Start

**Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Springbrook Country Club, DeWitt**

Proceeds will benefit "No Foot Too Small" and  
"Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Clinton County"

Registration information to come!



## The Conditions of Kinship

*Mark 3:31-35 His mother and his brothers came. They stood outside and sent someone in with a message to him. The crowd were sitting round him. "Look!" they said, "your mother and your brothers are outside inquiring for you." "Who" he answered, "is my mother and my brothers?" He looked round those who were sitting in a circle round about him. "Look!" he said, "my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will, he is my brother, my sister and my mother."*

Here Jesus lays down the conditions of true kinship. It is not solely a matter of flesh and blood. It can happen that a man is really nearer to someone who is no blood relation to him at all than he is to those who are bound to him by the closest ties of kin and blood. Wherein lies this true kinship?

(i) True kinship lies in a common experience, especially when it is an experience where two people have really come through things together. It has been said that two people really become friends when they are able to say to each other, "Do you remember?" and then to go on and talk about the things they have come through together. Someone once met an old negro woman. An acquaintance of hers had died. "You will be sorry," he said, "that Mrs. So-and-so is dead." "Yes," she said but without showing any great grief. "I saw you just last week," he said, "laughing and talking with each other. You must have been great friends." "Yes," she said, "I was friendly with her. I used to laugh with her; but to be real friends folk have got to weep together." That is profoundly true. The basis of true kinship lies in a common experience, and Christians have the common experience of being forgiven sinners.

(ii) True kinship lies in a common interest. A. M. Chirgwin tells us a very interesting thing in *The Bible in World Evangelism*. One of the greatest difficulties that colporteurs and distributors of the Scriptures have is not so much to sell their books as to keep people reading them. He goes on, "A colporteur in pre-Communist China had for years been in the habit of going from shop to shop and

house to house. But he was often disappointed because many of his new Bible readers lost their zeal, until he hit upon the plan of putting them in touch with one another and forming them into a worshipping group which in time became a duly organized Church." Only when these isolated units became part of a group which was bound together by a common interest did real kinship come into being. Christians have that common interest because they are all people who desire to know more about Jesus Christ.

(iii) True kinship lies in a common obedience. The disciples were a very mixed group. All kinds of beliefs and opinions were mixed up among them. A tax-collector like Matthew and a fanatical nationalist like Simon the Zealot ought to have hated each other like poison and no doubt at one time did. But they were bound together because both had accepted Jesus Christ as Master and Lord. Any platoon of soldiers will be made up of men from different backgrounds and from different walks of life and holding very different opinions; yet, if they are long enough together, they will be welded into a band of comrades because of the common obedience which they all share. Men can become friends of each other when they share a common master. Men can love each other only when they all love Jesus Christ.

(iv) True kinship lies in a common goal There is nothing for binding men together like a common aim. Here there is a great lesson for the church. A. M. Chirgwin, talking of renewed interest in the Bible, asks, does this "point to the possibility of a new approach to the ecumenical problem based on biblical rather than on ecclesiastical considerations?" The churches will never draw together so long as they argue about the ordination of their ministers, the form of church government, the administration of the sacraments and all the rest of it. The one thing on which they can all come together is the fact that all of them are seeking to win men for Jesus Christ. If kinship comes from a common goal then Christians above all men possess its secret, for all are seeking to know Christ better and to bring others within his Kingdom. Wherever else we differ, on that we can agree.