## Third Sunday after Pentecost

## ~ June 26, 2022 ~

## St. John’s & St. Peter’s

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness ELW pg. 94

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 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.

***C: Amen.***

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

P: Most merciful God,

***C: 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.***

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

***C: Amen.***

**Peace** Page 138

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

***C: And also with you.***

**Gathering Hymn *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*** ELW #697

***Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
 daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

Vs. 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
 I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. ***[Refrain]***

Vs. 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
 Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. ***Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
 daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

Vs. 3 When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;  
 guide me gently, safely o’er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. ***[Refrain]***

**Greeting** ELW pg. 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** ELWPage 138

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** ELWPage 139

Glory to God in the highest, 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.

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.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

Spirit You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

15Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. 19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

**Psalm 16**

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**2All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble a- mong the people.**

3But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,**  **never take their names upon my lips. I have set the LORD always before me.**

5O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**6My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**8I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. I have set the LORD always before me.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**I have set the LORD always before me.**

**Second Reading**: **Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

1For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**Gospel**: **Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

51When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village.

57As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." 58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." 59To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." 60But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." 61Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." 62Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day *“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”***  ELW #843

Vs. 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
 praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
 Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
 calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Vs. 2 Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;  
 praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.  
 Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;  
 from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Vs. 3 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
 Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
 Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
 Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

**Apostles’ Creed**  ELW pg. 105

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 the People**

**“*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***” ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict especially those from Ukraine. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying especially

Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

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**Offering**

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Let us pray, Blessed are you, O God maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts; our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, or Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** ELW pg. 145

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.***

**Words of Institution**

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

***C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Lord’s Prayer** ELW pg. 145

P: Let us pray as Jesus has taught us.

***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.***

**Communion**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

**Blessing**

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord’s face shine on us with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon us with favor and + give you peace.

**Sending Hymn *“Earth and All Stars!”*** *Hymn #731*

Vs. 1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorms!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

***Refrain: God has done marvelous things.  
 I, too, sing praises******with a new song!***

Vs. 2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! ***Refrain***

Vs. 3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!

Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Limestone and beams! Loud building workers!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! ***Refrain***Vs. 4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band! Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!

***Refrain: God has done marvelous things.  
 I, too, sing praises******with a new song!***

Vs. 5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom,  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son! Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! ***Refrain***

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor!

***C: Thanks be to God!***

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