

# **THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

June 13, 2021

## **THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION**

### **PRELUDE**

#### **THE RINGING OF THE BELLS**

Pastor: Though much is made of the smallness of the mustard seed, the focus of Jesus is on outcome the plant that becomes large enough to give nest and shade to all the birds of the air. The kingdom of God seems small and even irrelevant in the face of large problems, challenges, and problems of this mortal life, and yet it is the kingdom of God that is great. God gives to us the forgiveness that makes a clear conscience, the life that is stronger than death, and the joy that is greater than every joy this world can deliver. In this way, the small seed makes for a great plant, large enough for us to find refuge and a home in its shade. How the kingdom of God grows may seem part of the mystery, but we know that it is a seed planted in the good soil and fed and nourished by God's grace to the day when the harvest delivers us into His presence forevermore.

### **PREPARATION**

(Please stand)

## OPENING HYMN

“Glory be to God the Father” *LSB 506 vs 1&4*

**Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
Great Jehovah Three in One  
Glory glory  
While eternal ages run**

**Glory blessing praise eternal  
Thus the choir of angels sings  
Honor riches pow'r dominion  
Thus its praise creation brings  
Glory glory  
Glory to the King of kings.**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

*(All are invited to kneel or to be seated)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 1:5-6*

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the  
judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the  
righteous;

**People: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

**People: I confess that I have sinned against You, in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done, and by what I have not done. Some of my sin I know the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior, I ask forgiveness and pray You to deliver and restore me by Your mercy. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

(Please stand)

**INTROIT** *Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,  
they will grow like the cedar of Lebanon;  
planted in the house of the Lord,  
they will they will flourish in the courts of our  
God.

The will still bear fruit in old age,

They will stay fresh and green,  
proclaiming, "The Lord is upright,  
He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him.  
It is good to praise the Lord and make music to  
your name, O Most High

### **GLORIA PATRI** (sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

### **KYRIE** (sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

### **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** (sing) **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (sung) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

**FIRST LESSON** *Ezekiel 17:22-24 ESV*

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *2 Corinthians 5:1-17 ESV*

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a

guarantee. So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sing)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 4:26–34ESV*

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.” And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CREED** Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven. And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day, He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609 vs 1&4

Jesus sinners doth receive  
Oh may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander  
Here is hope for all who grieve  
Jesus sinners doth receive  
I a sinner come to Thee  
With a penitent confession  
Savior mercy show to me  
Grant for all my sins remission  
Let these words my soul relieve  
Jesus sinners doth receive

### + SERMON+

#### “A Wonderful New World”

**Text:** Ezekiel 17:22-24 (The Old Testament Reading)

**Theme:** In Christ, the “tender sprig,” you are living a new life in his wonderful new world.

**Goal:** That the faithful know that not only their souls, but their entire world, will be restored in God’s saving action in Christ, the “tender sprig” that Ezekiel designates.

#### **Outline:**

1. In a foreboding or ominous context, Ezekiel delivers God’s promise of a “tender sprig” to inaugurate a wonderful new world.

2. To our very similar context, God promises the same “tender sprig” for the same wonderful new world.
3. The “tender sprig” is Jesus and in him God graciously positions you in that wonderful new world.

In Christ, the “Tender Sprig,” You are living a  
New Life in His Wonderful New World!

(Please Stand)

**OFFERTORY** LSB pages 192-193

**All:** (Sung) **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ  
Jesus and for all people as they have need.

Give patience to Your Church, to her ministers,  
and to all of us, Your people, that we trust in Your  
Word and promise when eyes do not see Your  
hand at work; and when hearts are tempted to  
anxiety and fear, grant that we know the fullness  
of Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Make us to be good soil so that the seed of Your Word planted in us may grow, flourish, and bear the good fruit You desire. Bless the work of all pastors, missionaries, and church workers who serve us in Your name that their ministry to us bear good fruit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give to our president, Congress, and all leaders the wisdom to govern according to Your Word and commands that they prove worthy of the trust we have placed in them. Bring the nations to peace, and equip us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give wisdom and discernment to Your people, that we not give in to temptation nor grow weary of trusting Your Word and serving in willing obedience to Your commands, but delight in fulfilling our baptismal calling wherever we are. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless the married that they be faithful, bless the single that they be chaste and enjoy the company and support of Christian friends, and bless the aged and infirm that they know the loving care of family in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless those who teach Your Word, and bless the promotion of our Sunday School and catechism

classes and everywhere people gather to teach and learn Your Word, that the Holy Spirit guide our study, strengthen our faith, and direct us in making the good confession before the world.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Give relief to the suffering, healing to the sick, peace to the troubled, and comfort to those who grieve, *especially . . . , and those we name in our hearts . . .*, and bless them with patience and endurance until You deliver them from their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help us to be good stewards of Your creation, to share what You have supplied with those in need, and to support the work of Your Church in her mission here and throughout the world.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All things are Yours, heavenly Father, and You have promised to supply them to us as we need and when we need them. Help us to pray with confident hearts, trusting that You will provide for us all things needful and deliver us from all things harmful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*Colossians 3:1*

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*(Please stand)*

**SANCTUS** (Sing) LSB 195

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna,  
Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise You and give You thanks for the mercy You have shown to those You created, sending Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-sufficient sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we pray You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament.

**People: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is

the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

**All: 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.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

## **AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
the world have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”** *LSB 577*

**Almighty God Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound  
  
Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove  
But give it root in ev'ry heart**

**To bring forth fruits of love**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares**

**The rising plant destroy**

**But let it yield a hundredfold**

**The fruits of peace and joy**

**So when the precious seed is sown**

**Life giving grace bestow**

**That all whose souls the truth receive**

**Its saving pow'r may know**

(Please stand)

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant**

**depart in peace according to Thy word,**

**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**

**which Thou hast prepared before the face**

**of all people, a light to lighten the**

**Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and ever shall be, world with-out end. Amen**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true

faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

## **HYMN**

“Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

*LSB 694 vs 1&4*

**Thee will I love, my strength, my tower**

**Thee will I love, my hope, my joy**

**Thee will I love with all my power**

**With ardor time shall ne’er destroy**

**Thee will I love, O Light divine**

**So long as life is mine**

**O keep me watchful then and humble**

**Permit me never more to stray**

**Uphold me when my feet would stumble**

**And keep me on the narrow way**

**Fill all my nature with Thy light**

**O Radiance strong and bright**

# THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Glenn Cairns, Elder & Reader

Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW COVID PROTOCOL

We are no longer requiring masks if you are FULLY vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated or do not feel comfortable, please continue to wear your mask.

We also ask if you are feeling ill (Covid symptoms) to please stay home. We will no longer be taking temperatures. We do suggest that you continue to social distance.

### Quilting for July

July 1<sup>st</sup> & July 10<sup>th</sup>

### VBS Planning Meeting

In Pastor's Office following worship **TODAY**

### GAME NIGHT AT MT. HOPE

If you are interested in a game night.

Please see last sheet of bulletin to help us plan for it.

### Voter's Meeting June 27<sup>th</sup>

Elected officers that need to be filled:

Executive Director

Treasurer

Chairman of Board of Elders

Director of Youth Ministry

Director of Fellowship & Caring Ministries

Please let Pastor or any officers know of your desire to serve the Lord.

## **Mt Hope Preschool Registration**

Know a 3 or 4 year old?

Pick up a flyer on the Bulletin table

We still have openings.

### **Attendance**

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

Glenn & Sandy Cairns – June 14<sup>th</sup>

Roberts & Kathleen Schellman – June 20<sup>th</sup>

### **Birthdays**

Eric Brown – June 20<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Gladys Hill, at Beaumont Commons*

*Ken Knick, at home*

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Salam & Georgina Ayagri** – Safe travels from Ghana to be with us next Sunday

**Shawn Stamp,**

**Michael VanHampler,** Healing after surgery