

Third Sunday of Pentecost

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THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WELCOME

PRELUDE

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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Dale Wood

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

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.

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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW (v. 1)

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

(Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790. Alt.; Music: J. Wyeth, Respository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(The assembly is seated.)

WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

(Read responsively; congregation reads bold verses) **Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

So we are always confident; even though 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 do have confidence, 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 all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not 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 urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a

mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth 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 except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

SERMON

(Please stand as you are able.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail
not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

(Text: Thomas O. Crisholm, 1866-1960; Music: William N. Runyan, 1870-1957; Text and music © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope Publishing Company)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

APOSTLES' CREED

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 CHURCH

After each petition Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

FRACTURE *(the breaking of the bread)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

(The assembly may remain standing in place while the bread and the wine are brought to each member of the assembly.)

COMMUNION

The body and Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN*As the Grains of Wheat***ELW 465****Refrain**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
 were gathered into one to become our bread;
 so may all your people from all the ends of earth
 be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our
 midst, may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
 when all creation shares this feast with you.

Refrain

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
 As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
 In your name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN*Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word***ELW 663 (vv. 1, 2 & 3)**

1 Spread, oh, spread, almighty Word,
 spread the reign of God the Lord.
 Send forth our Creator's call,
 heaven's gifts extend to all.

2 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
 who, to save our human race
 and to pay rebellion's price,
 gave himself as sacrifice.

3 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
 now to guide us on to heav'n,
 strong and holy, just and true,
 working both to will and do.

(Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt.: Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, Geistreiches Gesangbuch, 1704; Text © 1976 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress)

Announcements

June Worship Schedule – 10 am - In-person & live streamed worship

Effective immediately:

- Singing is permitted
- We will no longer be taking temperatures
- You no longer need to make reservations to attend worship
- The wearing of masks is optional
- Beginning June 20th, we will no longer be bringing communion to the pews. You will come forward to receive communion.
- All St. John's Ministries are welcome to resume their meetings. (Please call the office to get your meeting back on the calendar and to let us know if you need any special room setup.)



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in celebration of Judy Jasinski's birthday by Tony and Vickie Jasinski and in loving memory of Andy Jasinski on his 107th birthday by Tony, Judy and Vickie Jasinski.

We are taking altar flower dedications. The dates available are: June 27th, July 4th and 25th, August 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, September 5th, 19th and 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st, November 7th and 28th, December 19th, 24th and 26th.



The Busy Bees need sugar for making their delicious jellies and jams. Please drop off your donations to the church office.

Congratulations to all 2021 Graduates! Please email your name, your email address and the school you are graduating from to the church office at office@stjohnsparkville.org. We will be honoring you with a gift. (We will reach out to you to set up a time for the gift giving.) This has been a very challenging time, but please know that your church family is so proud of you.



Join us for our Wayback Burger Restaurant Night on Monday, June 14th from 4 pm-8 pm. Wayback Burgers is located at 2027 E. Joppa Road, in Parkville. You do not need to present a flyer to participate, just mention that you are supporting St. John's. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. John's.

We are excited to announce that we are back in-person for our 2021 Vacation Bible School. To keep everyone safe, we are holding our program outside on the church parking lot. Registration forms are on our Facebook page, our website and may also be picked up from the church office.



Our clothing shed is open. All donations must be bagged. Acceptable donations are: All clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Thanks for your cooperation.

Are you doing any online shopping? If so, support St. John's when you shop. Go to: smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6012034 and Amazon donates to Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Parkville Inc



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Christians, We Have Met to Worship* *Mark Hayes, arr. Douglas E. Wagner*
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Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

For health & healing: Julie Hastings, Dave Kocan, Nancy Fox, Debbie Miller, Pat Denk, Philip Kramer, Sandy Scott, John McLaughlin, Tony Jasinski, Betty Hedgespeth, Robert Scott, Suzanne Lindsay, Patty Schwab, Ardi Scarborough and Vickie Jasinski

For family & friends: Janet Hedgespeth, Rosemay Balmos, Jacob Gude, Nancy Snyder, Roberta Wiessner, Sharon Hunt, Helen & Don Bender, Jay Snyder, John Snyder, John Miller, Norma Weber, Karen Alban, Doug Adams, Linda Asplin, Karen Ehrenberg and Linda Fliegel

For those grieving family & friends of:

For the military and their families: Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Jacob Verble, Lance Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

For St. John's Caring Friends: Trudy Anderson, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Betty Hedgespeth, Leroy Hohne, Philip Kramer, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Patricia Sollanek, Cass Tracey, Emma Volz, Doris Warfield, and Clara Westphal

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