

3rd Sunday After Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship

Opening sentences

If we have been united with him in a death like his,
we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Invocation

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

Hymn LHS4 Once He came in blessing

Confession and forgiveness

Dear friends in Christ: Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins, and ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

He made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my sins to the Lord.

Then he forgave the guilt of my sin.

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we confess to you that by nature we are sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy and plead for your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Most merciful God, you have given your only Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By your Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of you and your will, and make us obedient to your word, so that by your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgives us for all our sins. To those who believe in his name he has given the right to become the children of God, and has given them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. So may the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins.

Amen.

Hymn LHS351 'Take up thy cross,' the Saviour said

Psalm 69:7-18

For I endure scorn for your sake,
and shame covers my face.
I am a foreigner to my own family,
a stranger to my own mother's children;
for zeal for your house consumes me,
and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.
When I weep and fast,
I must endure scorn;
when I put on sackcloth,
people make sport of me.
Those who sit at the gate mock me,
and I am the song of the drunkards.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good.

But I pray to you, LORD,
in the time of your favour;
in your great love, O God,
answer me with your sure salvation.
Rescue me from the mire,
do not let me sink;
deliver me from those who hate me,
from the deep waters.
Do not let the floodwaters engulf me
or the depths swallow me up
or the pit close its mouth over me.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good.

Answer me, LORD, out of the goodness of your love;
in your great mercy turn to me.
Do not hide your face from your servant;
answer me quickly, for I am in trouble.
Come near and rescue me;
deliver me because of my foes.

Answer me, O Lord, for your steadfast love is good.

**Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning
is now and will be forever more.**

Lord have mercy

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Prayer of the day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lord, govern the world and keep it in peace, so that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Readings

The First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Jeremiah struggles with his calling

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Romans 6:1b-11 Dead to sin, but alive to Christ

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 10:24-39 Do not be afraid; take up your cross and follow Christ

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Jesus

Hymn LHS413 Why should cross and trial grieve me?

Sermon

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence 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.

Hymn LHS399 In Thee, Lord, have I put my trust

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Prayer of the church

Christ invites us to come to him with all our burdens, so that he can give us rest. Trusting in his promise, let us pray with confidence to his Father and our Father.

Heavenly Father, bless your church and the work you have called it to do. Make us a resting place for the weary and the heavy laden. Let us be a place where troubled people can take their burdens and place them in your hands. Teach us to bring our burdens to you every day and place them confidently in your hands knowing that in Christ alone we have been given a new start, and through Christ alone we can have the true peace and the true comfort of forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for all schools and other places of learning, especially schools in our area. Bless the work of teachers and other staff members and strengthen them in their special calling. Use them to prepare our young people to face the world with wisdom and confidence. We ask you to give both students and staff a time of relaxation and refreshment through the holidays and protect everyone who is travelling.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We ask you to bless our agriculture, fishing, forestry and all other primary industries. When times are difficult, we place our trust in you and ask you to hear our prayers and answer our need. We thank you for rain and sunshine, and we pray that you would continue to send rain when and where it's needed. We ask that you would protect and watch over people who are struggling at this time, and especially those who are unable to put their trust in you. Help them to let go of their burdens and find the true rest only you can give them.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Protect all those who are starving, malnourished and in poverty, both overseas and in this country. Give us hearts to share compassionately from our abundance to help provide for our brothers and sisters in need.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Bless our government and all in authority. Use our elected leaders to promote goodness, justice and truth. As you have appointed us to be stewards of the earth, help our nation to wisely manage the environment and prevent the degradation of land and water ways.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Be with all we know who have particular needs, especially (*insert names*). We pray for those who are entering hospital or recovering from treatment – help them to acknowledge your fatherly will and rejoice in your saving help.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We trust in your mercy, Lord, and put all our concerns into your hands. We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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 favour, † and give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn LHS195 A mighty fortress is our God