

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Upbring – Lisa Brown

**INVOCATION:**

*Vicar: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 100*

*Vicar: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

**People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

*Vicar: Know that the LORD, He is God!*

**People: It is He Who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

*Vicar: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!*

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

*Vicar: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (Lutheran Service Book, #901)

Open now thy gates of beauty;  
Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty  
Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place,  
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;  
Here Thy seed is duly sown.  
Let my soul, where it is planted,  
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be  
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;  
Let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee  
While Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows;  
Here is balm for all our woes.

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Vicar: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*Vicar: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Vicar: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Vicar: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against*

*You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People:** **O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Vicar: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He give power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Vicar: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, the world into which You send Your disciples is full of perils and temptations. Grant us courage by Your Spirit that we may faithfully proclaim Your word and thus fulfill Your great commission; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever Amen.**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Exodus 19:2–8*

[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. All the people answered together and said,

“All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 5:6–15*

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One Who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that One Man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> chapters:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 9:35—10:20*

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest

is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. As you enter the house, greet it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for My sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' 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, died, and was 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** "The Church's One Foundation" (LSB, #644)

The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.  
Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.  
Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping

Shall be the morn of song.  
Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.  
  
Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.

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**SERMON:** "Sheep among Wolves" (*Matthew 10:16*)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (11:00AM)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**PREFACE**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## **PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor: It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

## **SANCTUS: LSB, DSII, page 178**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 covenant in My blood,*



which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI** ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI:** LSB, DSII, page 180



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord’s Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers’ directions.**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG:** “O Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within,  
Overwhelmed, by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself,  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.  
(Repeat)

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.  
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.  
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "All to Us"**

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,  
You are faithful to the end.  
We are waiting on You, Jesus.  
We believe You're all to us.  
(Repeat)

Let the glory of Your name  
Be the passion of the Church.

Let the righteousness of God  
Be a holy flame that burns.  
Let the saving love of Christ  
Be the measure of our lives.  
We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven,  
Hope and mercy at the cross.  
You are ev'rything, You're the promise.  
Jesus, You are all to us.

Let the glory of Your name  
Be the passion of the Church.  
Let the righteousness of God  
Be a holy flame that burns.  
Let the saving love of Christ  
Be the measure of our lives.  
We believe You're all to us.

When this passing world is over,  
We will see You face to face,  
And forever we will worship.  
Jesus, You are all to us.  
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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins  
And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,

In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Jesus Comes Today with Healing” (LSB, #620)**

Jesus comes today with healing,  
Knocking at my door, appealing,  
Off’ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He Himself makes preparation,  
And I hear His invitation:  
“Come and taste the blessèd feast.”

Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
Yet in bread and wine abiding  
In this holy sacrament,  
Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
And the cup, the precious token  
Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
Blood and body, giv’n for me,  
Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
Who to bitter death was given,  
Hung upon the cursèd tree.

God descends with heav'nly power,  
Gives Himself to me this hour  
In this ordinary sign.

On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
I accept His grace, believing  
That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.

Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Vicar: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Vicar: Let us pray:*

**People: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**SENIOR BLESSING:** (11:00AM)

**BENEDICTION:** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

*Vicar: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” (LSB, #830)

Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev’rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav’nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father’s will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer’s grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion’s price,  
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

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.

Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few  
For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath’ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Vicar John Cotner

Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez and Amanda Theilen

Organist: Karen Darby

8:15 Lay Reader: Joyce Best

11:00 Lay Reader: Carol Hancock

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman