

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 29, 2025

*“Following Jesus”*

## THE WELCOME

### THE OPENING HYMN #856 “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And  
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To  
5 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:  
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be - long:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,  
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And  
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.  
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ing.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (Saturday) (page 268 in the hymnal)

*The Baptism of Levi David Rothe*

## THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (Sunday)

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**THE INTROIT** *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

P: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

**C: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,**

P: for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

**C: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

**C: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

P: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

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

**Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.**

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE #818 *"In Thee Is Gladness"*



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the  
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, Author and Giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 19:9b-21 (ESV)

And behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And He said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore

the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **THE EPISTLE** Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (ESV)

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(please stand)*

### **THE ALLELUIA VERSE** *(tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, LSB #803)*

**Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! God of pow-er, God of love,  
You gave Your Son to re-deem us; You sent Him from heav'n a-bove.  
By Your Ho-ly Spir-it op-en Hearts to hear our Savior's voice  
That in faith we al-ways fol-low And in heav'n with Him re-joice.**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 9:51-62 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But He turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." And 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." To another He said, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Yet another said, "I will follow You, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(Sunday)*

**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.**

*(please be seated)*

## **THE MEMORY VERSE** *The Close of the Commandments* (Luther's Small Catechism)

***What does God say about all these commandments?* He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." *What does this mean?* God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.**

## **THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## THE HYMN OF THE DAY #688 *"Come, Follow Me,' the Savior Spake"*



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

## THE SERMON *"Following Jesus"* Text: Luke 9:51-62

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS #712 *"Seek Ye First"*

- 1) Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things  
shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2) Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3) Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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*(please stand)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following response: "Lord, in Your mercy:" "hear our prayer.")*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Sunday)*

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.

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## THE CLOSING HYMN #924 *"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"*

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| 1  | Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,<br>Fill our hearts with joy and peace;<br>Let us each, Your love possessing,<br>Triumph in redeeming grace.<br>O refresh us; O refresh us,<br>Trav'ling through this wilderness. | 2 | Thanks we give and adoration<br>For Your Gospel's joyful sound.<br>May the fruits of Your salvation<br>In our hearts and lives abound.<br>Ever faithful, ever faithful<br>To Your truth may we be found. |
| 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us<br>From our struggling pilgrim way,<br>Let not fear of death appall us,<br>Glad Your summons to obey.<br>May we ever, may we ever<br>Reign with You in endless day. |   |   |  |

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS