

## Third Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2020



Online Service

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*God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross, we are sent to witness to Christ in the world.*

### Welcome and announcements

**Opening Hymn:** How Firm a Foundation ELW #796

### \* Call to Worship

Loving God, you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you. To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.  
As we come before you today, give us open hearts and open hands.  
Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.  
Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us.  
Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.

### \*\* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Confident that we are promised newness of life through repentance and forgiveness, let us turn to God and to one another, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**C: Hear our cries to you, O Lord:**

**for our lack of compassion toward the poor, have mercy on us;  
for our failure to end the destruction of air, water, soil, and creatures on Earth,  
have mercy on us;  
for our disbelief in your power to make us whole, have mercy on us;  
for making war, have mercy on us;  
for mistrusting your Word, have mercy on us;  
for all that we have done and have not done out of hardened hearts, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us and renew us.  
Guide us into ways that do not deny you but lead to peace. Amen.**

P: Do not be afraid.

*Matt. 10:31*

The One who was and is and is to come knows you through and through and has overcome death and sin to forgive you, so that you might be delivered into joy that has no end.

Your sins are forgiven. You are alive to God in Christ Jesus. *Rom. 6:11*

**C: Amen.**

## Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

## Psalm: Psalm 69:7-18

*Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

L: <sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**C: <sup>8</sup>I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

L: <sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**C: <sup>10</sup>I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

L: <sup>11</sup>I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

**C: <sup>12</sup>Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

L: <sup>13</sup>But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:  
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

**C: <sup>14</sup>Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

L: <sup>15</sup>Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;  
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

**C: <sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

L: <sup>17</sup>Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

**C: <sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

## Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

## Gospel Acclamation

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

P: The gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** O Master, Let me Walk With You ELW #818

**Apostle's 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 Intercession**

*Each portion of the prayers end with:*

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Sharing The Peace**

P: The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Offering Prayer**

P: We offer our gifts to you, as well as our lives, Loving God, so they might find their way to those who need your grace, your hope, your joy, and your peace in their lives.

**C: Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**\*\* Benediction**

P: Now may the Lord bless you, guide you, hold you, guard you, and make you bold  
to live a life of trust and deep joy. Go in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

P: As you leave this place, remember that you may be the only grace someone will meet this week.

**C: We go, to share God's graciousness with all.**

P: Remember you may be the only love someone will encounter this week.

**C: We go, to be the love of Jesus for all.**

P: Remember you may be the only peace someone will find this week.

**C: We go, to share the Spirit of hope and reconciliation with all.**

**Closing Hymn:** Take My Life, That I May Be ELW #583

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