

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 8-9, 2024

PRELUDE, BELLS, WELCOME

HYMN “Oh, What Their Joy” LSB 675 (Saturday)

- 1 Oh, what their joy and their glory must be,
Those endless Sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest;
God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

- 2 In new Jerusalem joy shall be found,
Blessings of peace shall forever abound;
Wish and fulfillment are not severed there,
Nor the things prayed for come short of the prayer.

- 3 We, where no trouble distraction can bring,
Safely the anthems of Zion shall sing;
While for Your grace, Lord, their voices of praise
Your blessed people shall evermore raise.

- D4 Now let us worship our Lord and our King,
Joyfully raising our voices to sing:
Praise to the Father, and praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, to God, Three in One.
Text: Peter Abelard, 1079–1142; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: Antiphoner, Paris, 1681
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VBS CHILDREN'S SONGS (Sunday)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - VBS Recap (Sunday)

INVOCATION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5

- P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**
- P: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
C: **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P: But with You there is forgiveness,
C: **that You may be feared.**
- P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
C: **and in His word I hope.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: From God's own Word we understand it is our sin that causes our troubles, doubt, fears, and death. For this reason, God's own Son became our Savior, taking the sin of the world upon Himself and paying our debt with His own death on the cross. All who have been baptized in His name have died with Him and live in the forgiveness of our sin. Let us therefore implore Him again and again for His forgiveness and life.

C: O God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds by my own fault. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me my sins and restore to me the hope of Your eternal salvation.

P: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8–15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, 'Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.'" (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.

All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. (NIV)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 3:20–35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.

When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house.

I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.

But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother." (NIV)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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.**

HYMN “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds” LSB 867

- 1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.
- 2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow’r and grace;
And we’ll convey His wonders down
Through ev’ry rising race.
- 3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.
- 4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God’s own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,
- 5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

Text (sts. 1–3, 5): Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.; (st. 4): Bernhard Schumacher, 1886–1978

Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662; setting: Lutheran Service Book, 2006

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SERMON *Households of Faith - Camping Out Along the Way Home*

Text - 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

OFFERING

HYMN “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” LSB 830

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

- 2 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.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 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.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 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.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. Composite

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buck, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray.

Lord God our heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your good creation and for Your re-creation of a people of eternal hope and life, Your holy church throughout the world. Keep, we pray, all pastors and believers in the joyful hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Help all people of the world and especially of our own nation to not lose heart in the face of earthly troubles but to endure with faith in Your gracious promises of the forgiveness of sins and the hope and peace of Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In the midst of trouble, anxiety, sickness, or fear of death, comfort, heal, and raise up all who call upon You in their need, [*especially . . .*]. Bless all who minister healing and deliverance to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the many brave and faithful believers who have gone before us, we give You thanks. Help us to remember all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith, that we may likewise live all our days with our heavenly goal in mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory" LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878–1969

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