

PENTECOST 3

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WELCOME!

If you are a friend who's been here before, welcome back. If you are a first-time visitor, welcome! We'd appreciate it if you would leave your name and address in one of our guest books located in either entry way. Children's bulletins and crayons are available on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. If we can serve you in any way, please let us know God bless your worship!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

AS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OUR MISSION IS TO PROCLAIM GOD'S GOSPEL OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST, NURTURE BELIEVERS, AND EQUIP THEM FOR LIVES OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, ALL TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

The time before worship begins is a sacred time for meditation, prayer, and worship preparation. As we gather in the sanctuary, let's quietly reflect on God's blessings and direction in the Scripture readings included in the worship folder.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Service of the Word – page 38 in the front of the hymnal

HYMNS: 343, 372, 538, 322

ORGANIST: Allison Franck

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn 343: Christ Is the World's Light

1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:
Glory to God on high!

2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?
Glory to God on high!

3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:
Glory to God on high!

4 Give God the glory, God and none other;

**Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
Glory to God on high!**

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION

Pastor: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Congregation: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Pastor: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Congregation: Amen

Pastor: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues forever.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

8 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. 9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." 11 And he said, "Who told you that you were

naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” 12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” 13 Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 14 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. 15 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.”

THE PSALM: Psalm 51a

In confession we recognize that our need is absolute, our merit nonexistent, and our only sure salvation the promise of grace in the Promised Seed.

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Congregation: **Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Pastor: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Congregation: **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.**

Pastor: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Congregation: **Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquity.**

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of salvation,

Congregation: **And grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

13 It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, 14 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. 15 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. 16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 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.

THE VERSE

Pastor: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!

Congregation: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 3:20-35

20 Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. 21 When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." 22 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." 23 So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. 26 And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. 27 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. 28 I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. 29 But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." 30 He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." 31 Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." 33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. 34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Congregation: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 372: I Lay My Sins on Jesus

**1 I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

**2 I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; my soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

**3 I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes his name abroad is poured.**

4 I long to be like Jesus: meek, loving, lowly, mild;

**I long to be like Jesus, the Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, to learn the angel's song.**

THE SERMON TEXT: Mark 3:20-35

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I Am In Control!

1 Is Jesus in control or under the control of an evil spirit?

2 Is Jesus in control or is he out of his mind?

3 Is Jesus in control or am I?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed, page 41 in the front of the hymnal

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

The offering will be received as you are ushered out after the service in the fellowship hall so that offering plates are not passed.

PRAYER

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.

HYMN 538: The Church's One Foundation

1 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.

2 Elect from ev'ry nations, 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.

3 The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend, To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end. Though there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, Against both foe and traitor she ever shall prevail.

4 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.

5 Mid 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.

PRAYER

Pastor: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Congregation: Amen

BLESSING

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.

At God's Wonder Lab, we'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun!

This is a family VBC - Adults are welcome as well as children.

A sign up sheet is posted on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall.

6. The new Christian Worship Hymnal will be released this Advent Season. If you would like to learn more about this new hymnal, we have booklets entitled "Christian Worship Preview" on the counter beneath the mailboxes in the fellowship hall. You can also go to the hymnal website: christianworship.com.