

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus

The First Commandment: No Other gods!



“You shall
have no
other gods
before me.”

Exodus 20:3

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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

193 – Come, Now, Almighty King



1 Come, now, al - might - y King; Help us your
2 Come, now, in - car - nate Word; Put on your
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er; Your sa - cred
4 To the great One in Three E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise, Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend, Come and your
wit - ness bear In this glad hour, Your sev'n - fold
prais - es be For - ev - er - more! His sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give your Word suc - cess;
gifts im - part; Now rule in ev - 'ry heart;
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see



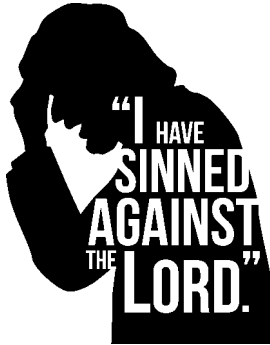
Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days,
Grant us your right - eous - ness, Sav - ior and Friend,
Nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of Pow'r,
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, abe, alt.
Tune: ITALIAN HYMN (664 6664) Felice de Giardini, 1716-96, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation **And also with you.**



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M 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.

C **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.**

M 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.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,

Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -
Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -

fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and
send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your
va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing

med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540-604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.
Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 5) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray. O God, 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.

C: A - - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 20:1-6

God commands that his people worship no other god or thing beside Him.

EXODUS 20:1 And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for 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, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.



PSALM

Psalm 62

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All sing Refrain and Gloria. Those seated on the baptismal font side sing the first half of the verses. Those on the pulpit side sing the second half.



(B) My soul finds rest in | God alone;*
(P) my salvation | comes from him.

He alone is my rock and my sal | vation;*
he is my fortress, I will never be | shaken.

Find rest, O my soul, in | God alone;*
my hope | comes from him.

Refrain

Though your rich | es increase,*
do not set your | heart on them.

My salvation and my honor de | pend on God;*
he is my mighty rock, my | refuge.

Trust in him at all times, O | people;*
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our | refuge.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Romans 1:18-22

God's wrath comes upon men for exchanging the true God for gods of their own making.

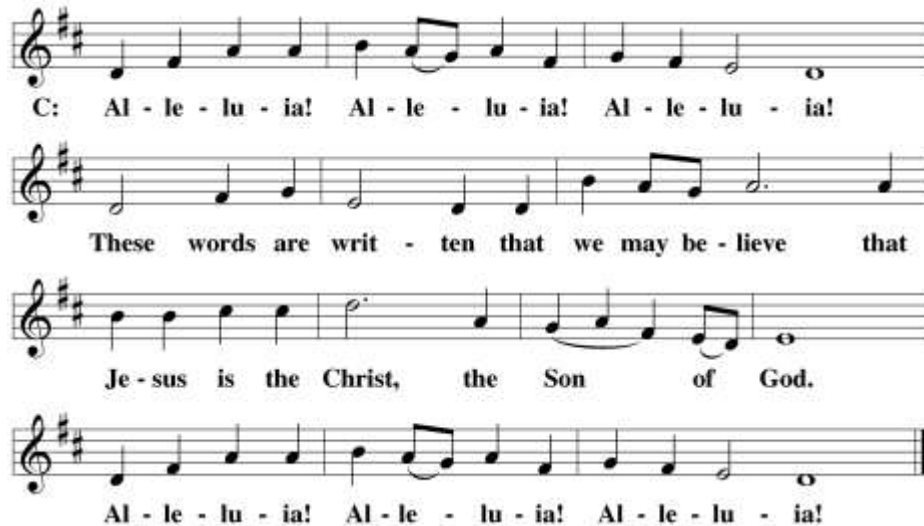
ROMANS 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus replied: Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Alleluia (Matthew 22:37)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL Matthew 19:16-26

Jesus reveals to a rich young man that his wealth had become his god.

MATTHEW 19:16 Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, “Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?”

¹⁷ “Why do you ask me about what is good?” Jesus replied. “There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments.”

¹⁸ “Which ones?” the man inquired.

Jesus replied, “ ‘Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, ¹⁹ honor your father and mother, ’ and `love your neighbor as yourself.’ ”

²⁰ “All these I have kept,” the young man said. “What do I still lack?”

²¹ Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²² When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “I tell you the truth, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



HYMN OF THE DAY

287 – The Law of God Is Good and Wise



1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his
2 The law is good, but since the fall Its ho - li -
3 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge
4 To Je - sus we for ref - uge flee, Who from the

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of right - eous -
ness con - demns us all; It dooms us for our sins to
of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -
curse has set us free, And hum - bly wor - ship at his

ness, But dooms to death when we trans - gress,
die And has no pow'r to jus - ti - fy.
tate And seek re - lief be - fore too late.
throne, Saved by his grace through faith a - lone.

Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, abr., alt.

Tune: ERHALF UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

SERMON

Exodus 20:1-6

You Shall Have No Other Gods

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**C 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.**

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For the churches of the Augsburg Confession in all the world, that God would keep them steadfast in His Word and unified in their confession, and that He would bless those seeking fellowship, that where there is unity of doctrine, they may also be one in fellowship, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all pastors in Christ, that though persecution is to be expected, God will use their preaching to soften the hardened hearts of unbelievers. Let them remain ever faithful to the Gospel and give them the boldness that comes from the assurance that they can depend upon His protection, especially be with those pastors in positions of leadership: our Synod president, our district president; and our circuit pastor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are in positions of authority, that God would grant them clarity of mind, selflessness and wisdom in decision making, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those with afflictions of body and soul, that God would look with favor upon all who are sick, weary, grieving or lonely, [*especially _____,*] as not one of the sparrows falls to the ground apart from God, so much more does God value His children, know their every affliction and graciously care for them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are marginalized in our society, especially the unborn, weak and vulnerable, that God, who knows the number of hairs on their heads, would keep us mindful of our duty to speak up for those with no voice; and that He would bless every effort to uphold life, from conception to natural death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

SERMON HYMN

343 – Christ Is the World’s Light



1 Christ is the world’s light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world’s peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world’s life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

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Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (10 11 11 6) *Antiphona*, Paris, 1681.

PRAYER

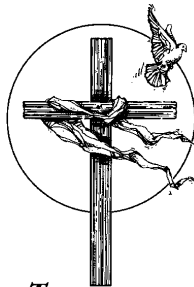
M Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you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



BLESSING

M Brothers and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*
-Numbers 6:26

CLOSING HYMN

355 – Take the World, but Give Me Jesus



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll,
vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.

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After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

