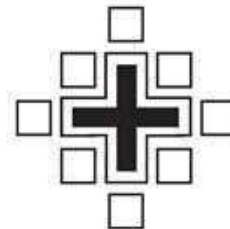


Third Sunday after Trinity

June 16, 2024



INTROIT *Ps. 25:1–2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18*

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.
To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.
You are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.
My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,*
for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.
Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!*
Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**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.**

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.
Consider my affliction and my | trouble,*
and forgive | all my sins.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Ps. 55:22a, 16, 18a*

Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
and he will sus- | tain you.
I call to God, and the LORD will | save me.*
He redeems my soul in | safety.

VERSE *Ps. 18:1–2a*

Alleluia. I love you, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. Alleluia.

DAILY READINGS

June 16: Prov. 16:1–24; John 16:1–16; **17:** Prov. 17:1–28; John 16:17–33; **18:** Prov. 20:5–25; John 17:1–26; **19:** Prov. 22:1–21; John 18:1–14; **20:** Prov. 22:22–23:12; John 18:15–40; **21:** Prov. 24:1–22; John 19:1–22; **22:** Prov. 25:1–22; John 19:23–42.

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Old Testament Lesson: Micah 7:18-20

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of His inheritance?

He does not retain His anger forever,
because He delights in steadfast love.

¹⁹ He will again have compassion on us;
He will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

²⁰ You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as You have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-32

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

³ So He told them this parable: ⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light

a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

¹¹ And He said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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In our prayers: Remember all who are ill and weak, shut-ins, our families, our congregation, hospitals, doctors, nurses, police, military personnel, and wisdom for our government leaders. Pray for Pauline Cizmansky, Jack Findlay, Jennifer Jarvis, Paul Kushner, Carrie Thomas, Joanne Todorich.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Join us for Bible Study on Saturdays in the basement fellowship hall at 3:00 pm as Reverend Mullins leads us through the Small Catechism.

Flowers on the altar today are presented by Phil Balko in honor of those fathers still with us and in loving memory of those who have gone before.

Today's Lector: Phil B. Usher: Gary B. Acolyte: Gary B. Communion Assistant: Dan H.

The quarterly congregational meeting will be held after Divine Worship on July 6.

Pastor Witmer Installation: will take place at SS. Peter & Paul Lutheran Church, 881 Main St., Central City, on Sunday, June 30, at 3:00PM. We hope to see you there.

Arrival date for the moving company is up in the air, but Pastor Witmer will be joining us over the next two weeks. The worship schedule will remain intact through July 6.

Spread the word, for those unable to come to worship in God's house: Listen to the Lutheran Hour at 8 am on WKYE 96.5 FM radio.

Welcome! It is good for us to worship together. May our worship be a source of richest blessing for you. If you are without a church home, interested in church membership, or having spiritual problems, please contact one of our elders. We believe that Christ Jesus is true God, together with the Father and Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible is the divinely-inspired Word of God. 'And that Christ Jesus atoned for our sins and we are saved solely by God's undeserved love toward sinners through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Saturday Bible Study: 3:00PM
Saturday Worship and Communion: 4:00PM

Holy Communion

The sacrament of Holy Communion was instituted for the forgiveness of sins, salvation, and life in Christ for all who believe and repent. As a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod we offer this sacrament to those who belong to member congregations, who publicly confess the *Real Presence*, that the real body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the sacrament and that the sacrament grants these blessings- forgiveness of sins, peace, and strengthening of faith in Jesus. Persons who are not members of Holy Cross or another LCMS congregation should speak with the pastor prior to the service; all repentant believers are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing while members are communed.

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