

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Not Peace, But a Sword

June 25, 28 & 29, 2014

### AS WE GATHER

There are many kinds of peace in the world and in our life experiences from year to year. Some peace is artificial and involves covering over realities that need to be addressed. Simply saying, "I am at peace," does not guarantee the full and true shalom that is God's plan for His children. As part of His ministry, Jesus brings a sword to cut through the facade of false peace and bring us true peace with God, the source of total well-being for time and for eternity.

### WELCOME

*"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17*

### FELLOWSHIP GREETING

+ PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN #851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be , O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
but, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

(Rise)

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;

People: **I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it,**

Pastor: that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,

People: **and all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord, who makes these things known from of old.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of responsibility in your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: Forgive us that so little of your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

People: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

People: Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE****“This is the Feast”***Page 171-172*

Pastor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**People: (sung)**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength  
and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, you are the source of true and lasting peace. By your power bring that real peace into our lives so that we may resist the enticements and false peace of the world and remain focused on coming at last to your heavenly kingdom, where all wars and divisions will end and peace will be known completely. This we ask through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Source of our salvation.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**9:00 BAPTISM** of Reese Alexis Worzalla

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**+ WORD +**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 28:5–9 (*The prophet who prophesies peace*)

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true."

**EPISTLE** Romans 7:1–13 (*We are released from the Law and have new life in the Spirit.*)

Do you not know, brothers - for I am speaking to men who know the law - that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to

her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man. So, my brothers, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit to God. For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. What shall we say, then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "Do not covet." But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of covetous desire. For apart from law, sin is dead. Once I was alive apart from law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! But in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it produced death in me through what was good, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 10:34–42 (*Christ has come to bring a sword to the earth.*)

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn " 'a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law - a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.' "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #763 “When Peace, Like a River”**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;  
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
Even so it is well with my soul.  
It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

**SERMON** "Losing Leads to Finding" *Matthew 10:34-42*

(Rise)

**CATECHISM** *Second Article*

**All:** **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 both the living and the dead.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**All:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our attendance book** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for all people according to God's will. Almighty Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ as the true prophet who spoke peace upon us, and it came to pass. He has reconciled us to you through His blood.

**People: Send us your Holy Spirit, that we may be drawn closer to you each day and that we may be strengthened in our love toward our neighbors.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, your peace is not the world's peace. Your cross is a stumbling block that causes scandal and division in the world, and even in our families and our homes.

**People: Empower us to boldly share the light of your salvation in the sin-darkened world, that they may know the true peace that comes from you alone.**

Pastor: O Lord, as we return to our Baptism each day through confession, we pray your blessing upon Reese Alexis Worzalla at her Baptism, and pray that you would cause us to die to sin so that we might rise and find life and peace in you alone.

**People: Help us to walk, day by day, according to the leading of your Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Lord of the Church, we bless you for the ministry of your apostles Peter and Paul. Through their faithful witness unto death, they proclaimed your Gospel without wavering, leading many to Christ.

**People: Bless all evangelism efforts and mission work. Guide, sustain, and support our Together in Mission partner, Pastor Chuck Ferry, that many may come to know Christ in Indonesia.**

Pastor: O God, from whose hand comes all good things, we pray that you would grant a bountiful harvest upon our land, that it may bring forth food for your people.

**People: Strengthen all commerce and industry in our land, that we may prosper. Bless the work of our hands that we offer to you.**

Pastor: O Great Physician, we pray that, in accordance with your will, you would grant healing to those whose bodies are sick or injured, whose minds are confused, whose spirits are depressed and all who are in need especially Gilberte, Laura, Jack, Ashley, Mark, Richard, Carol, Susan, Virginia, Rosalie, Dorothy, Ruth, Warren, Dorothy, and Sarah.

**People: Cause them and us to look to you alone for forgiveness, life and salvation. Grant them hope and peace even in their time of affliction.**

Pastor: O King of kings, bless our country and its leaders, that our freedom may be preserved. We pray that you would curb war and violence, watch over all who risk their lives to protect and defend us.

**People: We pray also, that at the last, you would bring us to your Kingdom where we will dwell in eternal peace.**

Pastor: Lord of resurrection and eternal life, we remember those who are now with you for eternity.

**People: Bless and comfort Carlene Kroh who remembers her husband Raymond and Chris and Paula Zimmermann who remember Courtney.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, you bid us come to the table of the Lamb where we feast on His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People: Through this feast of victory, grant us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Pastor: Into your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## 6:00 & 5:00 THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

## WORDS OF OUR LORD

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God"

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

## HYMN #606 "I Lay My Sins On Jesus"

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

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.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

## HYMN #618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

**Refrain Lord, May Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden my heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and Spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

## HYMN #629 "What Is This Bread"

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break, This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod? My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole  
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe That I receive  
His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.

### **COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have again welcomed us at your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in your eternal Kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live with assurance and confidence, free from every fear. May your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we may be people who rejoice in your promises and live to your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

Preacher & Liturgist

Lectors

Acolytes

Organist

Music Coordinator

Pastor Gregg Stanton

Bob Reynolds, Manley Hurst, Jane Adams

Montana Wendt, Macky Wessler, Adam Biedenbender

Roger Gottschalk

Kim Woller