

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Great Prophet Has Arisen

June 4 & 5, 2016

AS WE GATHER

Elijah called to the Lord for the life of a widow's son, and the Lord delivered him from death. Jesus met another widow at a funeral procession, and death gave up one more victim to the power of His Word. Paul told the story of his own transformation from death to life by the Gospel. This same transforming power is at work in us who were dead in our sin but now are alive to God in Christ. Let us live this new life so that we display the power of God that has saved us in our words and works.

WELCOME

[Jesus said,] But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things
and will remind you of everything I have said to you. John 14:26

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN #752 "Be Still, My Soul"

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul; your God will undertake To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds
still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul; though dearest friends depart
And all is darkened in this vale of tears; Then you will better know His love,
His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrows and your fears.
Be still, my soul; your Jesus can repay From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul; the hour is hast'ning on When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,
People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Gloria in Excelsis"

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To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless you, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for your great glory, Lord God, our Heav'nly King.

To You, O solebegotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, Father of all mercy and God of all comfort, you always go before and follow after us. Grant that we may rejoice in your gracious presence, trust in you without fear, and continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 17:17–24* (Elijah visits a widow and prays the Lord to raise her son from death.) Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

EPISTLE *Galatians 1:11–24* (Paul describes how he now preaches the faith he had tried to destroy.) I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus. Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Peter and stayed with him fifteen days. I saw none of the other apostles-- only James, the Lord's brother. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie. Later I went to Syria and Cilicia. I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ. They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." And they praised God because of me.

8:00 ANTHEM

"Be Strong in the Lord"

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 7:11–17* (Jesus raises up the son of a widow, showing forth His power and mercy.) Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #583 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

God has spoken by His prophets, Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil, One firm anchor holds us fast;
God is king, His throne eternal; God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate, God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending, He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by His Spirit, Speaking to our heart's again,
In the ageless Word declaring His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging; God the first, and God the last.

SERMON ***"From Persecutor to Proclaimer"*** **Galatians 1:11-24**

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

OFFERING 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)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us call on the name of the Lord, who has visited and redeemed His people in Christ Jesus. O Lord God, heavenly Father, protect and defend your Church against all the assaults and temptations of the adversary. Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with the Light of your truth.

People: Strengthen us and all Christians to set our hope fully on your mercy in Christ Jesus, and help us to fight the good fight of faith, that in the end we receive the salvation of our souls.

Pastor: O God of grace and truth, you have called and set apart your servants to preach the Gospel of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bestow your Holy Spirit on all the ministers of your Word.

People: Grant them confidence and wisdom in their preaching, and reveal your Son to those who hear, that all may glorify your holy name in the lives we live.

Pastor: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son has borne all our sickness, suffering, sin and death in His own body on the cross in order to atone for sin, and grant us life and health and strength. By His hand, revive all those who are sick or suffering in various ways including Arlene, Ruth, Kathleen, Doris, Barb, Jean, Mae, Bob, Marion, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Lois and Sarah.

People: Comfort them in their time of affliction, grant them perseverance, and fill them with peace through faith in Christ.

Pastor: O Lord, we commend to your care all those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty or unemployment, that your loving kindness would preserve and relieve them.

People: Feed your children and provide for all their needs of body and soul. Grant to your people a ready willingness to share your gifts.

Pastor: Father of mercy and God of all comfort, look with compassion on your people and visit them in peace. Give care and comfort to those in distress through your servants within their various callings.

People: Bless all who serve their neighbors in meeting the needs of this body and life, as they grant relief to the suffering and hope to the afflicted.

Pastor: Gracious Father, in your mercy look on those whose increasing years or failing health bring them weakness, anxiety, distress or loneliness. As you have promised, never leave or forsake your people.

People: Comfort and sustain them with your Word and Spirit, that even as their strength fails, their faith in you may ever be increased.

Pastor: Lord of life and love, we give you thanks for the gift of marriage and ask a special blessing upon Brian and Katherine as they have been united in marriage this weekend. Bless them to build their lives upon your word and promises.

People: Bless Erv and Maxine as they celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary and bless all couples to live together in the love of Christ.

Pastor: Father in heaven, pour out your Holy Spirit on all those who commune at your altar this day.

People: As we feed upon the body and blood of Christ, may we receive these sacred gifts in sincere repentance and firm faith and be raised up from death to life through His forgiveness.

Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father, you raised your Son, Jesus, from the dead as the firstfruits of the new creation. In reverence, we glorify your name for the hope and promise of the resurrection, and we give you thanks and praise for all those who have departed from this life in faith.

People: Comfort the Lipke family as they remember their mom, Leila. Preserve us also in your Word and faith until we die.

Pastor: God and Father of Jesus, we are all strangers and pilgrims on earth, so help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work you have given us to do. Finally, when our last hour comes, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(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 #744 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

HYMN #559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

Oh, how great is Your compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally!

Your great love for this has striven That we may, from sin made free,
Live with You eternally. Your dear Son Himself has given
And extends His gracious call, To His supper leads us all.

Firmly to our soul's salvation Witnesses Your Spirit, Lord,
In Your Sacraments and Word. There He sends true consolation,
Giving us the gift of faith That we fear not hell nor death.

Lord, Your mercy will not leave me; Ever will Your truth abide.
Then in You I will confide. Since Your Word cannot deceive me,
My salvation is to me Safe and sure eternally.

I will praise Your great compassion, Faithful Father, God of grace,
That with all our fallen race In our depth of degradation
You had mercy so that we Might be saved eternally.

HYMN #547 "The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain **Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!**
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.

The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**
He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Merciful Father, as two widows once found new hope, new life, and great joy in your grace, continue to shower upon us the grace of your Son that we may daily be rescued from sin and its death and restored to life in you. Send us forth from this place to boldly proclaim your transforming Word that all who hear may believe, and believing may have life in your name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN #918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more:
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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June Worship Schedule

June 11 – 5:00pm

June 12 – 8:00am Indoor Worship & 10:00am Outdoor Worship

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