

### THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God's Presence, Provision, and Purpose in Your Life

June 25 & 26, 2022

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#### AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament Reading, you will see how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! Even when you may think or feel that you are alone, you are not! God's presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

**Reception of Holy Communion:** If you are planning to receive Christ's supper today, please read through the words of exhortation in the fellowship folder. For members, it is a good review of important spiritual matters for gathering at the table. For guests, it explains our stance on confession of faith, doctrinal unity, and proper spiritual preparation to receive the Supper for your benefit.

#### WELCOME

We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,  
remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love  
and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

#### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✖ PREPARATION ✖

#### OPENING HYMN #819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

Sing Praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

<sup>1</sup> continued

What God's almighty pow'r made, In mercy He is keeping.

By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.

Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:

To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.

Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.

For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:

To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;

He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.

As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:

To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.

Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.

Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:

To God all praise and glory!

(Rise)

#### INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

#### CONFESS & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: Lord God, our gracious Father,

People: we confess that we have not walked by your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as your perfect law requires. Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy you show us in the death and resurrection of your Son. Fill us with the fruit of your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our 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.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

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**Refrain** *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

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

#### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; 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 19:9b–21 (Elijah listens to God's Word and receives His provision.) And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown

down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup> And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.<sup>13</sup> And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.<sup>17</sup> And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." <sup>19</sup> So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. <sup>20</sup> And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE** Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (The fruit of the Spirit is present in those who belong to Christ Jesus.) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers.

Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.<sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires

of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality,<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,<sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 9:51–62 (Jesus sets His face toward Jerusalem and calls His followers to purposefully proclaim the kingdom of God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.<sup>53</sup> But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.<sup>54</sup> And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”<sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them.<sup>56</sup> And they went on to another village.<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”<sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”<sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”<sup>61</sup> Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Be seated)

## CHILDREN'S SONG & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### “Rejoice in the Lord Always” AGPS #203

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. (repeat song)

### SERMON HYMN #688 “Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.”

“I am the light, I light the way. A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.”

“My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing;  
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.”

“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guide to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

### SERMON

### “Lost in Ourselves”

(Rise)

### APOSTLES' CREED

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

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 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.

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, **please sign our fellowship folder** 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 folder along to others in your pew, and return it to the center aisle. You may check the folder to see names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

God of our salvation, you found Elijah when he was lost. You encouraged him when he was depressed, you set him back on your path. Find us when we are lost, and put us always on the path that you would have us walk. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of the Church, you give pastors and church workers to proclaim your steadfast love, to announce freedom from the yoke of slavery to sin, and to point all toward the cross of Christ. Bless their faithful work, that their labor in the Lord may never be in vain. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of compassion, you established the family to be a place of protection and growth. Grant that our homes would never become a stumbling block to the kingdom of God, but that they would serve to foster within us the fruit of the Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of life, we thank you for the gift of life. We thank you especially for Carol Strand as she celebrates her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you for always being with her. Continue to bless her every day of her life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of comfort, be with those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Especially comfort Joyce Graf as she mourns the loss of her beloved Russ and Lenore VanSanten mourning the loss of her brothers Bill and Stu. Fill them and all those who mourn with the comfort that your Son has journeyed through the shadow of death, and he will lead all of us into life. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of all power and might, to you belong the kingdom and the glory forever. Give insight and wisdom to our president, governor, legislature and magistrates. Direct them to punish evildoers, reward the righteous and strive for peace. Grant that Christians may live quiet and peaceable lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of refuge, your salvation draws near to all who trust in you. Grant peace to your people, and show us your salvation. Hear our petitions for healing, strength and comfort for Gloria, Janet, Brian, Steve, Brian, Norma, Vern, Amy, Cathy, Jim, Vern, Mike, Elaine, Dorothy, Cindy, Don, Shirley, Richard, Helga, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Sarah, Debbie, Steve, Mary, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah and all for whom we pray. Be near them as the refuge of the weary and the God who preserves His people. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of holiness, in this heavenly food and drink, you graft into our hearts the love of your name. As you create new hearts within us, bless us with the fruit of the Spirit, that our love for you might be expressed for our neighbor's good. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant that the whole Church might fix her eyes on Him. Teach us the way of the cross. Remove hindrances and distractions. Do not let the freedom we have in the Gospel become an excuse for sin and vice, but an opportunity for love and service. Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People:** 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.

## ⌘ SACRAMENT ⌘

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

**People:** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

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.

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### HYMN #626 "Come, Let Us Eat"

Leader: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

**Congregation: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.**

Leader: Our Lord's body let us take together,

**Congregation: Our Lord's body let us take together.**

Leader: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

**Congregation: Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.**

Leader: Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

**Congregation: Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.**

Leader: In His presence now we meet and rest,

**Congregation: In His presence now we meet and rest.**

Leader: In the presence of our Lord we gather,

**Congregation: In the presence of our Lord we gather.**

Leader: Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

**Congregation: Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.**

Leader: Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

**Congregation: Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.**

### HYMN #642 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

O living Bread from heaven, How well you feed your guest!  
The gifts that you have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.

My Lord, you here have led me To this most holy place  
And with yourself have fed me The treasures of your grace;  
For you have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.  
You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.

And you have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor you have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened With heav'nly food,  
while here My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through your merit, Where joys unmixed flow.

### HYMN #628 "Your Table I Approach"

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
a contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

## COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this saving gift of your Son's true presence in our lives through His body and blood. Strengthen us to walk by your Spirit in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Pastor: If we live by the Spirit,

People: let us also walk by the Spirit.

### 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.

### CLOSING HYMN #830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.  
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See You light and heed Your call.

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