

**Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 13, 2021 10:30 a.m. Service**



“...the kingdom  
of God is like ...  
a mustard seed,  
which is the  
smallest seed  
you plant in the  
ground. Yet ...  
it grows and  
becomes the  
largest of all  
garden plants...”

*Mark 4:30-32*

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**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Divine Service – Setting Two

June 13, 2021 10:30 a.m.

***Welcome & Announcements***

+ INVOCATION +

*LSB 167*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b*

# Opening Hymn

(requested) LSB 605 sts. 1-3  
*“Father Welcomes”*

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
 through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,  
 Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
 2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
 3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
 be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
 rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*



Mer - cy for your sin.  
 Shall be born a gain.  
 Live in the peace of God.

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*Stand*

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 167*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your

**Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. *LSB 292*

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C** Yes. *LSB 293*

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

**P** Almighty God in His *LSB 167*  
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.

**C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 168*

**Introit** *Ps. 92:12-15; antiphon: Ps. 92:1*

**[P]** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

**[C]** **The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

**[P]** They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

**[C]** **They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,**

**[P]** to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

**[P] [C]** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**[P]** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

# Kyrie

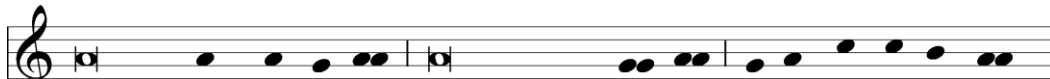
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



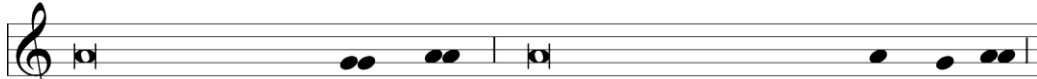
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



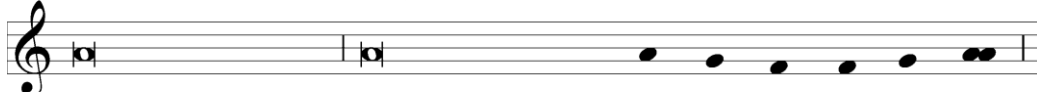
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



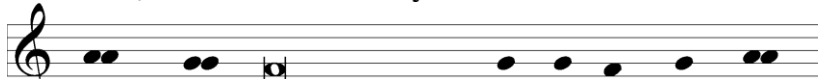
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



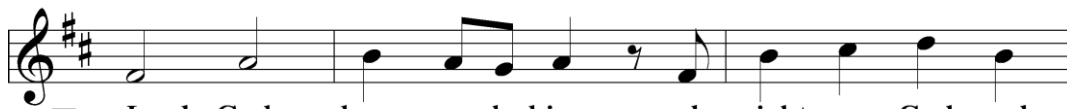
**C** A - men.

## *Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 170*



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

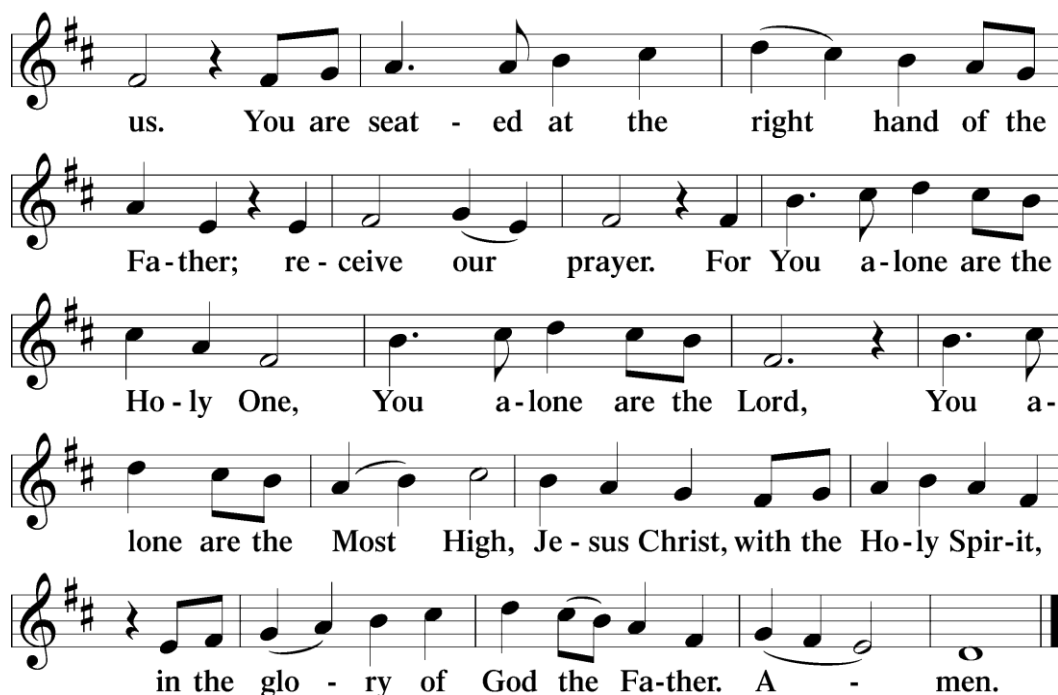


Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on





## Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 172*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

22 ““This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

23 On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches.

24 All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. ““I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.””

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual**

*Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b*

**A C** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

On your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare your greatness.

**Epistle Reading**

*2 Corinthians 5:1-10*

5 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2 Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, 3 because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4 For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now the one who has

fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7 For we live by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

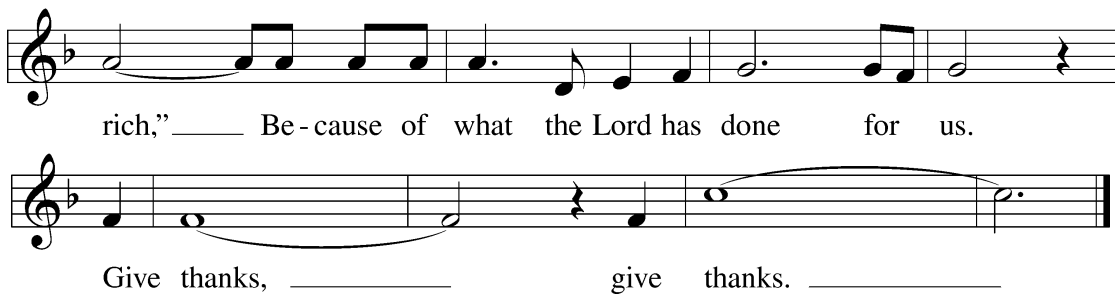
# Hymn of Praise

(requested) LSB 806

## “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

The musical score is written on eight staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many notes beamed together in groups of four or six. There are several measures with rests, indicated by a 'z' symbol. The lyrics are as follows:

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus  
Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_  
Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say “I am  
strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,” \_\_\_\_\_ Be - cause of  
what the Lord has done for us. And now let the  
weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am



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## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 173*



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 4:26-34*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St.  
Mark, the fourth chapter.



26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed

sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.  
28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.  
29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”  
30 Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”  
33 With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.  
34 He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



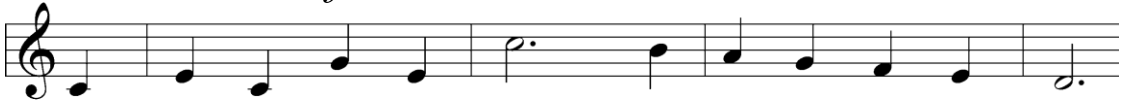
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 966 sts. 1-5*

*“Before You, Lord, We Bow”*



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove  
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,  
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,  
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks  
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this  
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -  
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!  
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.  
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.  
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band,  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!

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**Sermon**

**Pastor Tom Rhodes**  
**“Flag Day”**

*Stand*

**Apostles’ Creed**

*LSB 175*

**☐ ☐ 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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*LSB 175*

**[P]** It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise His name. And so, we come to You, kind Father, with our prayers and petitions for all who are in need.

## *Brief silence*

**[P]** God of grace and mercy, we praise You for establishing the shelter of Your Church through Your Son and for calling us to faith. Grant Christ's love so to fill us that we might live lives of repentance in Him who died and rose again for us, nor regard anyone according to the old way,

but learn to see each other as new creations in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God of grace and mercy, we praise You for all the faithful pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; our circuit pastors; and all missionaries and church workers and congregation members. Send laborers into Your harvest fields and sustain those You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** God of grace and mercy, bless our nation and all nations with faithful leaders who will act with justice to protect the weak, promote virtue and seek peace. Be with the members of our armed forces, protecting them and upholding them in honor. Bless the police, firefighters, emergency, and medical personnel, and all through whom we

experience Your protection and care. Lord, in  
Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of grace and mercy, at times in this body  
Your children groan under the burdens and  
troubles of life. We remember before You today  
the troubled, the hurting, the despairing, the  
anxious and the grieving. Bless them and all who  
suffer in body, mind, or heart, especially those on  
our prayer list and cards. Give them Your peace  
and comfort in their troubles and whatever relief  
You know to be best for them. Lord, in Your  
mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of grace and mercy, we offer You praise  
not as we ought, but as we are able. We trust you  
to hear these prayers of Your people and grant us  
all such things as are good and wholesome for us.  
For into Your loving arms, we commend

ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

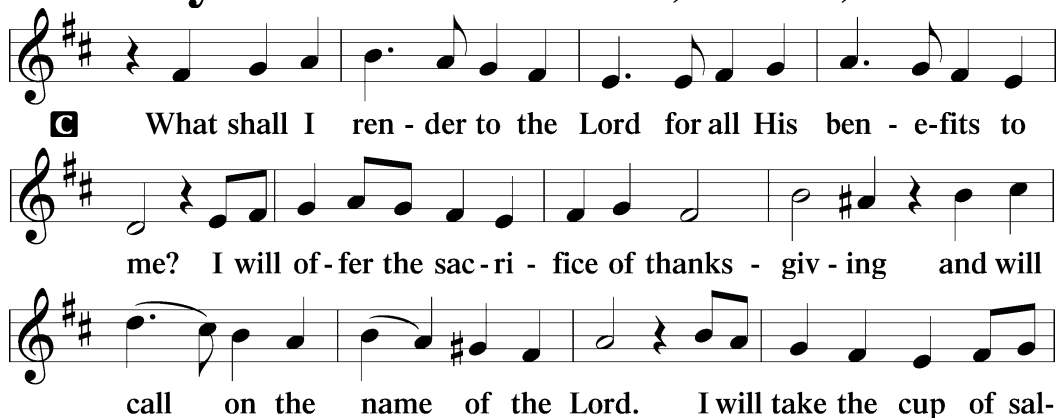
**C** Amen.

## Offering

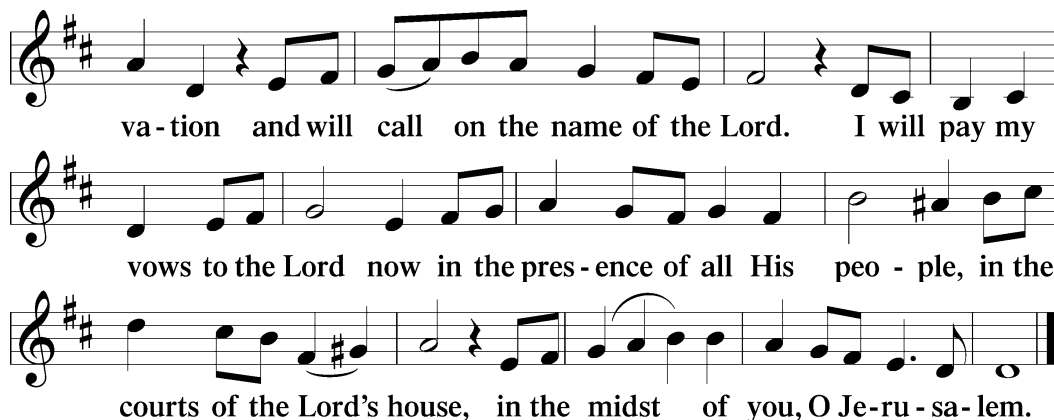
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*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

## Offertory Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



## Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 179*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.**

**Benediction**      *Numbers 6:24-26, LSB 183*

**[P]** 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.

**[C]** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

*LSB 923 sts. 1-3*

*“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through Your  
2 We praise You for the means of grace As home - ward  
△ 3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious  
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye

seed take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit!  
 wor - shiped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.  
 heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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