



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 20, 2020 - 5:00 PM

JUNE 21, 2020 - 10:45 AM

SPECIAL LIVE STREAM WORSHIP FOLDER

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: Amen.

Leader: At the very beginning of this time of worship, let us humbly come before our good God and confess our need for Him.

(Please be seated or kneel.)

Leader: O Good and Gracious God,

People: We confess that our sins are more than simple obstacles in our lives. Not only do they ruin our relationships, but they lead us down a track of death and ultimate destruction. *Without* Your grace and power, we would be lost forever and eternally condemned. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, empower us, and lead us to walk with You and delight in Your way. Amen.

Leader: Friends in Christ, our Savior is Good and He gets us through all things. In the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all of your sins and grants you eternal glory with Him. As a servant of the Word and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"
(sts. 1 & 2)*

Hymn 905

**Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious, Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,**

**And give Thy Word success, And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.**

***OPENING VERSICLES**

Leader: It is the Lord who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding stretched out the heavens. *(Jeremiah 10:12)*

People: **Ah, Lord GOD! It is You who have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for You.** *(Jeremiah 32:17)*

Leader: Christ's divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life

People: **through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness.** *(2 Peter 1:3)*

Leader: Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

People: **I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.** *(Philippians 4:13)*

Leader: Jesus' power gives us hope.

People: **So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord.** *(Psalm 31:24)*

Leader: Jesus' power helps us be bold.

People: **He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless.** *(Isaiah 40:29)*

Leader: Jesus' power lets us live forever.

People: **The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you.** *(Romans 8:11)*

Leader: Jesus' power helps us be good friends

People: **Love each other in the same way I have loved you.** *(John 15:12)*

All: **Glory be the Father and to the Son (+) and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***THE HYMN VERSE**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"
(stanza 4)**

Hymn 905

**To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.**

BIBLE VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 31:24, NLT

“So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!”

THE FIRST READING

Acts 27:13-26, 39-28:2

¹³When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the “northeaster,” swept down from the island. ¹⁵The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. ¹⁷When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. ²¹After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.” ... ³⁹When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. ⁴⁰Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. ⁴¹But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. ⁴²The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. ⁴³But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. ⁴⁴The rest were to get there on planks or on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land in safety.

¹Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. ²The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:22-27

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45]CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

***SERMON HYMN**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(sts. 1 & 3)

Hymn 576

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain**

Refrain

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

***CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

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.**

***THE BENEDICTION** *(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

People: Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

**“Lord of All Hopefulness”
(sts. 1 & 3)**

Hymn 738

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

The Preacher	Vicar Brendon Moore
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Lector	Roger Walker
The Ushers & Greeters	Don & Connie March, Jennifer March

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

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The Liturgist	The Rev. Charles T. Reich
The Organist	Wynn Bonner
The Elder on Duty	Jennifer Smith
The Lector	Georgia Fisher
The Welcome Team Greeters	Judy Hinsch,
At the Welcome Center	Linda Aceto
The Welcome Team Ushers	Donna Enzor, Carl Rod, Larry Walker, Chris Zinsmeister

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