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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Do Not Lose Heart

June 9, 2024



AS WE GATHER

In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal “world,” God’s Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily “lose heart” when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that troubles us. For “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

People: **O Lord, who could stand?**

Pastor: But with You there is forgiveness,

People: **that You may be feared.**

Pastor: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

People: **and in His word I hope.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: From God's own Word we understand it is our sin that causes our troubles, doubt, fears, and death. For this reason, God's own Son became our Savior, taking the sin of the world upon Himself and paying our debt with His own death on the cross. All who have been baptized in His name have died with Him and live in the forgiveness of our sin. Let us therefore implore Him again and again for His forgiveness and life.

People: **O God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds by my own fault. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me my sins and restore to me the hope of Your eternal salvation.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to 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.**

HYMN "Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

Hymnal Page 610, verses 2 to 5

2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
By anxious thoughts oppressed;
Let me Your loving servant be
And taste Your promised rest.

4. Lord Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out Your chosen way.

3. Lord Jesus, think on me
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery,
O be my health and life!

5. Lord Jesus, think on me
That, when this life is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
And share Your joy at last.

✠ **WORD** ✠

KYRIE

Hymnal page 168

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid"

Hymnal Page 500, verses 1 and 4

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.

4. Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMNET READING

Genesis 3:8–15

(The first promise of a Savior from sin)

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her Offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 130; antiphon: v. 7*

130 ¹ Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

² O Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

³ If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?

⁴ But with You there is forgiveness,
that You may be feared.

⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in His word I hope;

⁶ my soul waits for the Lord
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with Him is plentiful redemption.

⁸ And He will redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

EPISTLE *2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1*

(Therefore we do not lose heart.)

¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

5 ¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 3:20–35*

(Jesus accused by His family and teachers of the Law)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

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

²⁰ Then He went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, “He is out of His mind.” ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³ And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸ “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ for they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹ And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You.” ³³ And He answered them, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” ³⁴ And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Hymnal page 660, verses 2 to 3

2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

SERMON

CREED

Apostles' Creed

People: I believe in one 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

Pastor: Let us pray.
Lord God our heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your good creation and for Your re-creation of a people of eternal hope and life, Your holy church throughout the world. Keep, we pray, all pastors and believers in the joyful hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Help all people of the world and especially of our own nation to not lose heart in the face of earthly troubles but to endure with faith in Your gracious promises of the forgiveness of sins and the hope and peace of Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: In the midst of trouble, anxiety, sickness, or fear of death, comfort, heal, and raise up all who call upon You in their need. Bless all who minister healing and deliverance to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the many brave and faithful believers who have gone before us, we give You thanks. Help us to remember all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith, that we may likewise live all our days with our heavenly goal in mind. 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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Praise You, O God” Hymnal 785, verse 1

1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

**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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Hymnal page 685, verses 1 to 2

1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2. Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth here after.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3.

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BLESSED TO BE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Reverend Mark Reschke
Greeter: Patricia Caballero
Reader: Christine Geltz
Musician: Christine Geltz
Ushers: Craig Boehne, Donald Lammerts, & Dave Lassanske

PRAYERS OF CARE & CONCERN FOR OUR FLC FAMILY

Philip Caballero: Please pray for his speedy recovery from his several falls and low sodium situation.

Jean Hyland: Please pray for her family during their time of grief and loss.

Margaret Bradfute: Please pray for her family during their time of grief and loss.
Refer to more information on the next page.

Debbie Morrow: This former student from First Lutheran School (who is the niece of Pat Grabowski and Connie Kean) shall be receiving heavy duty chemo treatments for her cancer approximately every three weeks. Please pray for her cancer struggles to be healed.

Anna Rosteck: Pray for our Missionary as she continues to deal with her various cancer issues. (She is Pat Grabowski’s and Connie Kean’s niece.) In addition, you may send Get Well greeting cards to her at:

709 42nd A Street North, Great Falls MT (Montana) 59405

Long time parishioner

Margaret Bradfute passed away on May 3rd, 2024 – Friday. There will be Memorial service on **June 29th, 2024 (Saturday) at 11:00 a.m.** at First Lutheran Church of Temple City. Reception will follow immediately after the Memorial service.

Sunday Worship at Home

If you are unable to attend worship, you can listen to the Lutheran Hour sermon at 8:00 a.m. on station KBRT AM 740 each Sunday.

If you have a TV and can get DirectTV, Channel 377 you can view Worship Anew at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. This service is filmed at our Fort Wayne Seminary in Indiana. For those people who have a computer, the Worship Anew worship service can be viewed via the internet at any time.



You may, also, access Sermon online by going to: <https://firstlutherantc.org/Media>

BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK



Peter Dille

June 11

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

TODAY – JUNE 9

Fellowship time

Bible Study & Sunday School

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30 a.m.

9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

JUNE 16

Fellowship time

Bible Study & Sunday School

Board of Directors' Meeting

ELECTION TIME ...

Election of officers is coming soon at the July 7th Voters' Meeting. Contact anyone on the Nominating Committee, Connie Kean, Dave Lassanske or Norma Boehne, if you wish your name to be included on the slate.



The Third Sunday
After Pentecost

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY

JUNE 22

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish Hall



Blood Drive

First Lutheran Church

Parish Hall
9123 Broadway Avenue
Temple City, CA 91780

Saturday, June 22, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Scan this code and book an appointment for
this event on the Red Cross website:



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Give blood!