

## 3rd Sunday after Pentecost



**Sunday, June 9, 2024**

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ  
2725 Concord Drive  
Florissant, MO 63033

## PRELUDE

“Meditation”  
“In a Holy Place”

Todd Beaney  
Gilbert M. Martin

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Details on announcements are at the end of this bulletin.)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

### GATHERING HYMN

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

ELW #705

### GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”<sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 130**

L: Out of the depths cry to you, O LORD;

**C: O LORD, I hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

L: If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

**C: Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

L: I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

**C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch I for the morning.**

L: O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**C: For the LORD shall I redeem Israel from I all their sins.**

### **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING - Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the gospel.**

P: The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter (verses 20-35)

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

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to

him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Following the reading the assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Matt

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Rise, Shine You People”

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH – *The Apostles’ Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age (*especially Columba, Aiden, and Bede whom we commemorate today*). Enliven the creativity

and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you (*especially*). Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

God, creator of generations, you have worked through families to bring faith, hope, and love since creation. Continue to nurture, guide, and inspire our family of faith, especially our brothers and sisters in the Beins & Buchek families. Guide, protect, and build these families up in faith. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*Share God's peace in whatever way you and/or neighbors are comfortable.*

*Following the sharing of the peace the assembly is seated.*

## **GATHERING OF OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C: Amen.**

## **COMMUNION LITURGY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise. Hosanna in the highest!**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **C: Amen.**

### Lamb of God

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The word "grant" is underlined with a long horizontal line.

**DISTRIBUTION** *Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine. Additional verbal directions will be given.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS  
BLESSING**

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW#785

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you in God’s grace unto eternal life.  
C: Amen.

**PRAYER**

L: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. C: Amen.

**MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT - Thank you to Bill and members of our Bell Choir for sharing your beautiful music. Enjoy your summer break.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen. (Num. 6:24)

**SENDING HYMN**

“Go My Children”

ELW#543

**DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

“O God of Love, O King of Peace”

arr. David Lasky

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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1. FMSC Leadership Meeting Today, June 9th 2pm
2. **NO Bible Study or NO Adult Ed for the Summer. We will resume August 18.**
3. **The June Lunch Bunch** will dine at Las Fuentes at 680 N Hwy 67 in the Florissant Square Shopping Center. We will gather at 11:30 am on June 13 and everyone is welcome. For reservations contact Joyce Meyer at 314-374-4135 or email [jameyer46@charter.net](mailto:jameyer46@charter.net).
4. **FIFTY PLUS JUNE PICNIC** Fifty Plus will meet on June 19 at 11:30 am in the lower level at LCLC. Brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, desserts and drinks all for the price of \$5.00 will be on the menu. The Black Jack Fire Department will be coming to talk about home safety. A signup sheet will be posted in June.
5. **Yard Sale on Saturday, June 22.** In conjunction with Wedgewood Subdivision, Living Christ will host our own yard sale along with a book sale and grilled hot dogs. Please price your items and know that the proceeds will go towards paying bills at LCLC. Saturday, June 15 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm the church will be open for drop off of items and help with pricing, if needed. We also ask for help in setting up and taking down on June 22.
6. **Feed My Starving Children (FMSC)** pack is on July 13 at Atonement --shifts are 8:00am, 11:15am and 2:30pm--. Registration begins on June 1 at [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org). Invite friends, neighbors, co-workers, **and everyone you can possibly imagine!**
7. Choirs are in recess for the summer. We can really use some more members for both bell (critical) and vocal choir. YOU can ring and sing! Contact Bill Kaepfel and David Eggers.

8. The flowers today are for the "Celebration of Marriage for Deanna Gunn & Shon Taylor" on June 8th.

**June 9, 2024**

**Preaching/Presiding: Pr. Matt**

**Assisting Minister: Angela Bennett**

**Lector: Bill Kaepfel**

**Live Streaming: Rod Wallace**

**Musician: Greg Ott**

**Ushers: Gloria Broderick & Cathie Lehr**

**Greeter: Kathy Endorf**

**Altar Guild: Maureen Buchek & Marjoie Becker**

**June 16, 2024**

**Preaching/Presiding: Ethan Feistner -Executive Director - Camp Tomah Shinga**

**Assisting Minister: Randy Henning**

**Lector: Dave Endorf**

**Live Streaming: Erle Craig**

**Musician: David Eggers**

**Ushers: Jann & Glenn Mueller**

**Greeter: Joyce Meyer**

**Altar Guild: Cathie Lehr & Joyce Meyer**