# Third Sunday after Trinity

6 July A+D 2025

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church U. A. C.**
**& Rainbow Preschool**
**145 S. 6th Street**
**Waterford, Wisconsin**

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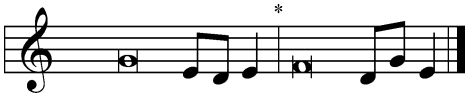
*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD*

*Prelude*

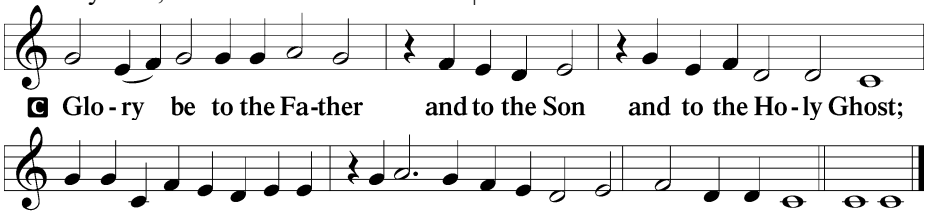
**Hymn of Invocation: 608 Lord, to You I Make Confession**

**Order of Worship: p. 184**

**Introit** *Psalm 25:1–2a; antiphon: vv. 16, 18*



Turn Thee unto me, and have mercy upon me, | O LORD,*
for I am desolate and af- | flicted.
Look upon mine affliction | and my pain,*
and forgive all my sins, | O my God.
Unto Thee, O LORD, do I lift | up my soul;*
O my God, I trust in Thee. Let me not | be ashamed.

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and forgive | all my sins.

**Kyrie - Salutation** *p. 186 ff*

**Collect of the Day**

P O God, the Protector of all who trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Sit*

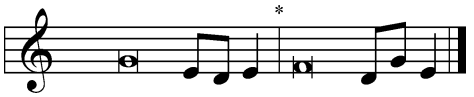
**Old Testament Lesson** *Micah 7:18–20*

O Lord our God: Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old, O Lord our God.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalm 55:22a, 17b, 18b*



Cast thy burden up- | on the LORD,*
and He shall sus- | tain thee.
When I cried un- | to the LORD,*
He heard my voice from the battle that was a- | gainst me.

## Epistle

*I Peter 5:6–11*

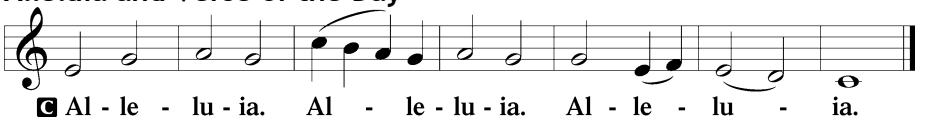
Dearly Beloved: Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse of the Day

*Psalm 7:17*

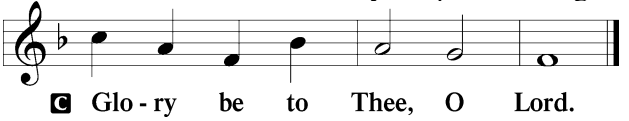



**Alleluia.** I will love Thee, O | LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my | fortress. **Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

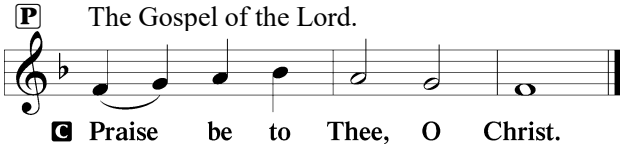
*Luke 15*

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.




At that time: Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He spoke this parable to them, saying: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully

until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"




**Nicene Creed**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 756 Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me**

**Sermon**

**Offering Hymn: 611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *p. 192 ff*
**Prayer of the Church** P let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**
**Proper Preface**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus - Agnus Dei** *p. 195 ff*
*Sit*
**Distribution Hymns:**
**563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness /**
**839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light /**
**637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord /**
**609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive /**
**614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said**

*Stand*
**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*
**Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**
*Postlude*

**Looking Forward to Wednesday**
Lessons: Colossians 3:17–24a, Matthew 5:25–30
Hymns: 916-594-743-643-805

**Looking forward to next Sunday (Fourth Sunday after Trinity)**
Lessons: Isaiah 58:6–12; Romans 8:18–23; Luke 6:36–42
Hymns: 500-696-683-760/627/663/713-922

**VBS is this week**

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# We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our ***Welcome Center*** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

## Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

## The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.

## Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"*Repetitio est mater studiorum*: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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