



# The Third Sunday after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Thursday & Saturday at 6:30 PM  
Sunday at 9:00 AM

## OPENING HYMN

## We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer | CW#609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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## INVOCATION

*please stand*

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and to serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways. I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

**C:** **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## OH, TASTE AND SEE

**C:** (sung) *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.  
Your faithfulness continues forever.  
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** We pray:

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning, and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) *Amen*

*please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON:

### Exodus 16:9-21

<sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. <sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" <sup>17</sup> The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. <sup>18</sup> And when they measured it by the omer, he who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little. Each one gathered as much as he needed. <sup>19</sup> Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." <sup>20</sup> However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup> Each morning everyone gathered as much as he needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. <sup>22</sup> On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much - two omers for each person - and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses.



*Refrain*

LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

*Tone*

How many are your / works, LORD!

In wisdom you / made them all.

All creatures / look to you

to give them their food at the / proper time.

When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things. *Refrain*

May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

he makes winds his / messengers,

flames of fire his / servants.

I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## SECOND LESSON:

**Acts 17:24-31**

<sup>24</sup> “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”

**Verse of the Day:** Acts 17:28

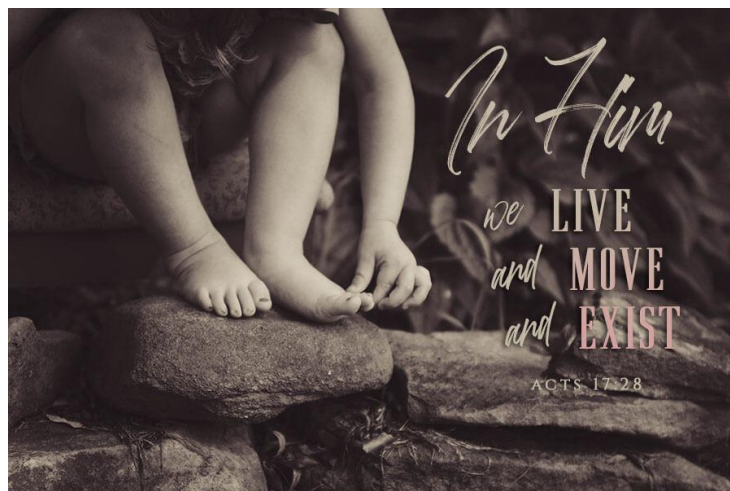
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Alleluia. For in him we live and move and have our being. Alleluia.

*Congregation Sings*

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These Words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

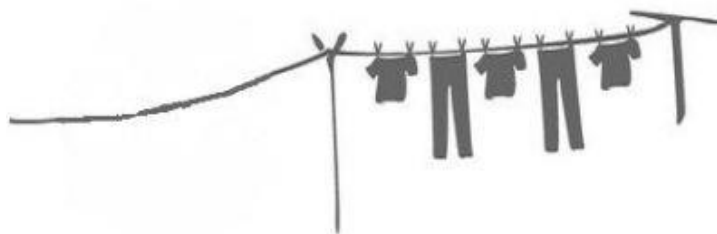


## GOSPEL LESSON:

**Luke 12:22-31**

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup> “Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:  
“THEREFORE I TELL YOU,  
**DO NOT** ABOUT YOUR **LIFE**,  
**WORRY** WHAT YOU WILL **EAT**;  
OR ABOUT YOUR **BODY**,  
WHAT YOU WILL **WEAR**.  
FOR LIFE IS MORE THAN FOOD, AND THE BODY MORE THAN CLOTHES.



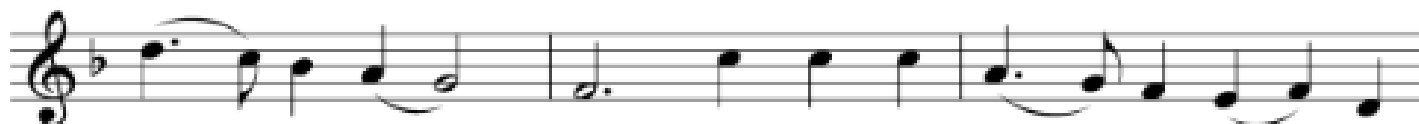
Luke 12:22-23

## HYMN

## All Paise to God Who Reigns Above | CW#603



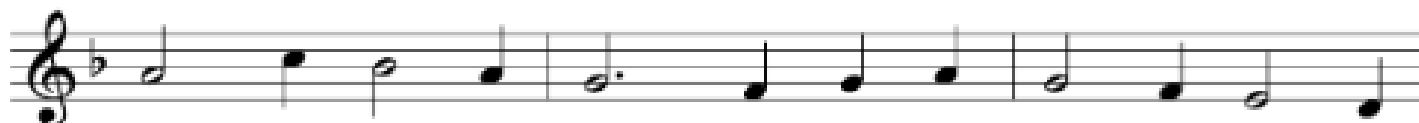
1 All praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of  
 2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy  
 3 I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O  
 4 The Lord will not for - sake his flock, his cho - sen  
 5 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, to God give



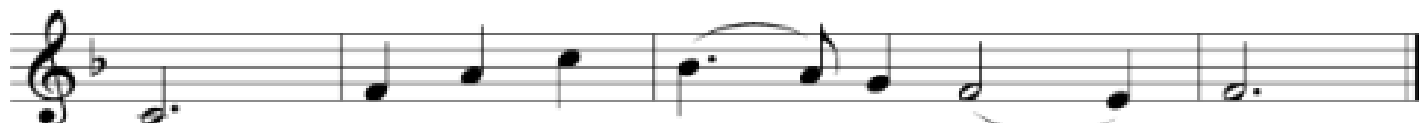
all cre - a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and  
 he is keep - ing; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning  
 hear my call - ing! For death he gave me life in -  
 gen - er - a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their  
 praise and glo - ry! Let all who know his pow'r pro -



love, the God of our sal - va - tion! With heal - ing  
 shade his eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the  
 deed and kept my feet from fall - ing. For this my  
 rock, their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a  
 claim a - loud the won - drous sto - ry! All i - dols



balm my soul he fills, the God who ev - 'ry sor - row  
 king - dom of his might, all things are just and good and  
 thanks shall end - less be; O thank him, thank our God with  
 moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his own, his cho - sen  
 un - der foot be trod— The Lord is God! The Lord is



stills: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 right: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 me: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 God! To God all praise and glo - ry!

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## **The First Article of the Apostles Creed**

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

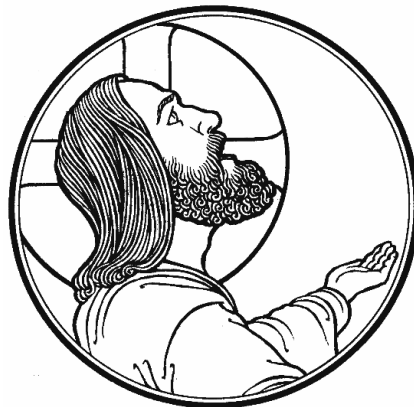
*What does this mean?*

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. *And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.* God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true. *please be seated*

## **THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERING**

*On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Cor. 16:2).*

The offering plates will be passed through the congregation. After collection, the ushers will take the offering plates to the front to present them at the altar of God. As the plates come forward, please stand and sing our offering hymn.





## OFFERING HYMN

Evening and Morning | CW#501:1



1 Eve-ning and morn - ing, sun - set and dawn - ing, wealth, peace, and



glad - ness, com - fort in sad - ness: these are the works of your



glo - ry di - vine. Times with - out num - ber, a - wake or in



slum - ber, your eye ob - serves us, from dan - ger pre -



serves us, caus - ing your mer - cy up - on us to shine.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## PRAYER

**M:** ... through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** (sung) *A-men.*

## BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C:** (sung) *Amen. Amen. A-men.*

# CLOSING HYMN

# Children of the Heavenly Father | CW#502



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish; in his  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his



in his bos - om gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he  
Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; his the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; in his might - y arms he bears them.  
show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958; Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, abr.

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