



# The Third Week after the Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

Thursday & Saturday at 6:30pm  
Sunday at 9:00am

## OPENING HYMN

## Drawn to the Cross (#387)

Text: Genevieve M. Irons, 1855-1928, alt.

- 1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in you my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.*
- 2 How well you know my griefs and fears,  
Your grace abused, my misspent years;  
So now to you with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.*
- 3 Wash me and take away each stain; Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing through your cross and pain, Christ crucified, I come.*
- 4 To pledge my labor willingly, Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.*

*If you wish to follow along in the hymnal,  
the Service of the Word can be found beginning on page 38.*

## GREETING & 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:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. Be 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.**

**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: Let us pray.**

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

*please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup> He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” <sup>11</sup> And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” <sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” <sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY:

Psalm 51a (p86)

Refrain: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

*Have mercy on me, O God,\*  
according to your unfailing love.*

*Wash away all my iniquity,\*  
and cleanse me from my sin.*

*For I know my transgressions,\*  
and my sin is always before me.*

Refrain: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

*Against you, you only, have I sinned\*  
and done what is evil in your sight.*

*Surely I was sinful at birth,\*  
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*

*Hide your face from my sins,\*  
and blot out all my iniquity.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

Refrain: *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

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## SECOND LESSON

## 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> It is written: “I believed; therefore I have spoken.” With that same spirit of faith we also believe and therefore speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup> All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. <sup>16</sup> Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. <sup>18</sup> So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

2 Corinthians 5:19 cf. RSV

**M:** Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

**C:** (sung) *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****Mark 3:20-35**

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, “He is out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup> And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons.” <sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. <sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. <sup>28</sup> I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. <sup>29</sup> But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.” <sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, “He has an evil spirit.” <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.” <sup>33</sup> “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. <sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

**C:** (sung) *Praise be to You, O Christ!*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Let Me Be Yours Forever (#596)

Text: Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 1  
*Gesangbuch*, Rudolstadt, 1688, st. 2-3;  
tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

- 1 Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.*
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, To you I all resign,  
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.*
- 3 O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.*

## SERMON

*after the sermon, remain seated*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH We All Believe in One True God (#270)

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-84;  
tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

- 1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,  
By whose mighty pow'r alone All is made and wrought and done.*
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,  
Who descended from his throne And for us salvation won,  
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.*
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally!*

## PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

The offering, collected in the baskets in the back of the church is brought forward and presented at the altar of God while the **congregation stands and sings our offering hymn**. Should you still wish to give, anything you place in the baskets on your way out will also be collected.

## OFFERING HYMN

**Savior, Thy Dying Love (#488:1,4)**

Text: Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1816-95.

*1 Savior, thy dying love Thou gavest me;  
Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from thee.  
In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow,  
Some off'ring bring thee now, Something for thee.*

*4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,  
In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!  
And when thy face I see, My ransomed soul shall be  
Through all eternity Something for thee.*

## 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.**

*please be seated*

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry  
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred  
 3 What mer - cy that God showed to our  
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus'

good In E - den's ho - ly or - chard  
 grove Was bro - ken as the ser - pent  
 race, A plan of res - cue by his  
 shame Flows life e - ter - nal in his

stood, And of its fruit so pure and  
 strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -  
 grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's  
 name; For all who trust and will be -

sweet God let the man and wom - an  
 guile And Ad - am to by sin de -  
 seed, The One to fill our great - est  
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re -

eat. Yet in this gar - den al - so  
 file. Oh, day of sad - ness when the  
 need - For on a tree up - lift - ed  
 ceive. And of this fruit so pure and

grew An - oth - er tree, of which they  
 breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and  
 high His on - ly Son for sin would  
 sweet The Lord in - vites the world to

knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -  
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -  
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and  
 eat, To find with - in this cross of

dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.  
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.  
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!  
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.



## PRAYER

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us strong in Your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us Your saving peace, 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

**Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (#329)**

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace.  
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.*

*Thanks we give and adoration For the gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.*

*So whene'er the signal's given Us from earth to call away,  
Borne on angels' wings to heaven, Glad the summons to obey,  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Christ in endless day.*