

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JUNE 13, 2021

THROUGH THE LOVE OF GOD OUR SAVIOUR

Verse 1
Through the love of God our Saviour
All will be well
Free and changeless is His favour
All all is well
Precious is the blood that heals us
Perfect is the grace that seals us
Strong the hand stretched out to shield us
All must be well

Verse 2
Though we pass through tribulation
All will be well
Ours is such a full salvation
All all is well
Happy still in God confiding
Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Holy through the Spirit's guiding
All must be well

Verse 3
We expect a bright tomorrow
All will be well
Faith can sing through days of sorrow
All all is well
On our Father's love relying
Jesus every need supplying
Or in living or in dying
All must be well

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Celebrant: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Verse 1
Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Chorus
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Verse 2
Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Verse 3
Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

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GOD OF MY LIFE, TO THEE I CALL

Verse 1
God of my life, to Thee I call
Afflicted at Thy feet I fall;
When the great water floods prevail
Leave not my trembling hearts to fail.

Chorus
Poor though I am, despised, forgot
Yet God, my God, forgets me not;
And he is safe and must succeed
For whom the Lord is sure to plead.

Verse 2
Friend of the friendless and the saint,
Where should I lodge my deep complaint?
Where but with Thee, whose open door
Invites the helpless and the poor!

Verse 3 That were a grief I could not bear, Didst Thou not hear and answer prayer; But a prayer hearing, answering God Supports me under every load

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Ezekiel 31:1-6, 10-14

¹ In the eleventh year, in the third month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came to me: ² "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude:

"Whom are you like in your greatness? Behold, Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches and forest shade. and of towering height, its top among the clouds. ⁴ The waters nourished it; the deep made it grow tall, making its rivers flow around the place of its planting, sending forth its streams to all the trees of the field. ⁵ So it towered high above all the trees of the field: its boughs grew large and its branches long from abundant water in its shoots. ⁶ All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; under its branches all the beasts of the field gave birth to their young, and under its shadow lived all great nations.

10 "Therefore thus says the Lord God: Because it towered high and set its top among the clouds, and its heart was proud of its height, ¹¹ I will give it into the hand of a mighty one of the nations. He shall surely deal with it as its wickedness deserves. I have cast it out. ¹² Foreigners, the most ruthless of nations, have cut it down and left it. On the mountains and in all the valleys its branches have fallen, and its boughs have been broken in all the ravines of the land, and all the peoples of the earth have gone away from its shadow and left it. ¹³ On its fallen trunk dwell all the birds of the heavens, and on its branches are all the beasts of the field. ¹⁴ All this is in order that no trees by the waters may grow to towering height or set their tops among the clouds, and that no trees that drink water may reach up to them in height. For they are all given over to death, to the world below, among the children of man, with those who go down to the pit.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

- ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?
- ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

JAMES 1:5-11

- ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- ⁹ Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, ¹⁰ and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. ¹¹ For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

At the Gospel reading, we stand and the Scripture is read in the midst of the congregation as a way to honor the truth that in Christ God became flesh and dwelt among us.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come abide in us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy Spirit come and dwell in us.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself,

first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

The Holy Bible, ESV

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

David Stewart

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy People: Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

You may kneel or sit during the prayer of confession

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

As we remember the peace that we have been given with God through his forgiveness, we also remember that He has made us at peace with one another. That is why we "exchange the peace." You may say "The peace of the Lord" to those around you, or just say "Hello."

BIBLE AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

In order to support the mission of the church financially, you may deposit your gifts in the collection box at the Welcome Table, send checks to Church of the Redeemer, P.O. Box 130965, St. Paul, MN 55113, or if you wish to give online or set up direct deposit from your bank account, please visit https://oftheredeemer.org/give/

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And with your spirit. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

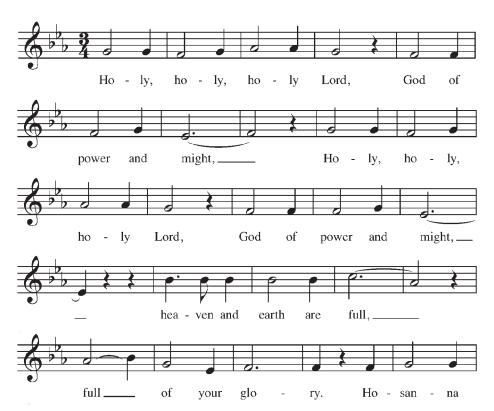
People: We lift them up to the Lord.

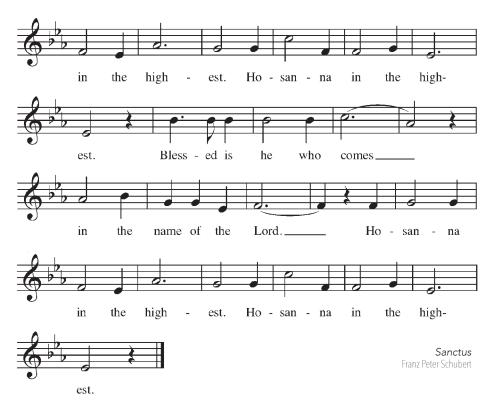
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father... Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Celebrant and People: AMEN.

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray together,

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.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, once for all upon the cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant and People:

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Directions for Communion

All baptized believers in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Communion. However, if you are not able to receive you may remain seated or come forward for a prayer of blessing from one of our ministers. Please indicate your desire for a prayer of blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.

You will be dismissed to receive by one of our greeters. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Please extend your hand to receive the bread and the cup and move toward the basket to consume the elements before returning to your seat. Please place the empty cup in the basket to the right or left of the server before you return to your seat.

If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers are available at the rear of the sanctuary to pray with you during our communion worship and for a short time after the service. If others are being prayed for, you may wait in a nearby pew. This time of prayer is considered private and confidential, and whatever you share with prayer ministers will not be brought up again by them unless you initiate.

A Prayer When Unable to Receive Communion

Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind with all my brothers and sisters in Holy Mother Church throughout the world who gather at your holy table this day to remember your death and proclaim your resurrection. Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you, through the merits of your dear son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Hasten the day when I may once more draw near with them to receive the most precious sacrament of your body and blood. Amen.

Steadfast

Verse 1
I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus You are steadfast steadfast

Verse 2
By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

Verse 3
I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

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Your Will Be Done

Verse 1
Your will be done my God and Father
As in heaven so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked so shall I walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul O lift your voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 2

How in that garden he persisted I may never fully know The fearful weight of true obedience It was held by him alone What wondrous faith to bear that cross To bear my sin what wondrous love My hope was sure when there my Saviour prayed Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 3

When I am lost when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes to the one great King I bow
As Jesus rose so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored with all Your saints I sing
Father not my will but Yours be done

Verse 4

As we go forth our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see Your glory
And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home
Now as Your church we lift our voice and pray
Father not my will but Yours be done

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THE SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM

Verse 1

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom; Far and wide, He announces new birth: "I, the Lord of Creation, am making new Every inch of the groaning earth!"

Verse 2

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter Is the Kingdom of God as it's sown; But the powers of hell shall against it fall When the Kingdom of God is grown.

Chorus

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest, And we long for our King to appear, Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r, The Kingdom of God is near!

Verse 3

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom In the hearts of the poor and weak. He declares to the captives, "I bring good news: You shall be mighty oaks of strength!"

Verse 4

Through the City of God flows a river From the throne of the Lamb, waters pour And behold on the banks grows the tree of life Where the nations are healed and restored

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Celebrant and People:

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Please keep social distance of at least six feet as you depart the church. Out of respect for the space and our host congregation, please take a moment to check for papers, bulletins and other items as you leave the sanctuary today.

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us! If you would like to be contacted by one of our clergy or added to our weekly email communication, please use this QR code. Thank you!



July Service Day

Together For Good - Mom's Luncheon July 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Together for Good creates pathways for the church to come alongside vulnerable famillies in Christ-centered ministry.

In July, Church of the Redeemer will host the monthly Mom's Luncheon at Summit Church in St. Paul. The moms enjoy coming for a meal and a bit of encouragement while their children receive care. We will provide a catered lunch but will need people to help with childcare, transportation, and serving/visiting with the moms. Volunteer using this QR code:



Read about one of these events on TFG's blog - Mom's Luncheon: The Power of Being Present

August Service Day

Every Meal - Food Packing Event August 27, 9-11 a.m.

The organization, Every Meal, fights child hunger through community and school partnerships.

Volunteers from our church will form assembly lines to pack bags of food that contain approximately four meals of non-perishable food.

These are distributed into children's backpacks on Fridays to help their families over the weekends.

Join others from our church to provide hands-on support for the children in our communities. Both children (8-years+) and adults are encouraged to sign up! Sign up using this QR code:



SUMMER PARK MEET-UPS FOR 2021

Grab your coffee, a snack for the kids, maybe a soccer ball, and head over to local parks this summer every other Wednesday starting at 9:30am for a chance to meet up with others while kids play.

June 16 - Falcon Heights Community Park 2050 Roselawn Ave W, Roseville, MN 55113

June 30 - Central Park - Lexington

July 14 - Tony Schmidt Park

July 28 - Rosebrook Park

August 11 - Leafblads' Pool

(RSVP to liz@oftheredeemer.org)

August 25 - Langford Park

SUMMER READING

"To think independently of other human beings is impossible, and if it were possible it would be undesirable. Thinking is necessarily, thoroughly, and wonderfully social."

Alan Jacobs, How to Think: A Survival Guide for a World at Odds, 37.

Read (and think) with other members of our church body this summer, with these books:

How to Think: A Survival Guide For a World at Odds, by Alan Jacobs.

Discussions on Thursday, July 15 & Saturday, Aug. 14

The Justice Calling: Where Passion Meets Perseverance, by Bethany Hanke Hoang and Kristen Deede Johnson.

Discussions on Thursday, July 29 & Saturday, Aug. 28

Our vestry read *How To Think* together this spring and *The Justice Calling* was the text for Men's and Women's Listening Prayer in 2016/17. These books offer timely tools and encouragement to us in a time when justice and civil disagreement are such pressing public concerns. Discussions will be coordinated by our clergy and lay-leaders later this summer. Use this QR code to sign up:



YOUTH OF THE REDEEMER

Looking ahead to the summer, youth will be going to Feed My Starving Children for a packing extravaganza at the Coon Rapids FMSC location on the morning of Friday, June 25th. Info about carpooling, etc. forthcoming. Additionally, watch for dates for youth hangouts in July and August as well as another service opportunity. If you are willing to host a hangout in July or August, please contact a member of the Youth Leadership Team (see page 20).

Men's Gathering This Wednesday - Como Park

All men of the church, 14 years and up, are invited to the first of three Men's Fellowship Gatherings at Como Park, Third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., beginning June 16. We will have Frisbee and a kickball game going (have proper shoe attire), but feel free to just hang out and talk! Water & soft drinks will be provided. Bring a lawn chair. We will meet in the area just south of Como Park Mini Golf (1300 Midway Pkwy, St Paul, MN 55103). Parking is available in the adjacent lot. These will be fun and informal times of fellowship with other men from the church. Please contact Dave Nelson with questions at davidnelsonsr@gmail.com.

General Fund Giving Summary		
As of	Actual Giving	Budgeted Giving
June 6, 2021	\$327,447	\$326,166

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NEW AND RENEWED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

- (1) The ministry of intercessory prayer is resuming during our worship service on Sundays! If you would like to receive prayer for physical, emotional, or spiritual needs, prayer ministers will be available during Eucharist and for a short time after the service. This time of prayer is private and confidential.
- (2) Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline. If you feel led, initiate any of these Anglican prayer services throughout the summer on your own with a small group ("where two or three are gathered..."). You will find resources available on the church website, but you will be responsible to initiate gatherings in small groups.
- (3) To access information about opportunities for personal and private prayer this summer, use this QR code. It includes a list of folks from Church of the Redeemer who are offering themselves to pray with and for you by phone, Zoom, or in person as needs arise.



May the Lord strengthen you and fill you with faith, hope and love.

Deacon Dawn

Today's Preacher - David Stewart

David is originally from British Columbia. He is currently Director of Libraries at Bethel University and has studied at Regent College and the University of Western Ontario. David and his wife Liz, our Pastor of Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, are the parents of four grown children, and live in Falcon Heights.

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