

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

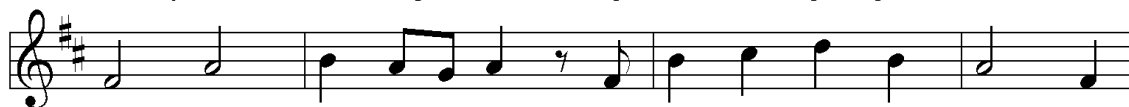
**C** **Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN** [ELW#597 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"](#)

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, while we were dead in our sinfulness, you acted to make us alive as a gift of grace. May all our good works be experienced as a reflection of your grace at work in our lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen**

*Please be seated.*

## **EPHESIANS 2**

**L** A reading from Ephesians: <sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, <sup>4</sup>but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

<sup>11</sup>So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" - a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - <sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, <sup>15</sup>abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; <sup>21</sup>in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** [ELW#779 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"](#)

**SERMON:** [\(Sermon Audio Link\)](#)

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose**

again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

OFFERING\*: ([On-Line giving Link](#))

*The Offering is received and is presented at the altar.*

RESPONSE: "[Create in Me](#)"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

*A brief silence.*

L You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

- L** 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,
- C receive our prayer.**
- L** 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,
- C receive our prayer.**
- L** Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness. We pray for Heidi Brackbill, Rebecca Brennan, Beth Conner, Michelle Drayson, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Bob Hardy, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Claudia Schober, D. J. Singer, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Tom, Chuck Trautwein, and Esther Trautwein. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**
- L** 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,
- C receive our prayer.**
- L** Like a mother, like a father, you tend to your children with care. With awe and thanksgiving we praise you for the birth of Marie Ann to MaKenzie and Parker Brennan. Watch over them and bless this new life. Hold us all in the arms of your compassion and love. Merciful God,
- C receive our prayer.**

**L** We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of word and sacrament. Bless Pastor Jack Trautwein as he celebrates 60 years of ordained ministry, and Pastor Greg Fetzer as he celebrates 25. May they continue to exemplify the gospel in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

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

**C** **receive our prayer.**

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

**C** **Amen**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, 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**

*Please be seated.*

**Lifetime Service Presentation:** [Dr. Robert “Bob” C. Hardy](#)

**P** Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ and anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God’s mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

Today it is our privilege to give thanks for Dr. Robert Hardy, who has completed a time of service as Council President.

*A time for reflections, celebrations, and presentations.*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servant, Bob. We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you. Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

**SENDING HYMN** [ELW#824 "This Is My Father's World"](#)

**P** Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and Upcoming Events**

- Sunday, June 16 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, July 14 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship
- Sunday, August 11 at 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

\*Offering to be sent to  
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### **Upcoming Preaching Texts**

June 16	4 Pentecost	Ephesians 3
June 23	5 Pentecost	Ephesians 4
June 30	6 Pentecost	Ephesians 5
July 7	7 Pentecost	Ephesians 6



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