

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14 & 17, 2026

As We Gather

Sin is far more serious than we often imagine. Left to ourselves we cannot overcome it, excuse it, or escape it. Yet Christ does not leave us alone in our guilt and weakness. In the Lord's Supper, He gives us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and the assurance of eternal life. This message explores the great benefit of eating and drinking this Sacred Meal and why repentant sinners are invited to come confidently to Christ's Table.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (LSB 576)
sts. 1, ref, 2–3

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:11; Matthew 9:38*

P You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,
C **for all the earth is Mine.**

P We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
C **through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

P Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
C **to send out laborers into His harvest.**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us come into God's presence in humility and confession.

Heavenly Father, who rescued Your people from Egypt,

C **rescue us from our sins in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us.**

P Lord Jesus, who gave Yourself into death that we might have life,

C **we confess that we deserve that death You willingly took for us. Forgive us.**

P O Holy Spirit, who wants all people to be saved,

C **we are by nature sinful and in need of Your gracious love. Forgive us.**

P May forgiveness and joy fill your hearts, willing obedience guide your steps, and may the Gospel be proclaimed as you live out each day. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 1:1-5; Antiphon Psalm 1:6

The Lord knows the way of righteous people,
but the way of wicked people will end.
Blessed is the person who does not follow the advice of wicked people,
take the path of sinners, or join the company of mockers.
Rather, he delights in the teachings of the Lord
and reflects on his teachings day and night.
He is like a tree planted beside streams—a tree that produces fruit in season and whose leaves do not wither.
He succeeds in everything he does.
Wicked people are not like that.
Instead, they are like husks that the wind blows away.
That is why wicked people will not be able to stand in the judgment
and sinners will not be able to stand where righteous people gather.

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.

The Lord knows the way of righteous people,
but the way of wicked people will end.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Your love and mercy abound with blessings to us daily.
C **Grant us constant faith and willing hearts to acknowledge Your presence in what we say and do each day;**

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

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 18:1–8*

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes."

And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 11:17–27

But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 6:48–51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior (LSB 619)

sts. 1, ref, 5

Sermon Series: Catechism: The Lord's Supper

Sermon Where is This Written? What do we receive? *1 Corinthians 11:17-27*

Apostles' Creed *Nicene Creed*

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T **everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church (Hear our prayer)

P ... Lord in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offering/Offertory *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.



✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 160-166 in the hymnal.

Preface *LSB 160*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 161*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei *LSB 163*

Distribution Hymns

Amazing Grace (LSB 744) *sts. 1–5*
Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (LSB 622)
Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior (LSB 627)
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face (LSB 631)
Melody 917

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are T forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn

God Has Spoken by His Prophets (LSB 583) Melody 648

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