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**Sunday, June 10, 2018  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Communion**

**A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.**



LET YOUR GUARD DOWN,  
LET GOD IN,  
BE AMONG FRIENDS

**WELCOME . . .**

We are privileged to have you as our guest in the Lord's house this morning. We pray that the time you share with us will be meaningful for you and that God will bless you through it. If you have a question that is not answered here, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you.

**Registry:** Please take time to complete the registry/attendance sheet found in the pew in the black folder at the center aisle. It is important to us that we know who is worshipping with us today. Thank you.

**Worship:** This booklet is our order of worship for today. Hymns are found in the "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnals located in the racks on the back of the pew in front of you. Everything else is printed in this booklet.

Our worship includes **Holy Communion**. As Christians in the Lutheran heritage, we believe that our Lord Jesus is physically present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine we receive. However, if you believe that Jesus' body and blood were given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins, you are welcome to commune with us, regardless of your

faith background. A white grape juice is available at the center of the tray for those who do not wish to receive wine.

If you desire to receive communion but are unable to come forward to the communion rail, inform the usher of such and communion will be brought to you.

**... WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**

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Ministers: The people of St. Paul's Lutheran Church -  
Crossroads

Pastor:	Pastor Creighton
Greeters:	Bob and Amanda Thomas
Accompanist:	Sheryl Harmeyer
Acolytes:	Ethan Wehr and Carter Wehr
Assisting Minister:	Aaron Nicholson
Reader:	Tara Lay
Communion Assistant:	Darrell Nicholson
Sound System:	Seth Gausman
Offering Counters:	Arnie Wehr and Les Kessens
Altar Committee:	Ethel Ollier

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## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**Amen.**

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Eternal God our creator,  
**in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us,  
your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our  
offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty  
desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our  
strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins. **Amen.**

## **GATHERING HYMN:**

**ELW 652**

## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and assembly greet one another.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Lead by the assisting minister*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock

of our salvation!

**Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song!**

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth; and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker!**

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock under his care.

**Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation!**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

ELW p. 139

*A canticle of praise may be sung by all.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**♪ Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

A reading from the third chapter of Genesis.

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,  
    cursed are you among all animals  
    and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.”

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 130**

*The psalm is read responsively by verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths  
I cry to you, O LORD;  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**  
<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,  
O LORD, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,**  
**in order that you may be feared.**  
<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.  
<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch**  
**for the morning,**  
**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**  
<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast  
love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.  
<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**  
**from all their sins.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God  
has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring*

*because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

A reading from the fourth chapter of 2 Corinthians.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands to acclaim the gospel.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW p. 142

**♪Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**ELW 759**

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place,  
praying for the world that God so loves.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house  
divided against itself cannot stand. Overcome our separations in  
the body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the brothers  
and sisters of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you love  
your whole creation. Help us order our lives so that human activity

in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. Replace our fear with trust, remove enmity between nations, and grant us peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing afflictions of any kind especially those listed in the bulletin and prayer book, and those we name aloud or in our hearts at this time. Renew all of us and prepare us for glory so that we do not lose heart. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Lord God, you raised Jesus from the dead and promise to raise us with him and bring us into his presence. We remember those who have died, and we thank you for your steadfast love and power to redeem. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and all for whom we have forgotten or neglected to pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

**OFFERING SONG:**

**ELW 186**

## OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads a prayer.*

Let us pray together.

Merciful God,

**you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# DIALOGUE

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*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...  
... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p. 144

**♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*The presiding minister continues.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly in invitation.*

*The assembly is seated.*

*All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.*

## COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 146

**♪Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## COMMUNION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*After Holy Communion has been distributed, the assembly stands and the presiding minister may say:*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION:

**ELW 206**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

*The assisting minister leads the assembly in prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessings.*

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.

**Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG:**

**ELW 537**

## **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister may address the assembly.*

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**We are a family of believers who meet together to:  
enjoy life together  
worship and learn about God  
make a difference in the world.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

## **We remember in Prayer:**

Carol Bergman	Mikayla Siebert
Todd Siebert	Sarajane Wilson
Art and Karen Salvitti	Marlin and Julia Siebert

Family and Friends of Joe Stirn

Mike Trenkamp (Tim Mack's brother-in-law)

Travis Wenning (son of former BHS Ag teacher)

Zach Briner (Marilyn Gausman's relative)

Bekah Netherton (daughter of Debbie Mack's friend)

Lois Bastien Brown (Tim Salvitti's grandmother-in-law)

Ruth Booster (wife of former pastor)

Melody Briner (Marilyn Gausman's daughter)

Marie Dierckman (Ginny Low's mother)

Louise Eads (Michelle Wehr's grandmother)

Bonnie Haughn (Sabrina Salvitti Haughn's mother-in-law)

Leonard (husband of Lisa Gausman's friend)

George Lerosé (Art Salvitti's brother-in-law)

Tessa Mayer (wife of Wanda Siebert's principal)

Ronnie Nicholson (Darrell's brother)

Barry Norman (Lisa Gausman's former principal)

Carol Rayve and Ron Price (Karen Salvitti's mother and friend)

Ted Rayve (Karen Salvitti's brother)

Beverly Richardson (Laura Nicholson's mother)

Kristina Salvitti (Art's daughter)

Gary Schopmeyer (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)

Charlie Seibert (friend of Anita and Bob Krieger)

John Ward (Eunice Sisson's brother-in-law)

Jasmine Westerfeld (Sharon Brown's great-granddaughter)

Melinda Wilson (wife of Ben Wilson)

anyone affected by natural disasters, warfare and violence  
all who serve in the military



## **Sunday -**

Sunday Worship  
Fellowship

9:00 AM  
10:00 AM

## **Upcoming Events / Announcements:**

Please **check the bulletin board** for a variety of programs being offered to our youth and the adults serving youth in our community.

**FIRST TIME EVENT** - Fathers, Sons, and Friends: Celebrate Father's Day with a breakfast on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. See you at The Sherman. Dress is casual. Order off the menu and spend time visiting. There may even be a few door prizes!

A sign-up sheet for this event is located in the hallway. Please reserve your spot by June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Sherman needs to know how many places to set.

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## **Baptismal Water Is Thicker than Blood**

Many, perhaps most, subcultures in North America affirm the belief that “blood is thicker than water.” Even when our commitment to family is too often served through hand-wringing sentiment over the so-called decline of the family or pandered to by politicians seeking to prove their “family values” credentials, we like to think of ourselves as loyal to our own kin. Family comes first! In the gospel, Jesus sharply, alarmingly, contradicts the norm; he snubs his nuclear family, his blood.

We discover that Jesus’ family is not defined by objective or biological categories—DNA tests, adoption records, or custody papers—but rather by function: Jesus’ family consists of those whom God has called into mission and are engaged in that mission.

Bringing a child of God from birth to maturity of faith requires many things, among them food, shelter, new birth, story, discipline, catechism, and an enduring hope in the one who raised Jesus from the dead. It is a joy to be celebrated when these gifts are provided by those who live in one’s own household—parents, grandparents, extended families. But Jesus reminds us (with an echo from Paul) that even when those nearest to us thwart God’s purposes, we “do not lose heart” but trust that God will call and create a household “not made with hands,” where God’s purposes for us will be nurtured and we will become like the one who “does the will of God.”

There is a strong challenge here to Christian communities to keep their focus on the mission of God and not be tempted to confuse God’s mission with what’s “best” for nations or communities or (even) nuclear families.