

Third Sunday After Pentecost

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AS WE GATHER

In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal “world,” God’s Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily “lose heart” when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that troubles us. For “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

Stewardship Blurb:

Mark 3:35 – “Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.” Doing the will of God starts with trusting in His Son, Jesus Christ. Once we have faith in Him and have been reborn as new creatures through Holy Baptism, we strive to grow in this faith and in a life that agrees with our faith. Growing in generosity, in kindness and in love across our callings in the home, in church and in society is growing into the family of God, for all who do His will are His brothers and sisters and mothers.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Opening Hymn: LSB #721 “Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading
Psalm Reading
Epistle Reading
Holy Gospel Reading

Genesis 3:8–15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1
Mark 3:20–35

Responsory

Ten Commandments
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Sermon

Hymn of the Day: LSB #662 “Onward, Christian Soldiers”

Offering

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Collect for the Word
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Closing Hymn: LSB #673 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

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