HOLY COMMUNION
Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY
God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: O God, My Faithful God  # 806

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1 O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing;
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within

2 Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing
whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling—
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within

3 Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,

4 When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,

a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.
whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.
and, by your Spirit’s might, to live at peace with all.
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

**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** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Stand*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** we confess that we are captive 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.
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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.
CANTICLE OF PRAISE (hymn paraphrase of *Gloria in Excelsis*)

1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav’n above;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God’s right hand.
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father’s splendor bright.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING    Jeremiah 20:7-13
Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt
and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God’s hands.

A reading from Jeremiah.

7 O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

8 For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

9 If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

10 For I hear many whispering: ”Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.

”Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.”

11 But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

12 O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

13 Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11
In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ’s death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.

A A reading from Romans.
1b Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? 3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6 We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For whoever has died is freed from sin. 8 But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(Sung by all.)*

Al - le-lu-ia! Lord and Sav-ior: o-pen now your sav-ing word.

Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un-til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu-ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

P   The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C   *Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] 24”A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; 25”it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26”So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. 27”What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28”Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29”Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30”And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31”So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32”Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; 33”but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34”Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to
bring peace, but a sword.
  35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
      and a daughter against her mother,
      and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
  36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
  37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever
      loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; 38 and whoever does not
      take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life
      will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P   The gospel of the Lord.
C   Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit
SERMON
Pastor Weleck

Stand
The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles’ Creed during Lent and at other times.

APOSTLES’ CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C 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 into hell.
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

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.
Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.
Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts...
Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm’s way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.
LORD’S PRAYER

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.

ENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

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

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Give to Our God Immortal Praise

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1 Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and
2 He sent his Son with pow’r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords renowned; the King of

truth are all his ways. Wonders of grace to
darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to
kings with glory crown. His mercies ever

God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

POSTLUDE:

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**The Time of the Church** is the season after Pentecost, beginning with The Holy Trinity and ending with Christ the King. These weeks focus on Christ’s ministry and teaching.

**On Sundays for which the color is green,** it is appropriate to omit either the Kyrie or the Hymn of Praise, reserving both together for festival seasons.

**The liturgical color green,** symbolic of growth, is used for the season after Epiphany and after Pentecost.