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*Welcome: We are happy that you have joined us for worship.  
May your worship of the living Lord enrich your faith and fill  
your life with the lively hope and lasting joy.*

## Third Sunday After Pentecost

### “A Father’s Forgiveness”

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**HYMN** “Father, We Praise Thee” #875 vs. 1-3

#### INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as his people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT** Psalm 115:18, 117 (Antiphon: Psalm 96:1

P: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.**

P: Praise the Lord, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples.

**C: For great is his love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord. -3-**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Sing to the Lord, a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**C: It is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.**

**KYRIE** (Sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “How Firm A Foundation” #728 vs. 1-5

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON** Micah 7:18-20 (*Our God is merciful*)

**18**Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. **19**You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. **20**You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**C: His greatness no one can fathom.**

P: I will meditate on Your wonderful works,

**C: and I will proclaim Your great deeds.**

**EPISTLE** *1 Timothy 1:12-17 (Jesus came into the world to save sinners.)*

**12**I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. **13**Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. **14**The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**15**Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. **16**But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. **17**Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA VERSE** *(Sing)*

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 15:11-32 (The Parable of the Prodigal Son)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** *(Sing)*

**11**Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. **12**The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

**13**"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. **14**After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. **15**So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. **16**He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**17**"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! **18**I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned

against heaven and against you. **19**I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' **20**So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

**21**"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

**22**"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. **23**Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. **24**For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

**25**"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. **26**So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. **27**'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

**28**"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. **29**But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. **30**But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

**31**" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. **32**But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**INTRODUCTION OF LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father who art in heaven.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

## FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All:** Hallowed be Thy name.

P: What does this mean?

**C:** God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

P: How is God's name kept holy?

**C:** God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *"Our Heavenly Father Cares For Us"*

**HYMN** *"Children Of The Heavenly Father" #725 vs. 1-4*

**SERMON** *"A Father's Love"*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, and one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS *(Sing)*

**ALL:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, Who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made his cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God (Sing)*

**All:** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*"Your Table I approach" #628 VS. 1-6*

Special Music: *"Our God is an awesome God" (Hillsong United)*

Special Music: *"Remembrance" by Matt Redman*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**NUNC DIMITTIS** – Song of Simeon (*Sing*)

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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.**

**CLOSING HYMN** *"Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #643 vs. 1-2*





**Prayers:** Nathan Behne, Reinold Hagen

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**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** Michele Anderson, Marceline Meyer, Kale Larson, Avalynn Knight-Steele, Mandi Kosbab, Bailey Larson, Lori Meyer, Vivienne Madden, Nick Amborn, Camdyn Ballard, Harmony Buchmeier, Doug Sheppard, Harper Reese, Rebecca Behne, Miranda Bliesmer, Tom Miller, Houston Schubert, Nate Amborn, Nate Klima, Chuck Sodeman

**Members Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries This Week:** Taylor & Megan Morgan, Guy & Mallory Rudolph, Dustin & Jessie Kennedy, Jeremy & Chelsea Wink, Tom & Lisa Crosby, Don & Francie Ziemer, Tucker & Tracie Schumann, Lynn & Mary Thate

**Congratulations** to Brian and Rebecca (Dressen) Sokoloski who were united in marriage here at St. John's yesterday afternoon.

## No Fear!

In Jesus' day, five sparrows would sell for two pennies, and yet "not one of them is forgotten before God" (Luke 12:6). "And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father" (Matthew 10:29). In addition, "your heavenly Father feeds them" each day (Matthew 6:26).

God values and cares for sparrows, though their market value makes them nearly worthless. And if God cares for such comparatively worthless creatures, will He not care for us as well? Absolutely! We are of supreme value in His sight.

After all, God did not send His Son into the world to die for sparrows, not even for angels. He sent Jesus to die for us and only for us! Moreover, Jesus didn't just die for us on the cross; He was also condemned in our place. At that moment, Jesus cried, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Mark 15:34). Then, after Jesus took our place and served our sentence, God redeemed His life from the grave.

Therefore, let us have no fear! We are of more value "than many sparrows." In fact, God's knowledge and care of us is so complete that even the hairs on our head are all numbered.

Father, in Your care may I have no fear. Amen.