

God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *“Lead Me, Guide Me”*

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 26, 2022

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG *“I Will Sing, I Will Sing”* (vs. 1-2, 6)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cheryl Warming & PK

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings, 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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GOSPEL

Luke 9:51-62

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

SERMON

SERMON SONG *“Will You Come and Follow Me”*

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. By your Spirit, bring forth from us the fruits of love, peace, and joy. Let us find true freedom in loving our neighbors and living for you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of gentleness, strengthen the earth’s ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain and regrowth. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they honor and protect the rights of all people and place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. Bring an end to the war in Ukraine... to the epidemic of violence and destruction across the globe. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of wholeness, uphold those who grieve the loss of loved ones and those for whom death draws near. Support the needs of those who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. Provide your healing care to those who are sick or dying, undergoing treatment or recovering from surgery or injury. We pray especially for: *Kevin, Ted, Avonda, Steve, Joanne, Sue, Rene, Laurie, Bev, Cheri, Loretta, Ruth, Gary, Phil, Joan, Renee, Rhonda, and those we name now—aloud or in the silence of our hearts*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, debilitating anxiety and/or depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, continue to bless and guide us in our ministry in and through St. Paul’s. Keep us faithful and diligent in our call to follow you. By your Spirit, draw us closer to you and to each other; and lead us in your way. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**