

25 June 2023

# The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession  
Commemoration of Philipp Melanchthon  
Lectionary 12, Year A



## Our Saviour

Lutheran Church  
Warrenton, VA  
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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister may comment briefly upon the service of the day.*

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**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.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

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.**

*Hymn numbers (#) are for the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

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| <p>1 Open now thy gates of beauty,<br/>Zion, let me enter there,<br/>where my soul in joyful duty<br/>waits for God who answers prayer.<br/>Oh, how blessed is this place,<br/>filled with solace, light, and grace!</p> <p>2 Gracious God, I come before thee;<br/>come thou also unto me;<br/>where we find thee and adore thee,<br/>there a heav'n on earth must be.<br/>To my heart, oh, enter thou,<br/>let it be thy temple now!</p> <p>3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,<br/>here thy seed is duly sown;<br/>let my soul, where it is planted,<br/>bring forth precious sheaves alone,<br/>so that all I hear may be</p> | <p>fruitful unto life in me.</p> <p>4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,<br/>let me keep thy gift divine;<br/>howsoe'er temptations thicken,<br/>may thy word still o'er me shine<br/>as my guiding star through life,<br/>as my comfort in all strife.</p> <p>5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,<br/>let thy will be done indeed;<br/>may I undisturbed draw near thee<br/>while thou dost thy people feed.<br/>Here of life the fountain flows;<br/>here is balm for all our woes.</p> |
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Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

### GREETING

*The presiding minister greets the assembly in the words of 2 Corinthians 13:4.*

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

(ELW SETTING 10)

*We sing the Gloria in Excelsis, inspired by Luke 2.*



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 20:7-13**

A reading from Jeremiah.

- <sup>7</sup>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.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>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.  
<sup>10</sup>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.”  
<sup>11</sup>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.  
<sup>12</sup>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.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 69:7-10, 16-18**

<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach.**

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.

<sup>17</sup>**Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 6:1B-11**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means!  
How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us  
who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his  
death? <sup>4</sup>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.

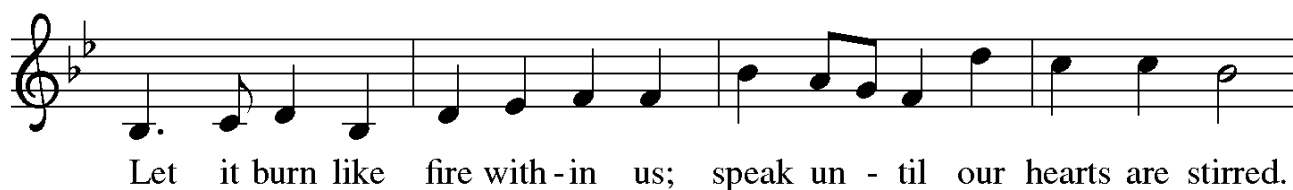
<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be  
united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was  
crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no  
longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 10:24-39

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[*Jesus said to the twelve:*] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>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!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

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

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>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;  
<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.  
<sup>37</sup>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; <sup>38</sup>and  
 whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those  
 who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will  
 find it."

*The gospel concludes:*

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER" #781**

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| <p>1 Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>         safely in his bosom gather;<br/>         nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>         such a refuge e'er was given.</p>                  | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>         from the Lord his children sever;<br/>         unto them his grace he showeth,<br/>         and their sorrows all he knoweth.</p> |
| <p>2 God his own doth tend and nourish,<br/>         in his holy courts they flourish.<br/>         From all evil things he spares them,<br/>         in his mighty arms he bears them.</p> | <p>4 Though he giveth or he taketh,<br/>         God his children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>         his the loving purpose solely<br/>         to preserve them pure and holy.</p>        |

*Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
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## THE CREED

*An assisting minister may introduce the Creed.*

Let us confess the faith of the whole church, using the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

You are with your faithful Church. Fill us with zeal for your house and love for your people. Strengthen Elizabeth and Robert our bishops, Phyllis our Bishop-elect, and Toby our partner in Papua New Guinea, and all those who preach your message of hope and joy. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Rescue all who are in danger, especially in Ukraine and Sudan. Thwart those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working for peace. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially*). Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for (*Philipp Melancthon and*) all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. Online worshipers may greet one another in the "Comments" section.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church.*

*As the offering is brought forward, the assembly stands.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN” # 686

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| 1 We give thee but thine own,<br>whate'er the gift may be;<br>all that we have is thine alone,<br>a trust, O Lord, from thee. | 2 May we thy bounties thus<br>as stewards true receive,<br>and gladly, as thou blessest us,<br>to thee our firstfruits give. |
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*Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.*

### OFFERING PRAYER

*After the table is set, the assisting minister may the following prayer.*

Let us pray together.

**God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness  
in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

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

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*The assembly sings the Sanctus, based on Isaiah 6:1-8 and Matthew 21:9.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

*Speaking for the assembly, the presider offers a sacrifice of praise & thanksgiving.*

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

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

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

**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 the words of Psalm 34:*

Taste and see that the Lord is good:

**Happy are they who take refuge in him.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*We sing the canticle Agnus Dei, based on John 1:29.*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION

*When invited, gather at the altar, either kneeling or standing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Those who do not receive may cross their arms over their chest and receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION SONG

*Music is played during the distribution.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

*When all have received, the people stand and the presiding minister offers a blessing.*

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.*

Let us pray.

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BLESSING

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### SENDING SONG

#### “O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES”

**#888**

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”

2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”

3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

*Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
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### DISMISSAL

*The assisting minister may send the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# BIBLE READINGS

*For Daily Prayer*

*June 26-July 2, 2023*

## *Monday*

Psalm 6  
Micah 7:1-7  
Revelation 2:1-7

## *Tuesday*

Psalm 6  
Jeremiah 26:1-12  
Revelation 2:8-11

## *Wednesday*

Psalm 6  
Jeremiah 38:1-13  
Matthew 10:5-23

## *Thursday*

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Jeremiah 25:1-7  
Galatians 5:2-6

## *Friday*

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Jeremiah 25:8-14  
Galatians 5:7-12

## *Saturday*

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Jeremiah 28:1-4  
Luke 17:1-4

## *Sunday (Lectionary 13)*

Jeremiah 28:5-9  
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

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