

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 8

June 26, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

When you feel all alone, remember this: you are not alone. First, you are not alone in feeling that way. In today's Old Testament Reading, you will see how even Elijah, the mighty prophet of God, felt all alone. "I, even I only, am left!" he exclaimed (1 Kings 19:10). That was his honest feeling; however, it wasn't true. The Lord revealed to Elijah that He had not abandoned His prophet, even reassuring Elijah of this by providing Elisha as his helper in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. God's presence and provision in Elijah's life reassured him of his divine purpose, and the same is true for you! Even when you may think or feel that you are alone, you are not! God's presence and provision, which you will receive yet again today, reassure you of this! Jesus is with you! He loves you! And He sends His Spirit into your life to give you His purpose and direction, reminding you that you belong to Him!

HYMN "Merciful God" Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend
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1. Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to all who draw near You,
Hearing the cries of the humble in heart,
Showing the cross they may cling to.
Helpless I come broken in sin,
Found at the feet of Your mercy.
Father, forgive, may my sin be remembered no more.

2. Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful through times we have failed You.
Selfish in thought and uncaring in deed,
Foolish in word and ungrateful.
Spirit of God, conquer our hearts
With love that flows from forgiveness;
Cause us to yield and return to the mercy of God.

3. Merciful God, O abounding in love,
Faithful to keep us from falling,
Guiding our ways with Your fatherly heart,
Growing our faith with each testing.
God speed the day struggles will end,
Faultless we'll gaze on Your glory;
Then we will stand overwhelmed by the mercy of God.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Galatians 5:1*

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins. Lord God, our gracious Father,

People: we confess that we have not walked by Your Spirit. Instead of using our freedom to love our neighbors as ourselves, we have served our own sinful and selfish interests. We have chosen to live as our sinful flesh desires instead of as Your Word teaches. Forgive us, heavenly Father, by the mercy You show us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Fill us with the fruit of Your Spirit so that we who belong to Christ Jesus may walk in the way of love and worship. In His name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: God hears and answers our prayer and confession because of Christ. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

Lector: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,

Lector: for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

Lector: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;

People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Lector: Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lector: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

People: and grant us Your salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Hallelujah My Father” -Tim Cullen

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Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us Your Son;
Sending Him into the world to be given up for all,
Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth.
Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Kings 19:9b–21* (Elijah listens to God’s Word and receives His provision.)

Behold, the word of the Lord came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He said, “I have been very jealous for

the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 16* (The Lord is my portion and my cup.)

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

Leader: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

People: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

Leader: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

People: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

Leader: I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

Leader: For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

People: You make known to me the path of life;

Leader: in Your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE *Galatians 5:1, 13–25* (The fruit of the Spirit is present in those who belong to Christ Jesus.) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ... For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 9:51–62* (Jesus sets His face toward Jerusalem and calls His followers to purposefully proclaim the kingdom of God.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. And they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And 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.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty” –Peter Ellis

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Lavish love, abundant beauty, gracious gifts for heart and hand,
Life that fills the soul and senses, all burst forth at Your command.
Lord, our Lord, Eternal Father, Great Creator, God and Friend.
Boundless power gave full expression to Your love which knows no end.

Who am I that you should love me, meet my every need from birth?
Why invest Yourself so fully in a creature made of earth?
In Your loving heart You planned me, fashioned me with greatest care;
Through my soul You breathed Your Spirit, planted Your own image there.

I am Yours. Eternal Father, all my body, mind and heart.
Take and use me to Your glory, form Yourself in every part.
Lord, Your love brings joy and gladness flowing forth within my soul.
May my very breath and being rise to You, their source and goal.

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF BOARDS AND OFFICERS

Pastor: At this time, would the following persons, having been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership, please come forward as your offices and names are read:

President: Pam Uran

Secretary: Barb Busch

Treasurer: Eric Rekstad

Asst. Treasurer: Don Vomhof

Co-Financial Secretary: Alan Marks & Nancy Wallner

Education: Nicole Pierce
Alan Marks (library)

Fellowship: Pam Nelson (potlucks/coffee)
Jean Menzies
Roxann Marks

Practical Services: Jean Galligan (outside only)
Simeon Ngiratregd
Alan Wallner
Mark Goetz
Christine Goetz
Nancy Wallner (council representative)
Molly Vomhof
Greg Wallner

Spiritual Life: Todd Pierce
Del Jentz
Andy Vomhof

Worship: Renata Brand
Don Vomhof
Jim Glynn
Ken Nordstrom

Youth: Gene Bomgardner
Foster Graif

Pastor: St. Paul writes: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all."
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect Him in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Council Members: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: I now declare you installed as officers and department members of this congregation. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ. Serve the Lord with gladness. Depart in His peace.

All: Amen.

Pastor: As they make their way back to their seats, I would ask those who have served as officers and department members during the past year to please rise, or remain standing at your seats. On behalf of your fellow members at Emmaus and the people of God everywhere, I bring to you words of thanks and appreciation. Your faithful service has given glory to God and blessed His people. May the Lord's blessings continue to attend you in all you do.

To give thanks to God for His provision and for the faithful service of His people, past and present, I invite the congregation to sing the doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection fulfilled the promises of Your Word, assuring us that we are never alone and have been called to those things You have prepared for those who love You. 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit so that we may know Your promises are true. Gather us together to celebrate with all Your Church the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; preserve us by Your presence in our lives. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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You are invited to receive the Lord's Supper if you believe and confess that Jesus Christ is your Savior from sin, you are a baptized child of the Triune God, and you believe that He gives you His body and blood in the bread and wine you receive. White grape juice can be found in the center of each tray for those who cannot receive alcohol. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “You Are My All in All” -Dennis Jernigan
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1. You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my All in All.
Seeking you as a precious jewel,
Lord to give up I’d be a fool,
You are my All in All.

Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name.

2. Taking my sin my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name,
You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup.
You are my All in All. *Chorus*

BLESSING

Pastor: May our Lord’s body and blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and with joy.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” LSB 980

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their



2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and



3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will



4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

Refrain



feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.



race; Neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.



love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.



feet: This is the way we will live with You.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *1 Kings 19:18* – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can’t go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God’s work in the Church with our offering. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther’s Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving.

WELCOME KITS COLLECTION: During the month of June we will be doing a collection to help the John1516 kids with one of their summer projects. They will be putting together welcome kits for Jim Seeman’s ministry helping individuals returning from incarceration. His mission helps with basic needs they might have while getting settled and re-established in the community. Our collection will be of specific items for men and women: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, wash cloth, deodorant, nail clippers, shampoo, razor blades, shaving cream. Please bring them to church during the month of June and place them in the box in the Narthex. Thank you! Questions can be asked of Pastor Kooi or Marie G.

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week’s broadcast: “Play the Sunset” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We can’t negotiate our value with God; however, God regards us as infinitely valuable. (Ecclesiastes 2:25)

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

All members and friends of Emmaus are invited to join us for our summer service projects for John1516s. We have a variety of service opportunities and organizations that we will be serving. If any sound interesting to you, or if there are any that you would like to tag along for, please talk with Pastor Kooi. Below is the remaining serving schedule.

June 28: Southwood Nature Preserve

July 5 and July 26: Feed My Starving Children/Jeremiah Project

July 12: Prison Ministry

July 19: New Life Family Services

Also, if you have young children, and are looking for things to do with them on Tuesdays, please talk to Pastor Kooi about coming with to the “fun events” for our group discount. Some of the things we will be doing include a movie, Bunker Beach, Grand slam, Zero Gravity, and more!

**If you would like more information about the John1516s summer program, please talk to Pastor Kooi.
Register youth ages 13-18 for the summer program here:**

