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## The Third Sunday after Trinity

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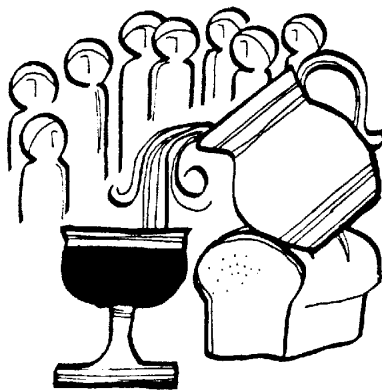
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 326 *Lord, to Thee I Make Confession*

**Order of Service** Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement

**Epistle Lesson** 1 Peter 5:6-11 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 15:1-10 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He spoke this parable to them, saying:

"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds *it*? And when she has found *it*, she calls *her* friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**Hymn** 342 *Chief of Sinners, Though I Be*

**Sermon** 1 Timothy 1:12-17 I give thanks to the One Who empowered me, namely, Christ Jesus our Lord, that He treated me as trustworthy, appointing me into His ministry. He did this even though formerly I was a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a violent man. But I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief. The grace of our Lord overflowed on me along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. This saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," of whom I am the worst. But I was shown mercy for this reason: that in me, the worst sinner, Christ Jesus might demonstrate His unlimited patience as an example for those who are going to believe in Him, resulting in eternal life. Now to the King eternal, to the immortal, invisible, only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Savior of Sinners...**

### **Offertory**

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **Communion Liturgy** (Insert)

### **Hymns** 755, 315

### **Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Benediction**

### **Hymn** 47 *Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

**HOLY COMMUNION** The Bible exhorts us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. We therefore ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

**FOURTH OF JULY** There is a signup sheet for those who wish to help with the Ice Cream Social. If you have any questions, please speak with Dr. Sumey.

If you would like to donate candy for the parade, there will be a box available in the entryway.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** VBS will be held the week of July 31 – August 4. If you are able to help in any way (doing prep work, working on crafts, teaching, supporting the program with gifts of money, etc.), please see the signup sheet in the entryway.

Parents, please register your children online as soon as possible. Be sure to indicate T-shirt sizes when you register.

**BOOK STUDY** The session will be held on Monday evening at 6:30. The change is being made because of the 4<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited to attend in person or online.

**MISSION HELPER TRIP** Beth Sorensen is among the 12 volunteers who leave for Nepal tomorrow. She will be teaching an estimated 1,500 children during their time in Kathmandu and the surrounding villages. Follow along at: <http://2023clcmhtnepal.blogspot.com/>

**DELEGATE CONFERENCE** Craig Ahrens and Larry Boernsen will report on the MN Delegate Conference after the service today.

**QUARTERLY MEETING** Chairman Strike has rescheduled the meeting from July 16 to July 23. The pastor will be installing Jonah in Lynnwood/Tacoma on the 16<sup>th</sup>. We hope this will not be an inconvenience to anyone.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Michael Roehl, Bismarck, ND has the call to be the Third pastor in Eau Claire.

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**USHERS** 06/25 Trevor B., Tim Z., Joshua E., Christian K., David R.  
07/02 Kendall B., Kraig B., Larry B. Jonathen L.  
07/09 Phil S., Nathan V., Anthony F., Daniel R.

**CLEANING** (Wk. 4) J. Appel, E. Bass, S. Winters, J. Zuehlke  
J. Jensen, S. DeWall