The Third Sunday after Trinity
St. John Tide
July 5-6, 2025
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Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day

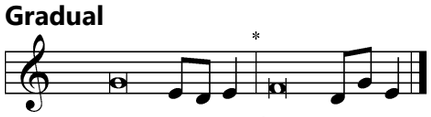
P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.** (*sit*)

Old Testament *God's Steadfast Love and Compassion* Micah 7:18–20

18 Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?
He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.
19 He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities under foot.
You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

20 You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

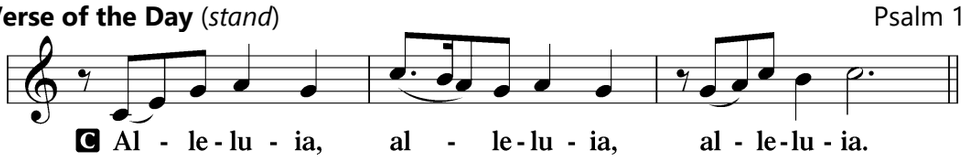
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm 55:22a, 16, 18a

Cast your burden | on the LORD,*
and he will sus- | tain you.
I call to God, and the LORD will | save me.*
He redeems my soul in | safety.

Epistle *Christ Jesus Came to Save Sinners* 1 Timothy 1:12–17

12 I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing
me to his service, 13 though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received
mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith
and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus
came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in
me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe
in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and
ever. Amen.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day (*stand*) Psalm 18:1-2a

A I love you, O LORD, | my strength.*
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my | deliverer.
C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *The Parable of the Prodigal Son* Luke 15:11-32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[11]And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. [12]And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. [13]Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. [14]And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. [15]So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. [16]And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

[17]"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! [18]I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. [19]I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' [20]And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. [21]And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' [22]But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. [23]And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. [24]For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

[25]"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. [26]And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. [27]And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' [28]But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, [29]but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. [30]But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' [31]And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. [32]It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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Hymn of the Day (*sit*) "Lord, to You I Make Confession"
tune: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN

Lord, to You I make confession:
I have sinned and gone astray,
I have multiplied transgression,
Chosen for myself my way.
Led by You to see my errors,
Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.

Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,
Father, I will seek Your face;
Though Your child I dare not call me,
Yet receive me in Your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me;
Let Your wrath not overtake me.

For Your Son has suffered for me,
Giv'n Himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me,
Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish
These dark fears and soothe this anguish.

Lord, on You I cast my burden—
Sink it in the deepest sea!
Let me know Your gracious pardon,
Cleanse me from iniquity.
Let Your Spirit leave me never;
Make me only Yours forever.

Sermon "All In" 1 Timothy 1:12–17

Prayer of the Church (*stand*) *congregation responds "Hear our prayer"*

Offering (*sit*)

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Sanctus

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Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei p. 210

Distribution (*sit*) "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" LSB 915

Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessèd angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn "God Bless Our Native Land" LSB 965

Postlude

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