



June 25-26, 2022  
Pentecost 3

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** God gathers us through Word and Sacrament to celebrate God's presence and to receive God's gift of grace. God has made us his people through our baptism and keeps us close to him through the preaching of the word and God's presence in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We give thanks today for the gift of faith God has planted in us, and we depart to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

We extend a special **welcome** to those who are our guests. May God bless this time of worship for you as we are blessed by your presence. If you have no church home we invite you to join with us and consider Our Savior's as your church home. If you are not baptized and would like to talk about baptism as part of your faith journey, please speak with one of the pastors.

**FELLOWSHIP PADS:** We ask everyone to sign and pass the fellowship pad in the pew and return it to the rack when done.

**OFFERING:** No offering is collected during our worship this day; however, we do welcome your support of our ministries and thank you for your gifts. Together we make a difference in the lives of others.

Offering plates are available as you leave the sanctuary. For online giving go to the church website: [oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving](http://oursaviorswestsalem.org/giving). Or text 608-471-7267.

# Order of Worship

\*Please stand as you are able

WELCOME

## \***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: 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.**

\***HYMN** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

**\*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.**

**\*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** "Spirit, Open My Heart"  
 Naoko Giblin

**READING** Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

<sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

<sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL** Luke 9:51-62

The Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him;

<sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When 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?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them.

<sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village. <sup>57</sup>As they

were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>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." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in 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**

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

*A brief silence.*

*(Sunday worship - after a brief silence ...The **congregation** is invited to read aloud individually the prayer petitions as the spirit moves them. If more than one person reads the petition, all the better!)*

God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. 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. Protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, guide all who govern, that they 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. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve.

Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, 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.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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.**

P: 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.**

**\*PEACE**      The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*(Please share a sign of peace with those around you.)*

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is indeed our 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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

**HOLY COMMUNION** *All who believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, bringing to us the gift of forgiveness and the promise of eternal life, are welcome to gather at the Lord's Table. Younger children are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Both wine and grape juice are available – grape juice glasses are circled in purple. Gluten free wafers are also available.*

## **\*POST COMMUNION 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**

## **\*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.**

## **\*HYMN**

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

#768

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

**\*DISMISSAL** (Done from the back of the church)

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**COME AND WORSHIP:** - Join us for worship on Saturdays at 6 PM and Sundays at 8 & 10 AM.

**USHERS NEEDED:** Go to SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

Check out the June newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more ...

**Masks are optional when you are in the building. Thank you!**



## **OUR SAVIOR'S WORSHIP TEAM**

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**SUMMER LUNCH UPDATE** – We are up and running serving @ 175 lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our current needs are:

Fruit cups or pudding cups, granola bars, animal crackers, chex mix, veggie straws (bulk or family size is great).

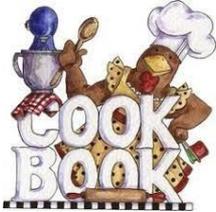


If you are interested in helping to prepare food, serve or deliver meals, or have other questions please contact Angie Hemker (608)780-9172 (text is preferred). Please pray for another successful serving season.

## **LET'S GET COOKIN...**

The recipes are flying in! It's sooooo exciting!

As part of Pastor Jean's sabbatical, a new cookbook project is on the horizon, but she can't do it alone.



That's where YOU come in ... providing the necessary recipes for a new cookbook. While Pastor Jean is on sabbatical, the congregation is invited to submit your favorite recipe(s), and when Pastor Jean returns, she (along with a few helpers) will compile the recipes and create a new cookbook.

As you share your recipes, you are also invited to **share a short note/comment** about why the recipe is special to you. What's a recipe without a story!

Recipe forms are available in the office or on the front page of the church website. Drop your submissions off in the office, send them by email, or drop them in the mailbox by the East Avenue entrance **by July 15.**



## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**June 26, 2022**

### **LECTIONARY 13**

When was the last time you were misunderstood? Was it a social media post taken in a way you didn't intend? A conversation with a relative that turned unintentionally tense? Maybe it was when you were giving directions to your children and they ended up lost or doing the wrong thing.

It's frustrating to be misunderstood, especially by those you love. In today's gospel reading Jesus is misunderstood by just about everyone. We find him today setting his "face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51), an ominous phrase intended to give the hearers of this text a sense of the foreboding future: confrontation, crucifixion, and the grave.

The Samaritans (outcasts in the eyes of the Judeans) didn't understand his singular mindset. Neither do the disciples, who think he may want vengeance when truly he is seeking purposeful peace. His followers want to clear up tasks and other duties before walking the road he is walking. What none of them understand is that where Jesus is going and what he is about to do will require his full attention, his full body, his full heart. He cannot be stopped, he has no heart for retribution, and he has no time for other tasks; salvation is at hand.

It's a grave misunderstanding.

On this final Sunday in June we find Jesus making clear that God's gracious work will take undivided attention and deserves ours, because the love of God seen through Christ will redeem our whole selves: the parts of our being that feel like outcasts, the parts of our hearts that desire vengeance over forgiveness, and the distracted parts of our heads that just don't seem to understand God's mission.

God's work in Jesus is comprehensive. We often have a hard time understanding this because our world is fragmented, distracted, and distracting in so many ways. But if there's any misunderstanding today, the singular focus of Jesus provides clarity.

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