

## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

June 20, 2021

### Service Notes:

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Hymns: 569, 611, 608, 623, 618, 922  
Old Testament Reading: Micah 7:18-20  
Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Holy Gospel: Luke 15:11-32  
Sermon: "The Prodigal Brought Home" Luke 15:11-32

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	06/10	6:30 p.m.	52
Sunday	06/13	8:00 a.m.	69
		10:00 a.m.	47

**FLOWERS** are given by Dave and Wendy Felber in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Flowers are also given by Dean and Amy Sievert in loving memory of and in thanksgiving to God for their fathers, Robert Reske and David Sievert, Sr.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** for the church and school will be Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**CHURCH DOOR PROJECT** We have reached and exceeded our goal to fund the new church door, thanks to some gracious donors. After last week's contribution, our total is \$5815. Thank you to all who contributed. The excess of \$1365 will be used for other church projects, i.e., the communion rail, technology equipment, etc.

**ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY CAR SHOW** is Sunday, June 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are invited to check out the Annual Father's Day Car Show; and while you are there, stop and get a delicious sandwich and a cold drink to support the Class of 2022 with their class trip. We hope to see you there!!! Also, as a reminder, sections of the church/school parking lot will be blocked off to allow room for the car show.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	06/20	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>
		Father's Day Car Show	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	06/24	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday	06/26	Feller Renewal of Vows	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	06/27	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b>	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:00 a.m.</b>

**WE PRAY** for Mary Ankerberg, Karen Awe, Barbara Blue, Kathleen Brook, Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, John and Sandra Daley, Sandy Damms, Keith Domagalski, LaVerne Edenfield, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Maynard Georgson, David Gottschalk, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Barb Johnson (friend of Jennifer Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Delrose Krueger, Clarence Laube, Rhonda Lesniewski, Linda Metzfeld (sister-in-law of Don Metzfeld), Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, and Virginia Scholz.

**SCRIP** The next order due date is Sunday, **July 11**. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>. The website has a list of participating retailers. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW – YTD TOTAL OFFERINGS

YTD Offerings for Last Year (7/1/19-6/15/20)	\$551,108.65
YTD Offerings for Current Year (7/1/20-6/14/21)	\$571,898.73
YTD Offerings needed to meet Budget	\$571,057.51
YTD Offerings Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$841.22

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** will collect mite boxes on June 27, the *last* Sunday of the month. Mite boxes can be left at any time in the mite box in the narthex.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**ADOPT-A-BILL PROGRAM** list includes: Gas Bill, Electric Bill, Front of Church Landscape, Health Insurance, High School Arrearage, Mortgage, Office Supplies, School Air Conditioner, School Boilers, School Storage Building, and Water Bill. Consider supporting this worthy cause. Envelopes are on the narthex bulletin board.

**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR  
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
June 20, 2021**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Micah 7:18-20 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 15:11-32 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "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! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

<sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." '

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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.'

<sup>22</sup> 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. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> 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.'

<sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> 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 be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE PSALMODY

### Psalm 103:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Of David. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. <sup>6</sup> The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. <sup>7</sup> He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. <sup>8</sup> The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. <sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

## INTROIT

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*

for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*

and forgive | all my sins.

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

You are the God of my sal- | vation;\*

for you I wait all the | day long.

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\*

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*

for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*

and forgive | all my sins.

*Psalm 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: vv. 16, 18*

# THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER FOR THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*“The Prodigal Brought Home”*

June 20 through June 26, 2021

*The two sons of the parable are clearly sons of Israel whose inheritance was symbolized in the land allotted to them, but was really to be the Messianic King. The younger son's association with the pigs represents the depth of his uncleanness and his departure from faith in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. His desire to eat the food fed to such unclean animals would have been horrifying to the Jewish listener, perhaps even more horrifying than his dallies with prostitutes. Jesus knew that the Pharisees regarded the “sinners” as such despicable characters. Yet the Father, the God of Abraham, loves this “sinner” as much as the “good son.” It is Paul who teaches each of us to confess that we are just like this prodigal son. Look at this week’s learn-by-heart verse: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. The Father sent His own Son out into the world among the prodigals to bring us back to the Father and the inheritance of sons.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

## THE CREED

**VERSE:** <sup>15</sup> 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.  
**1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 103

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Bless the Lord, all my soul, for He alone forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases. Do not let us forget Your benefits, Your tender mercy, and Your unlimited loving kindness. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Romans 9:1-13
Tuesday	Romans 9:14-29
Wednesday	Romans 9:30-10:13
Thursday	Romans 10:14-21
Friday	Romans 11:1-21
Saturday	Luke 6:36-42

## CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK:

### How Christians Should Be Taught To Confess

*What is Confession?*

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

*What sins should we confess?*

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord’s Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

**Luther, Large Catechism, Eighth Commandment:** Such is human nature that no one wants another to have as much as he himself has. Everyone tries to get all he can and lets the next man look out for himself. Yet we all want to seem upright, we put up the best front we can, and we try to keep the scoundrel within us hidden. We think up subtle devices and under the guise of fairness use sly maneuvers (improved versions of which are devised every day). About this we dare to boast brazenly, insisting that it be called shrewdness and good business sense, not dishonesty. We are abetted in this by jurists and lawyers who bend and stretch the law to suit their case, straining and misapplying words with no regard for equity or the neighbor’s needs. In short, he who is most adept and clever at such games gets the best advantage out of the law, and, as the saying goes, “The law favors the alert.” Thus this last commandment is not addressed to those whom the world considers scoundrels, but precisely to the most respectable—to those who look for approval as being decent and upright and who have not offended against the foregoing commandments. . . . The situation to which this commandment applies occurs most often in lawsuits by which someone attempts to get or squeeze something out of his neighbor. When people, for example, squabble and wrangle over a large inheritance, a piece of real estate, etc., they drag in and put to use any argument that has the slightest semblance of right, and they blow it up so much and deck it out so elaborately that the law tilts to their side and assigns them the property with a title so secure that it will stand firm beyond question or dispute. . . . This sort of thing happens also in ordinary business.

Someone slyly loosens something from another’s grasp, and the victim gazes helplessly after the culprit as he disappears with it around a corner. Or seeing a

chance of perhaps making a profit—for example, at the expense of someone in trouble or debt who can neither hold on to his property nor avoid a loss if he sells—he hurries and pressures his victim until he has taken over half of his property or more; and yet this is considered an honest acquisition, not highway robbery or fraud. Hence the sayings, “first come, first served” and “grab yours while you have the chance” and let the next man take what’s left. Who is clever enough to imagine the vast amounts one could get by such pretty pretenses of fair business dealing? The world, however, does not consider such practices wrong. It does not see that these are ways of taking advantage of the neighbor and forcing him to sacrifice what he cannot spare without being hurt. Yet no one wants others to do such things to him. From this it is clear that all these shifts and shams are hypocritical. (LC, 60-61, St. Louis: Concordia, 1978)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

**LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** LSB 608 “*Lord, to You I Make Confession*” (stanza 4)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

*June 27, 2021*

“Good Measure”

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 568, 696, 703, 634, 633, 851

## READINGS

Genesis 50:15-21

Romans 12:14-21

Luke 6:36-42

*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.* The words come upon our ears, and we confess that we are not at all merciful like the Father in heaven. We heard of the father’s treatment of the prodigal son this week and know that our human nature does not want to cover over sin without demanding that others earn it first. Yet these words are not spoken simply for our condemnation. When God speaks His word over us, *Be merciful*, His word actually accomplishes in us what it proclaims. His Word makes us merciful. This life of mercy is not that we are nice all the time. More importantly, it is the life of the forgiveness of sins to which Jesus calls us. Have we judged others as being deserving of hell and condemned them to eternal punishment? Certainly, yet the Father has judged us through His Son. In Christ, the Father has declared that He does not want to condemn us, but to save us. He desires to draw all men into the bosom of Abraham, that is, into His own Fatherly bosom. So He calls you to give forth the abundance of mercy that has been poured into your bosom through the sufferings and death of Christ. It is to you that He has given the Blessed Sacrament, the cup that is running over into your bosom each time you kneel at this altar. This limitless cup of mercy will spill forth out of you to those around you in the forgiveness of sins. The measure you are called to use is the measure of the Gospel which views all things fulfilled in Christ. He is the good measure who has called us to live in repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Jesus is the One through whom we see the Father’s mercy.

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