

**Bulletin for June 13, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/Graduate's Sunday**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

Prelude ***Bind Us Together*** sung by Dani Lemieux

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany

*P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,*

**C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

*P: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,*

**C: and your faithfulness by night,**

*P: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;*

**C: at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

*P: How great are your works, O Lord!*

Gathering Music

***Good Soil***

**Lord let my heart be good soil  
Open to the seed of Your word  
Lord let my heart be good soil  
Where love can grow  
And peace is understood  
When my heart is hard  
Break the stone away  
When my heart is cold  
Warm it with the day  
When my heart is lost  
Lead me on Your way  
Lord let my heart  
Lord let my heart  
Lord let my heart be good soil**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(A time for personal confession and reflection.)*

P: Eternal God our creator and redeemer,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: We are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's grace has been poured into our hearts, creating them anew, through the Holy Spirit. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for you while you were still a sinner; and for his sake, God forgives all your sins. As a called and ordained minister in the Christ of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins. In the name of the Father, and the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

WL: Let us pray.

**C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### ***GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG***

First Lesson      **2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17**

Children's Sermon

Gospel              **Mark 4: 26-34**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Music of the Day              ***Be Thou My Vision*** (ELW #793)

**1      Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**2      Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Celebrating our Graduates:

**Faith Stober \* Mackenzie Roush \* Mitchell Morrow \* Jacob Hemmen \* Sara Heineman \*  
Sydney Carter \* Eli Yackel-Juleen \* Talia Gaulke \* Kate Wire\***

Confession of Faith..... Apostle's Creed

**C: 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 into hell.**

**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 of the People

WL: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always! **C: And also with you!**

### **GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST**

Offering

Special Music ***In Christ Alone*** by the Creator Lutheran High School Youth

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray,

**C: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

**Lamb of God (Tree of Life Liturgy)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Have mercy on us.  
(Repeat)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.  
Grant us your peace.  
Grant us your peace.**

Post Communion Blessing

P: The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Blessing

P: The Lord God Almighty, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Music

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing!*** (ELW #807)

**1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.**

**2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

**3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

Sending

P: Go in Peace. Christ is with you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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