

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 26, 2022

## Welcome!

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service today, we gather before our heavenly Father to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. May he bless our worship and study today!

## For Your Convenience

Restrooms are available down the hallway on the right.  
If you would like a hearing device to assist you for worship, please speak with one of the ushers. The ushers are at the entrance of the sanctuary to answer any other questions you might have.

## Today's focus:

Does commitment scare you? Today we will focus on Christ's commitment to you. Christ committed himself all the way to death on a cross to create committed followers. Christ's commitment creates committed followers.

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# 836 I Walk in Danger All the Way

sts. 1-2, 5-6



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way; the thought shall nev - er  
 2 I pass through tri - als all the way, with sin and ills con -  
 5 I walk with Je - sus all the way, his guid - ance nev - er  
 6 My walk is heav'n-ward all the way; a - wait, my soul, the



leave me that Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, is  
 tend - ing; in pa - tience I must bear each day the  
 fails me; with - in his wounds I find a stay when  
 mor - row, when you at last with joy can say fare -



plot - ting to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
 cross of God's own send - ing. Oft in ad - ver - si - ty  
 Sa - tan's pow'r as - sails me; and by his foot-steps led,  
 well to sin and sor - row. All world - ly pomp, be - gone!



may seize me un - a - wares if e'er I fail to  
 I know not where to flee, when storms of woe my  
 my path I safe - ly tread. No e - vil leads my  
 To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I



watch and pray; I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
 soul dis - may; I pass through tri - als all the way.  
 soul a - stray; I walk with Je - sus all the way.  
 would not stay; my walk is heav'n-ward all the way.

Text: tr. Ditlef G. Ristad, 1863-1938, alt.; Hans A. Brorson, 1694-1764  
 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1708, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen  
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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

*spoken*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

*The soloist will introduce the refrain and sing the verses. The congregation is invited to join in the refrain at the beginning and end.*

## **Glory to God in the Highest**

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The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and". The first staff is an instrumental introduction. The second and third staves contain the first two lines of the refrain. The fourth and fifth staves contain the second line of the refrain and the beginning of the next line.

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the  
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to  
 God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,  
 and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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# The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

1 Kings 19:19–21

<sup>19</sup>So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. <sup>20</sup>Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

<sup>21</sup>So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 818 My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

sts. 1, Ref, 2

*Sung by the Soloist.*



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion;  
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;



a for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be  
when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -



shak - en. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and  
va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't



lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on  
set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in



right - eous - ness, I'll look to him who hears me.  
which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.

*Refrain*



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

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## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b–30

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. <sup>24</sup>Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, <sup>26</sup>I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. <sup>27</sup>I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup>Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. <sup>29</sup>Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn? <sup>30</sup>If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## 702 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

st. 1



1 “Come, fol - low me,” the Sav - ior spake, “all in my



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,

o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -

e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.; Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677, abr.  
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## Gospel

Luke 9:51–62

<sup>51</sup>As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” <sup>55</sup>But Jesus turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then he and his disciples went to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup>Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup>He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

<sup>60</sup>Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup>Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

<sup>62</sup>Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## 695 Take My Life and Let It Be

Sts. 1–3, 5

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no long - er mine;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy roy - al throne.

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## Sermon: “Christ’s Commitment Creates Committed Followers”

Luke 9:57-62

Questions to consider while hearing the sermon:

1. What’s scary about commitment?
2. What’s the most important commitment?
3. What are the three examples of commitment in front of us? (three d words)
4. Why was Jesus so mean to this person with such enthusiasm?
5. What did Jesus mean, “Let the dead bury their own dead”?
6. What’s the first and most urgent work we have to do?
7. What was different about plowing in Jesus’ day compared to today?
8. What do we need to look forward at to follow Christ?
9. What have you had to give up to plow the mission field, here?
10. How did Christ show his commitment to us?

For further discussion:

1. Discuss the commitment Christ made to you.
2. What things in your life do you need to reprioritize so Christ comes first?
3. Pray for one person to whom God is calling you to proclaim his kingdom. Ask others to pray for you and that precious soul as well.

*Stand*

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Your offering may be placed in the collection plate at the back as you leave.*

## 695 Take My Life and Let It Be

sts. 4, 6



4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## 739 Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

sts. 1–3, 5



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly  
2 The task your wis - dom has as - signed, O let me  
3 May I find you at my right hand; your eyes see  
5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy what - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, de - ter - mined on - ly  
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works your  
tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at  
you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know in all I think or speak or do.  
pres - ence find, and prove your good and per - fect will.  
your com - mand and of - fer all my works to you.  
course with joy and close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

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