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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 20/21, 2020

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Prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, we know that, by nature, we were sick with sin—so sick that we were terminally ill. There was nothing good in us that you should choose us to be your own. But that is what you have done! By your boundless mercy, you have called us to be your own. You have called us to live for you! Help us to live for you and share your mercy with others!

Saturday: The musicians will sing all musical notations (♪).

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CW 240

Saturday: ♪ stanzas 1-3

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| 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise! | 3. All life you engender in great and in small,
Of all life Befriender, the true Life of all.
We blossom and flourish in richness and range;
We wither and perish, but you never change. |
| 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Not wanting nor wasting, you rule in your might,
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love. | 4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore you, all veiling their sight.
Our praises we render; oh, lead us to see
The light of your splendor, your love's majesty! |

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

♪: **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

♪: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.**

**You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
 For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
 You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

♪: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

"Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

"Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will

revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.

What can I do with you,

Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings."

PSALM of the DAY

Psalm 119c

CW p. 111

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:18-25

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead-- since he was about a hundred years old-- and that Sarah's womb was also

dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." The words "it was credited to him"

were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness-- for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

VERSE of the DAY

Saturday: ♪

Alleluia! God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, Alleluia,
 and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

P: The holy gospel reading is written in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 9, beginning at verse 9.

♪: **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's	house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" On hearing this,	Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."
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P: This is the Gospel of our Lord,

♪: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

1. Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
2. Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me—wondrous thought!—Found me when I sought him not.
3. Only Jesus can impart Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.
4. Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to him are known; All my sorrows are his own.
Safe with him in earthly strife, I await the heav'nly life.
5. Strengthen me, O gracious Lord, By your Spirit and your word.
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

SERMON

Matthew 9:9-13

The Best Health Care Plan

1. It's the Only One That's Free
2. It's the Only One That Works
3. It's Only for the Sick

Saturday spoken:

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Cast me not away from your presence,
C: **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P: Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
C: **and uphold me with your free Spirit.**
Amen.

Sunday sung:

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER of the CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

♪: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heavenly hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

♪: **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

CW 315

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| 1. Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean. | 4. Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God. |
| 2. This is the hour of banquet and of song;
Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship with you. | 5. Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun. |
| 3. I have no help but yours nor do I need
Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in your might, your might alone. | 6. Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love. |

<p><i>Saturday spoken:</i></p> <p>P: Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.</p> <p>C: For [our] eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people,</p> <p>P: a light to lighten the Gentiles</p> <p>C: and the glory of your people Israel.</p>	<p><i>Sunday sung:</i></p> <p>Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word.</p> <p>For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.</p>
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P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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Psalm 119c

Saturday: The musicians will sing the refrain; the congregation will speak the verses

Refrain



Psalm tone



Oh, how I love your law!*

I meditate on it all day long.

I have more insight than all my teachers,*

for I meditate on your statutes.

I have more understanding than the elders,*

for I obey your precepts.

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every evil path*

so that I might obey your Word.

I have not departed from your laws, *

for you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste, *

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 319 with 219 attending Communion.

Fruits of faith given:

\$12,370	Home Operations ~ \$15,346 is our weekly need		
\$902	MVL ~ \$1,163 is our weekly need		
\$1,610	Missions ~ \$1,714 is our weekly need	\$225	St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$1,830	Building Fund ~ \$1,397 is our weekly need	\$100	Endowment Fund

Altar Flowers ~ have been given in honor of the 49th wedding anniversary of Lance and Annette Hartzell.

Bible Class ~ will continue online. Join us Sunday evenings at 7 pm for a study of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. The class will be held at Meet.Google.com (or with the Google Meet app on your smartphone or tablet) with "meeting code" tjx-anhj-gvx. Or use this shortcut which automatically enters the code for you: <https://bit.ly/STJLCNUMeet> (Note: the link is case sensitive). You can also call in over the phone at (209) 457-0523 using PIN: 100 259 597# (Note: This will be a long distance call.) The meeting room can hold up to 250 participants, so feel free to tell your friends!

Sending Offerings through Bill Pay ~ Several members of St. John's have asked if there is a way for them to make their weekly offerings automatically either online or by an automatic bank transaction. St. John's is investigating our online giving options, but are not yet ready to receive online gifts. For the time being, we suggest that our members consider using your bank's online Bill Pay service to make weekly or monthly gifts to St. John's. If you have questions about using Bill Pay to make donations, please contact Financial Secretary Mike Thom at 507-217-7671.

Wish List ~ The Stewardship Board is pleased to report that sufficient funds have been received to fulfill the amounts needed for the handbells, the organ memory upgrade, and the timpani. We are grateful to all who made this possible. Please note that there are no items on the Wishlist at this time.

MVL Announcements ~ *Open Positions* 1. A part-time custodian(s) to work 25 hours per week. For more information contact Ken Opitz at MVL at 507-354-6851 or kopitz@mvlhs.org. 2. A part-time food service worker for approximately three hours each school day. Tasks include food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Elizabeth Fluegge at MVL at 507-354-6851, 507-993-5195, or foodservice@mvlhs.org. *MVL summer camps* have been cancelled for volleyball, football, baseball, and both basketball camps. Refunds will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the MVL office at 507-354-6851 or sallee@mvlhs.org.

MLC Job Opening ~ Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one part-time Athletics Equipment Manager. A comprehensive description for this position can be found at mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12 pm on Tuesday, June 30. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at 507-354-8221.

Food Kit Available ~ The New Ulm Area Food Shelf and the Lions Club of New Ulm are offering a 14-day food kit for seniors 65+ who are homebound because of COVID-19. Homebound is defined as those who only leave home for medical reasons. If you are in need of food and would like this delivered to you, please call the food shelf at 354-7668. If no one answers, please leave a message with your name, address and phone number. Speak slowly and clearly. Someone will contact you to ask about any special diet needs and let you know when the delivery will be made.

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About the Cover ~ Luca Giordano (1634-1705) painted The Calling of St. Matthew, c. 1685, using oil on canvas. He was nicknamed "Fa Presto" ("Hurry Up!") for the speed and ease with which he painted. In this painting, he depicts Jesus calling Matthew to leave his tax booth to come be his disciple. Matthew seems shocked as if to say, "Who? Me?!" What a surprise that Jesus chose a crooked tax collector to be his disciple! What a surprise that Jesus should choose any of us, sinner that we are! But that's why he came! He came to heal those who are sick with sin that we might live with him forever! Praise God!