



"He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

GENESIS 3:15

THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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As We Gather

As the family is the shape of our lives on earth, so is the family God’s design for eternity. When Adam and Eve succumbed to Satan’s lies and were lost to God, He was relentless in working to restore them and their children. He gave His only Son to rescue and redeem us and make us His children once again. God’s family is all those who are bound by blood—the blood of Christ—and who have been born again, adopted, and marked as His own through Baptism. Satan’s claim on us is paid in Christ so that we might be free to be the children of God, to call Him Father, and to know and trust in His gifts, grace, and promises. This is now our identity by Baptism and faith, and this is our future in everlasting life.

Prelude

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

P. Manz

Opening Hymn

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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| <p>1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r; Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.</p> <p>2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.</p> | <p>3 Cure Your children’s warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal, Lest we miss Your kingdom’s goal.</p> <p>4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore, Serving You whom we adore.</p> |
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Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

C O Lord, who could stand?

P But with You there is forgiveness,

C that You may be feared.

P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

C and in His word I hope.

Confession and Absolution

We pause to remember and repent of our sins before Almighty God

P From God's own Word we understand it is our sin that causes our troubles, doubt, fears, and death. For this reason, God's own Son became our Savior, taking the sin of the world upon Himself and paying our debt with His own death on the cross. All who have been baptized in His name have died with Him and live in the forgiveness of our sin. Let us therefore beseech Him for His gifts of forgiveness and life.

C **O God, I confess to You that I have sinned against You in my thoughts, words, and deeds by my own fault. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, forgive me my sins and restore to me the hope of Your eternal salvation.**

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

† Word †

Introit

Psalm 28:7–9; antiphon: v. 6

P Blessèd be the LORD!

C **For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

C **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

P The LORD is the strength of his people;

C **he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

P Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

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.

Blessèd be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father, when sin had stolen us from You and held us captive to death, You were determined to restore the family You had made and sent Your own Son to win us back into Your family. Grant us grace that we rejoice in this gift and be sustained through forgiveness until we dwell with You on high; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

† The Fall †

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

✠ Our Heavenly Dwelling ✠

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. ¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

D. Akers

Holy Gospel

✠ A kingdom Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand ✠

Mark 3:20–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, “He is out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.” ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸“Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — ³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” ³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you.” ³³And he answered them, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according
to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the
remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

“The Tree of Life”

#561

- 1 The tree of life with ev'ry good
In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet
God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew
Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned
Against whose eating God had warned.
- 2 The stillness of that sacred grove
Was broken, as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile
And Adam too by sin defile.
O day of sadness when the breath
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed
Within the world so newly made.
- 3 What mercy God showed to our race,
A plan of rescue by His grace:
In sending One from woman's seed,
The One to fill our greatest need—
For on a tree uplifted high
His only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread
To crush the ancient serpent's head!
- 4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame
Flows life eternal in His name;
For all who trust and will believe,
Salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet
The Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood
The tree of life with ev'ry good.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

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Offertory Choir Anthem

"For These Blessings"

N. Sleeth

A word about the Sacrament of the Altar...

We believe Jesus' own words that the bread and wine we receive in Holy Communion are indeed His true Body and Blood and not just a representation of them. We also acknowledge St. Paul's instruction to the Church at Corinth that it is harmful for anyone to receive the Sacrament without recognizing the real presence of His Body and Blood. Because of this, in Christian love we ask anyone who does not understand these truths to please refrain from receiving the Sacrament until you've spoken with the pastor. (*Matt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-30*)

✠ The Sacrament of the Altar ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Hear us now as we pray together in His name, and as He has taught us,
- C** **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

✠ Distribution of the Sacrament ✠

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

#562

- 1 All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.
- 2 Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.
- 3 From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul
Seeks not nor finds its heav’nly goal.
- 4 But Christ, the second Adam, came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.
- 5 As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.
- 6 We thank You, Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength,
new pow’rs.
This grace our ev’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.

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“O Christ, You Walked the Road”

#424

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r
And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
- 4 Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.
- 5 O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand’ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation’s hour
To fight our ancient foe.

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“You Are the Way; through You Alone”

#526

- 1 You are the way; through You alone
Can we the Father find;
In You, O Christ, has God revealed
His heart and will and mind.
- 2 You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
- 3 You are the life; the empty tomb
Proclaims Your conqu’ring arm,
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.

4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,

That truth to keep, that life to win
Whose joys eternal flow.

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Communion Blessing

Closing Prayer

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus”

#729

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev’ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

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Postlude

“Holsworthy Church Bells”

S. Wesley





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Announcements & Notes:

The June – July “Letter of St. Paul,” our newsletter, is available on the counters in the narthex and wings this morning, and it will be out by email and on our website in the next day or so.

There will be NO evening Bible study this Friday, June 14th. The study, led by Curtis Simonson, will resume on Friday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Wednesday evening worship services for the summer months will return to the air conditioned Timothy Room on Wednesday, June 19th. Please enter through the outside Timothy Room door directly into the worship area. Services begin at 6 p.m.

The St. Paul Adult Choir is welcoming additional members to sing with them on July 14th for Pastor John's retirement service. Rehearsals will be held in the Timothy Room on Wednesdays - June 26, July 3, and July 10 - at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Wednesday evening church service. See Ruth Sievers for more information.

Tickets for Pastor John's retirement luncheon and reception on July 14th are available both before and after services at the table in the narthex - or - in the church office during the week. Please purchase your tickets by June 28th

Remembering our homebound friends is a caring ministry of St. Paul meant to help us stay in touch with our members who aren't able to be with us for worship. Please remember them in your prayers. You may also like to send a note or a card. This week our homebound friend is Mrs. Gloria Meyer, Heartis Assisted Living, 7420 W. 159th Street, Apt. 223, Orland Park, IL 60402

**Please pray for these
members of our St.
Paul family**

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friends and family of
our members:**

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