



*“The Praise of a Trapped  
Prophet”*

*Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm*

*Sunday, June 21, 2020 at 8:00 am*

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
(Father’s Day/Graduation Sunday)  
(Traditional Service)**

**AS WE GATHER**

It is great during good times to believe that God is on your side with His blessings. Have you ever seen an old black-and-white photograph of a church’s Divine Service during or just after World War II? Extra chairs were added in the aisles for the great number of worshipers in dedicated attendance! Seventy-five years later, look around. Today Christianity has not only become more unpopular but is even seen by some as the enemy, the oppressor of freedom, the uninvited critic of a society that no longer labels anything as sinful. As it was for the prophet Jeremiah, to remain faithful to God means for now to be shunned, even persecuted. But the truth of God’s Word does not change. It is like a fire that reveals and destroys sin but at the same time inspires and gives strength in the very bones of all who believe.

*Please stand for portions of service marked with asterisk (\*).*

**THE PRELUDE**

Laura Moes, Accompanist

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**THE WELCOME AND VIDEO GREETING**

Pastor Chris Matthis

## \*OPENING HYMN

## "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## + PREPARATION +

### \*INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and ✠ of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### \*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** We come before the Lord this day to be strengthened in faith and to be witnesses of righteousness and truth before a hostile world. Let us first confess our own sinfulness, that we receive mercy, grace, and forgiveness from God.

**People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not

loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of 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.

People: Amen.

**\*KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy**

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**\*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest**

LSB pg. 204



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

### **\*SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## **+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

### **OLD TESTAMENT**

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*(Jeremiah complains about persecution.)*

O LORD, you have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
you are stronger than I,  
and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"

For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering,  
Terror is on every side!  
“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
“Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.”  
But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.  
Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM**

*Psalm 91:1-10*

Pastor: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

**People: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.**

Pastor: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,

**People: my God, in whom I trust.”**

Pastor: For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler

**People: and from the deadly pestilence.**

Pastor: He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge;

**People: His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Pastor: You will not fear the terror of the night,

**People: nor the arrow that flies by day,**

Pastor: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
**People: nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

Pastor: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand,  
**People: but it will not come near you.**

Pastor: You will only look with your eyes  
**People: and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Pastor: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
**People: the Most High, who is my refuge—**

Pastor: no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
**People: no plague come near your tent.**

*(Please stand for the Gloria Patri)*

**All: 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.**

## **EPISTLE**

*Romans 6:12-23*

*(The wages of sin is death...)*

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**\*ALLELUIA and VERSE**

LSB pg. 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 10:5a, 21-33*

*(You are of more value than many sparrows.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them..."Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Matthis

## SERMON HYMN

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## SERMON

Pastor Chris Matthis



## \*CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

## OFFERING

*“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7). We give our tithes and offerings to God as an act of worship in gratitude for the gifts He has first given us. If you wish to give electronically using a credit card or automated bank withdrawal, please scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.epiphanylc.org](http://www.epiphanylc.org) and click on GIVE. As good stewards, please use credit wisely.*



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## RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

### \*GRADUATION BLESSING/PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, heavenly Father, Your Word teaches that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...” (Proverbs 1:7). As the Creator of all things, You are the source of all true knowledge. Therefore, we ask You to bless all graduates with godly wisdom, strength of character, and zeal for service to nation, community, church, and family. Empower and equip all graduates by Your Holy Spirit to use their gifts and talents to Your glory and the benefit of their neighbor. Reveal the plans You have for them, “plans for welfare and not for evil, to give [them] a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). Above all, grant them Your grace. We ask this and all things in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition is read Pastor says, "Lord, in Your mercy," and Congregation responds with, "Hear our prayer."*

## **\*FATHER'S DAY PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. Dearest Lord Jesus, You taught us to call God "Father," and You reveal His power, love, and care for us. Our heavenly Father is the one by whom all fatherhood is named. So on this Father's Day, we give you thanks for our fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and other special men you place in our lives to love, protect, guide, and teach us. Help us always to honor our fathers, serve and obey, love and cherish them. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER** *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**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.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*“On Eagles’ Wings”*

LSB 727



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -  
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And  
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the  
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com-mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,  
fam - ine will bring you no fear;  
ar - row that flies by day; Though  
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: “My ref - uge, My  
Un - der His wings your ref - uge, His  
thou - sands fall a - bout you,  
on their hands they will bear you up, Lest you



rock in whom I trust!”  
faith - ful - ness your shield.  
Near you it shall not come.  
dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Refrain*



And He will raise you up on ea - gles’ wings,



Bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the



sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand. 2 The

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## **STEWARDSHIP VERSE**

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