

Parish Three & Good Hope Lutheran Churches

***June 9, 2024 / 9:00 AM
St. John's, Woden, IA***



**3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor John Heille**

Today's introduction:

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

PRELUDE AND MEDITATION

Nancy Beenken, Organist/Pianist

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

♪ "Happy Birthday, Sheryl" ♪

(Please stand as you are able)

GATHERING HYMN - you pick the first hymn!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE

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Refrain

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



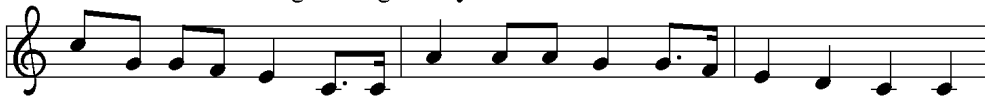
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All-powerful God, **in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20 [11:14-15]

God has settled the Israelites in the promised land and has appointed judges to govern them. But they want to be like the nations around them. By asking Samuel for a human king, they reject the kingship of God and open themselves to oppression at the hands of the human king.

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day."

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." [¹⁴Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM Psalm 138 (read responsively)

**¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

**³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.**

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.**

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

**⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.**

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Leader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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(piano introduction)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

GOSPEL Mark 3:20-35

Leader: A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke 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 his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Faith and Family"

Pr. John Heille

HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

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(Please stand as you are able)

APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again 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

CONFESSION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
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.
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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PEACE

OFFERING

Please drop off your offerings and tithes in the back of the church as you enter each Sunday. Parish Three offerings may also be made online at www.parish3.com.

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



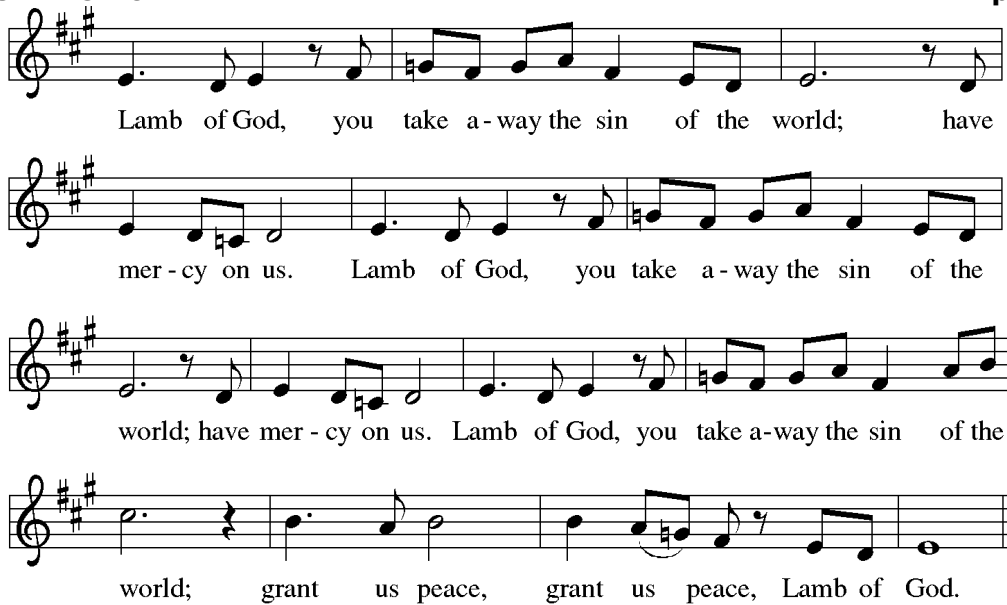
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"When Peace like a River"
"Built on a Rock"

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND SENDING

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. **Amen**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

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POSTLUDE

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PRAYERS

We offer prayers of support, healing and comfort for those in our church families and communities who are ill, suffering, or coping with a loss. Please include in your prayers: Roberta Movick, Gabrielle Trunkhill, Jerry Harms, Ken Spear, Lisa Tjaden, Avon Rurup, Russ Bruns, the family of Brian Mechler, all active military (Brandon Bengtson and Seth Green), our folks in nursing homes, our Bishops Eaton and Halaas, and all those impacted by recent natural disasters.

If you need to reach Pastor John, his cell phone is (507)-399-3119 and his email is unlikelyj@icloud.com. His office hours this week:

Monday 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Immanuel office

Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM St. John's office

Wednesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM Good Hope office

THIS WEEK AT PARISH THREE

6/09/2024 10:00 AM Sheryl Hanna's 90th birthday celebration – all are invited to stay for cake and coffee

6/09/2024 Choir practice

6/10/2024 7:00 PM Parish Three Council meeting @ St. John's

6/12/2024 3:00 PM Worship @ the Titonka Care Center

6/16/2024 9:00 AM Worship @ Immanuel

6/16/2024 10:00 AM Immanuel 125th congregation meeting

THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE

Tues., June 11 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting

Sun., June 16 9:00 a.m. Joint Worship at Immanuel

**** Welcome to everyone** worshipping today: those attending in person, those attending the Care Center live-stream and anyone joining YouTube Iowa Lutherans. And a big **Thank You** to all those participating in worship services: organists, choir members, readers, Care Center live-streamers, ushers, communion preparers and servers and you! A special welcome today to Sheryl Hanna's family.

****A committal service for Brian Mechler**, son of Douglas & Eunice Mechler, will be held at the Buffalo Township Cemetery on Sat., June 22 at 10 a.m. Brian died on March 21 at his home in Mankato, MN.

****The Western Iowa Synodical Women's Organizational Convention** will be held Saturday, June 15 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cherokee. One delegate from each church is asked to attend. The registration deadline is June 7; the cost is \$35 or \$20 for a First Time Attendee. There is also a "Carpool Special" of \$100. More information and the registration forms are on the bulletin boards at both St. John's and Immanuel.

****The revised 2024 calendar** for Parish Three-Good Hope is posted on the web site (www.parish3.com) under the heading "Future Worship Services".

****A bridal shower for Sydney Fredrickson** will be held Sunday, June 23 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the Buffalo Creek Activity Center (former Titonka school). Sydney is the bride-to-be of Maxwell Miller. They are registered at www.TheKnot.com.

****RSVPs needed for Immanuel's celebration dinner on Saturday, July 13!**

We'd love to have you – please let us know how many to expect! Pork loin and sweet corn meal from 5-7:00 PM. Free will donation to benefit Go Serve Global Safe-T Homes. We hope you will join us!

****Immanuel will be collecting memorabilia** to display at the upcoming 125th celebration. You may bring them the evening of June 26 or after church on June 30. All items will be returned; make sure your name is on them to ensure that they are returned.

****An online scrapbook** has been started for Immanuel's 125th Anniversary. Anyone can access it and view or download images at <https://imemories.us/3ZB8mle>. The link will be posted on www.parish3.com. Do you have things (photos, documents, etc) you'd like to add? Contact Karen @ parishthre@wctatel.net.

****Titonka Care Center resident count** as of this past Wednesday: 12

****Friends of Titonka Care Center** – A new group open to anyone with an interest in promoting and preserving the Titonka Care Center into the long-term future. Meeting Tuesday mornings through May 28, 9:00 – 10:30 AM at Good Hope.

Meeting notes will be available at the Titonka Library. Interested? Contact Hilary Ziols, 507-581-3623

****Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Fund:** A fund has been established to financially help the immediate need of the Titonka Care Center. No funds will be distributed until the care center has exhausted all its available funds and will only be made to cover necessary operating expenses. All donations will be held in a separate account for the purpose of sustaining the continued operation of the care center for the benefit of the residents and community. Financial assistance is needed at this time to hopefully allow the care center to operate until such time that a new entity can assume operational control of the care center. A record of all tax-deductible donations will be maintained. All donations should be made payable to the Titonka Care Center Hail Mary Account and given to Allan Boyken at the Heyer Spear Insurance Office or to Lanita Kardoes. Allan & Lanita are the only signatories on the account. Allan's address is P. O. Box 249, Titonka, Iowa 50480-0249



****Volunteers Needed:** 1 or 2 volunteers are needed to live-stream the worship service for the Titonka Care Center residents each Sunday. To volunteer, send your name, phone number, and email address to parishthre@wctatel.net. If you'd like to be paired the first time with someone who can show you how to turn on the live-stream, that can be arranged.