

Closing Hymn “May The Grace Of Christ Our Savior”
Christian Worship Hymn 326

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.

So may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
Gathered here in blest communion
By the power of his Word.

Now with all the saints in heaven
Thanks and praise to you we sing,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One, our triune King.



SONS AND DAUGHTERS
LET ME TEACH YOU
THE IMPORTANCE OF
TRUSTING THE LORD
P S A L M 34:11



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*We invite you to worship with us again and we sincerely hope that you will accept this invitation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
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Third Sunday After Pentecost

Offered during the 11:00 AM Worship Service from the Sermon to the end of the Service:
Kid's Church- for children 3 years to 2nd grade
Staffed Nursery- for babies who can sit on their own to toddlers 3 years old and under

JUNE 21, 2009
PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE!

Good Morning!

Happy Father's Day! What a special day that we have the opportunity to reflect on the love of our earthly fathers, but more importantly this morning we reflect on the unfailing love of our Heavenly Father.
May God bless our worship of Him this morning!

Opening Hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Christian Worship Hymn 240

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!
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.
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.
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!

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DISTRIBUTION

C: "Give Thanks"..... *Tree of Life Song Book*

Verse 1

Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Verse 2

And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich"
because of what the Lord has done for us.

Final Ending: Give Thanks.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good

C: (spoken) and his mercy endures forever.

M: We give you 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: (spoken) AMEN

BLESSING

M: 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: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and host of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Tree of Life Song Book*

“Holy, holy, holy,” angel host are singing.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God

Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord of might.

Your glory fills the heavens; your glory fills the earth.”

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna is our song.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (spoken) AMEN

C: "Lamb of God" *Tree of Life Song Book*

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in his precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Verse 2

Your gift of live they crucified;
They laughed and scorned him as he
died;
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

Refrain

Verse 3

I was so lost I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a Lamb of God.

Refrain

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We begin our time of worship in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

M: God invites us as his precious children to confess our sins to him to receive the assurance of forgiveness. As the family of God, let us confess our sins.

ALL: Father in heaven, in your mercy you have made me your child. You have made me the object of your love. Forgive me for the ways I have not treasured my status as one of your own. For my neglect of time with you in the Word, forgive me. For my failure to come to you in prayer, forgive me. For my lack of willingness at times to forgive, forgive me. For apathy toward walking each day in your ways, forgive me. For failure to carry out my role in my family as you would have me, forgive me.

M: As we have confessed collectively, we now pause for a time of silent confession where I invite you individually to confess sins that pertain to your role in your family.

C: *Silent confession*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has heard our plea for forgiveness and in Christ assures us of our forgiveness. Our guilt is washed clean and we are renewed to love and serve him. Be assured of God’s promise to you as well, your sins are forgiven. You are a family belonging to God!

Song of Praise:“Oh, That I Had A Thousand Voices”
Verses 1 & 5 *Christian Worship Hymn 194*

Oh, that I had a thousand voices	Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
To praise my God with thousand tongues!	Shall I not praise you evermore
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,	And triumph over fear and sadness,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs	Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
To all, wherever I might be,	Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
What great things God has done for me.	Your endless love is ever near.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: 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.

C: *(spoken)* **AMEN.**

FIRST LESSON
GENESIS 3:8-15

“God gives the first promise of our Savior.”

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

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LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Celebration of Holy Communion

At Tree of Life, we desire to have all commune with us at the Lord's Table. However, since the Scripture encourages us to "recognize the body and blood of the Lord," "examine ourselves," and join together as "one body," we ask those who are visiting with us this morning to take the time to understand these teachings and establish a unity of beliefs with us before partaking of this act of fellowship. By this practice of close communion, we are in no way judging your personal faith and relationship with Jesus, we just ask for an opportunity for us to share our beliefs with you so that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(spoken)* **And also with you**

M: Lift up your hearts

C: *(spoken)* **We lift them up unto the Lord**

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

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

Statement of Belief Nicene Creed

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 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.

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Psalm 51a *Christian Worship page 86*

Refrain: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on `me, O God,
according to your un`failing love.*

Hide your face `from my sins,
and blot out all my in`iquity.*

Wash away all my in`iquity,
and cleanse me `from my sin.*

Restore to me the joy of your sal`vation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus`tain
me.*

For I know my trans`gressions,
and my sin is always be`fore me.*

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

Refrain

Against you, you only, `have I sinned
and done what is evil `in your sight.*

Surely I was sin`ful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother con`ceived
me.*

Refrain

SECOND LESSON
REVELATION 20:1-6

"John's vision of the New Testament era."

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 5:19)

GOSPEL LESSON
MARK 3:20-35

"Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters."

²⁰Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them.

²⁹But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

³¹Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Hymn "Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us"
Verses 1-3, & 6 *Christian Worship Supplement Hymn 753*

Father, God of grace, you knew us,
Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning
To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us
Ere creation was begun!

Counselor, you bring as promised
From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished,
Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us
Our salvation's work is done!

We, your creatures, sinned against you,
And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate,
Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant:
Praise the firstborn from the dead!

Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise
the Son, who took our place.
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier,
God of free and faithful grace!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

KID'S CHURCH

"Jacob Deceives Esau and Isaac"- Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-40
11 AM Service- Children ages 3 years to 2nd grade

PRAISE THE LORD
FOR HIS UNFAILING LOVE!

Psalm 51:1-9
Pastor Mike Geiger