

# *The Third Sunday after Trinity*

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# 977 I Will Sing My Maker's Praises



1 I will sing my Mak - er's prais - es And in Him most  
 2 He so cared for and es - teemed me That the Son He  
 3 All that for my soul is need - ful He with lov - ing  
 4 As a fa - ther, ev - er yearn - ing, Long - ing to be  
 5 Since there's nei - ther change nor cold - ness In God's love that



joy - ful be, For in all things I see trac - es  
 loved so well He has giv - en to re - deem me  
 care pro - vides, Nor of that is He un - heed - ful  
 rec - on - ciled, Seeks the prod - i - gal's re - turn - ing,  
 on me smiled, I now lift my hands in bold - ness,



Of His ten - der love for me. Noth - ing  
 From the quench - less flames of hell. O my  
 Which my bod - y needs be - sides. When my  
 Lov - ing still the way - ward child, So my  
 Com - ing to You as Your child. Grant me



else than love could move Him With such deep and  
 Lord, the Spring of bless - ing, Could some - how my  
 strength can - not a - vail me, When my pow'rs can  
 man - y sins and er - rors Find a ten - der,  
 grace, O God, I pray You, That I may with



ten - der care Ev - er - more to raise and bear  
 fi - nite mind Of Your love the lim - it find  
 do no more, Then will God His strength out - pour;  
 par - d'ning God, Chas - t'ning frail - ty with His rod,  
 all my might, All my life - time, day and night,



All who try to love and serve Him. All things else have  
 Though my ef - forts were un - ceas - ing? All things else have  
 In my need He will not fail me. All things else have  
 Not in ven - geance with His ter - rors. All things else have  
 Love and trust You and o - bey You And, when this brief



but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.  
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 but their day; God's great love a - bides for aye.  
 life is o'er, Praise and love You ev - er - more.

**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 unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father, **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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. **C** Amen.

## **Introit**

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me:

**for I am desolate and afflicted.**

Look upon mine affliction and my pain:

**and forgive all my sins.**

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul:

**O my God, I trust in Thee, let me not be ashamed.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

Turn Thee unto me and have mercy upon me:

**for I am desolate and afflicted.**

Look upon mine affliction and my pain:

**and forgive all my sins.**

## **Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**☩ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*LSB 187*

**☐ Glory be to God on high: ☩ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray: O God, the Protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy : increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy, that, Thou being our Ruler and Guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost : ever one God, world without end. **C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Micah 7:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Timothy 1:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 15:1-10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

<sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

<sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.      **C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.**

### **608 Lord, to You I Make Confession**

- 1 Lord, to You I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray,  
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.  
Led by You to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at Your terrors.
- 2 Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek Your face;  
Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me in Your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me; Let Your wrath not overtake me.
- 3 For Your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n Himself to rescue me,  
Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and soothe this anguish.
- 4 Lord, on You I cast my burden— Sink it in the deepest sea!  
Let me know Your gracious pardon, Cleanse me from iniquity.  
Let Your Spirit leave me never; Make me only Yours forever.

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### **Sermon**

#### **Offertory**

*LSB 192*

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

**[ Offering ]**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

## Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

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

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever!

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### **556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won. What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell, So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought, Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great, He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part But gave His dearest treasure.

5 God said to His belovèd Son: "It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown, And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they May live with You forever."

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will, Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore To lead the devil captive.

- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me, I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain; The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood, Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin, And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav'nly treasure should destroy; This final word I leave you."

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### **864 Shepherd of Tender Youth**

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth  
Through devious ways;  
Christ, our triumphant king, We come Your name to sing  
And here our children bring To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord, O all-subduing Word,  
Healer of strife.  
Yourself You did abase That from sin's deep disgrace  
You so might save our race And give us life.
- 3 You are the great High Priest; You have prepared the feast  
Of holy love;  
And in our mortal pain None calls on You in vain;  
Our plea do not disdain; Help from above.

4 O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride,  
Our staff and song.  
Jesus, O Christ of God, By Your enduring Word  
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high  
And joyful sing:  
Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong,  
Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

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### **563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness**

1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to  
pay; Fully absolved through these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and  
shame.

3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood, Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.

4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea: Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.

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### **Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy  
word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and  
ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 922 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

*sts. 1–4*

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.
  
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here  
you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
  
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.
  
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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### TRINITY III

Jesus Receives Sinners – *“This man receives sinners and eats with them”* (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees' statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). *“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”* (1 Timothy 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came to die for sinners. For Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life to restore the lost sheep. And when He receives it, He places it upon His shoulders and returns with great joy and rejoices carrying it home to heaven (Luke 15:4-5). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness, life and salvation.

Our Blessed Lord receives sinners, welcomes them, and embraces them. He does not turn them away when they cry to Him. He does not ignore their prayer or turn a deaf ear to their plea. Our Lord receives sinners. And Our Blessed Lord eats with them. He feeds on their bread of sorrows, drinks down their cup of suffering, and consumes their grapes of wrath. In other words, Our Lord does not shrink from coming into the filth our natural desires produce. He does not refuse to take into Himself the very thing that kills us.

– Saint Ambrose