

# Service of Daily Prayer

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

### As We Gather

It should be no surprise, for the Lord warned them from the beginning. To follow Christ, to live our Baptism, to be a Christian will not be a life of ease, peace, and abundance, but rather one of trouble and contradiction. All the apostles and prophets found this to be true. Jeremiah's complaint is repeated by all who have discovered the Christian life is but warfare between life and death. Because Jesus gave Himself to the defeat of the devil and our spiritual slavery by letting it all have its way with Him to the cross, all who believe are freed and made participants in newness of life by simple faith in this grace and mercy of God for us. Jesus says three times today, "Do not be afraid," so now even with the prophet's complaint repeated, we can rejoice with him, "Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord!"

### Welcome

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### Versicles

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;  
**in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You and watch.**  
My mouth is filled with Your praise,  
**and with Your glory all the day.**  
O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
**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.**

### Reading

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*  
*Jeremiah's complaint*

### Reading

*Romans 6:12–23*  
*Slaves to righteousness*

### Reading

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*  
*Do not be afraid.*

## Final Reading Response

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- L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** 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.

## Koine Video - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

### Sermon

*Rev. Don Coulter*

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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.

### Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

### In the morning

Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, on this day when the work of our calling begins anew, we implore You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Then go joyfully to your work.*

## Stewardship Sentence

**Rom. 6:13** – *“Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”*

Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

## Lectionary Summary for Next Week - June 28, 2020

Jeremiah 28:5–9; Romans 7:1–13; Matthew 10:34–42

### The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken *“war, famine, and pestilence”* (**Jer. 28:8**). But if *“the Lord has truly sent the prophet,”* he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and *“the word of that prophet comes to pass”* (**Jer. 28:9**). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, *“sinful beyond measure,”* thereby *“producing death”* in the sinner (**Rom. 7:13**). But through our Baptism into Christ, *“we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive”* (**Rom. 7:6**). Now we belong *“to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God”* (**Rom. 7:4**). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come *“to bring peace, but a sword”* (**Matt. 10:34**). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and *“loses his life”* for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (**Matt. 10:38–39**).

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