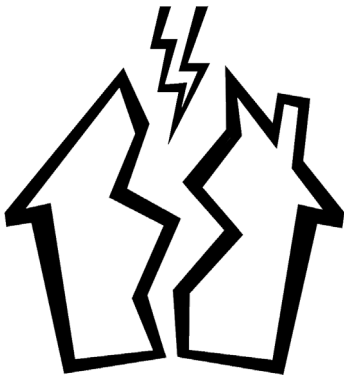


Pentecost 3

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 5 (Year B)

The reality of sin is something that we simply cannot escape. Evil is present in the world, and it has a terrible impact. St. Paul called sin the “old Adam,” and Luther understood it as a struggle that only ends at the grave. Behind all sin is the deep need to be in control of our own lives, choices, and actions. We recognize and appreciate God’s power over us when we fear, love, and trust God above all else.



THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

The Serpent Deceived Me

The first human beings succumbed to the temptations of the devil, who was in the form of a serpent in the garden. God came looking for the couple, but in their shame they hid themselves from him. The repercussions of their lack of trust in God were that they would be banished from his presence, and that there would be distrust and conflict between them. They would have to work the land and experience pain.

Psalm 130

I Wait for the Lord

The psalmist sang to God, asking him to hear his voice. In the Lord there is forgiveness and mercy. He cried out to Israel to hope in the Lord, for he is the source of redemption for the people.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

We Do Not Lose Heart

Paul explained to the Christians in Corinth that even though there are struggles in the life of faith, we do not cling to things that we can see. It is the things that we cannot see that are the source of our strength. Even though our bodies waste away, he proclaimed, our inner lives are being renewed and strengthened by Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35

A House Divided Cannot Stand

Jesus and his disciples were bombarded by the attentions of a large crowd, so much so that they didn’t even have a chance to eat. His family came to where he was, confused about his mental state, as many were accusing him of being in alliance with Satan. Jesus responded rhetorically, “How can Satan cast out Satan?”

Suggestions for the Day:

- Liturgical Color: Green
- Use the Kyrie OR the Hymn of Praise
- Use the Apostles’ Creed

In the Gospel reading for today the Pharisees accused Jesus of being “Beelzebul.” Beelzebul was thought to be the ruler of all demons and his name meant “Baal the Prince” (or Baal Zebub, which literally was “lord of the flies”). The religious leaders were equating Jesus with the lord of the underworld. Jesus’ response pointed out the foolishness of their accusation, saying, “How can Satan cast out Satan?” The enemy would not cast out demons as they were his own minions. (Dict. of Demons and Deities in the Bible)

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
A Mighty Fortress	229	---	657	504	169	169
Built on a (the) Rock	365	---	645	652	91	91
Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice	299	---	556	594	171	171
Rise, Shine, You People!	393	---	825	665	---	---
I Love to Tell the Story	390	---	---	661	265	265
My Life Flows on in Endless Song	---	781	---	763	253	253
Thy Holy Wings	---	741	---	613	76	76
Rise, O Children of Salvation	182	---	---	---	231	231
Come, Ye Disconsolate	---	---	---	607	185	185
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW= Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV= With One Voice, ELW= Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB= The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC= The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at “Hymns and Music.”

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles:

- House Divided (CCLI# 7047616)
- Even So Come (CCLI# 7036288)
- I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130) (CCLI# 7118914)
- This is Amazing Grace (CCLI# 6333821)
- No Longer Slaves (CCLI# 7030123)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.