

# Matthew 10:5



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2023

Prelude

\*The Processional Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers* (ELW) No. 812

\*The Confession and Forgiveness (ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Apostolic Greeting (ELW) page 138

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*The Kyrie (*sung response*) (ELW) page 138

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*The Hymn of Praise *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (ELW) NO. 742

\*Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and Your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 100

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;  
serve the LORD with gladness and come before His  
presence with a song.

**<sup>2</sup>Know this: The LORD Himself is God;**

**He himself has made us, and we are His; we are His  
people and the sheep of His pasture.**

<sup>3</sup>Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with  
praise; give thanks to Him and call upon His Name.

**<sup>4</sup>For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting;  
and His faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

(ELW) page 142

**C: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

\* The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-20]

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.** (sung after announcement of the Gospel)

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.** (sung after conclusion of the Gospel)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

read by Dennis Schmidt, Lay Worship Leader

\*The Hymn of the Day

*Give Me Jesus*

(ELW) No. 770

\*The Apostle's Creed

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.**

\*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\*Sharing of the Peace

The Musical Offering

\*The Offertory

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

(ELW) No. 188

\*The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Announcements

\*The Benediction (*sung response*)

**C: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

\*The Recessional Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

(ELW) No. 545

\*The Dismissal (*response*)

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

**Please continue to pray for healing for Pastor Rob.**

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

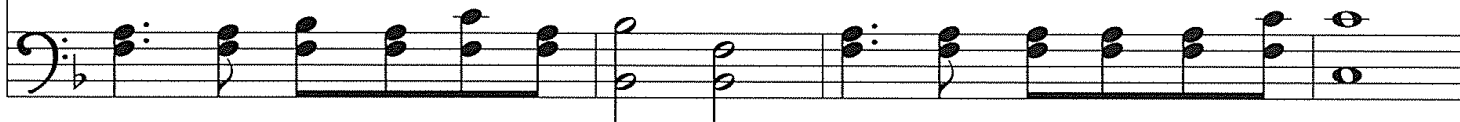
ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

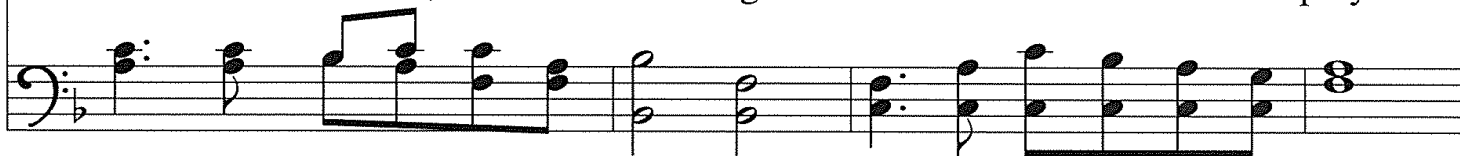
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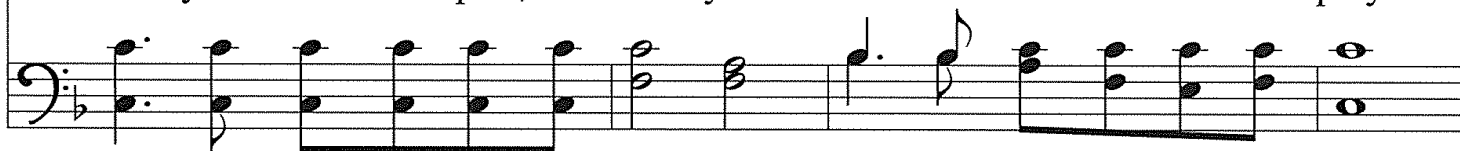
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

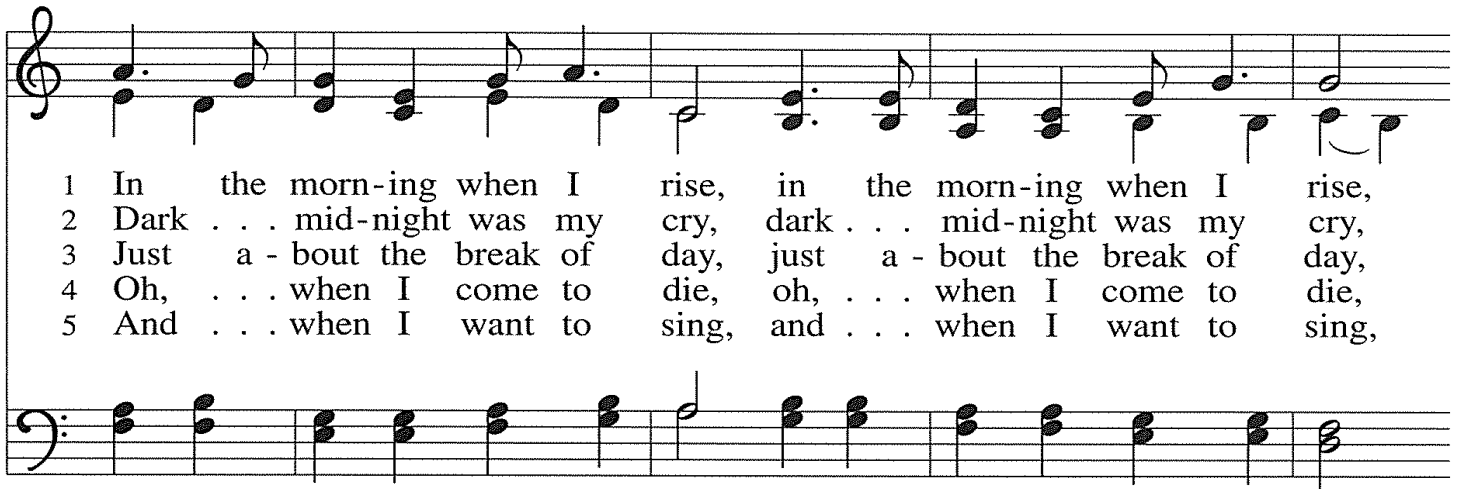


all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.



# Give Me Jesus

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1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "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

The second system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your".

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -".

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are: "store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,".

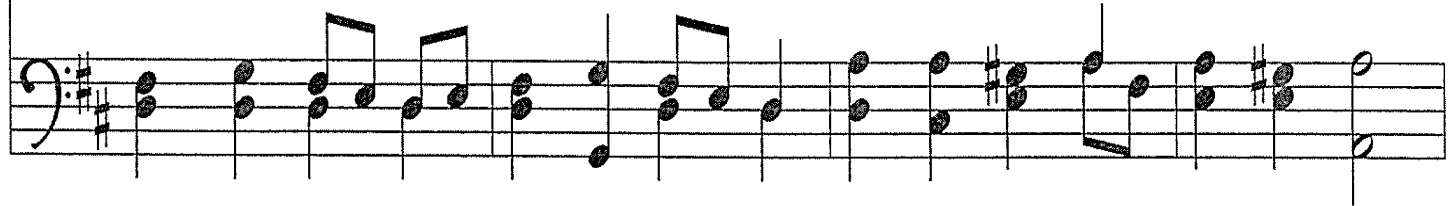
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.".

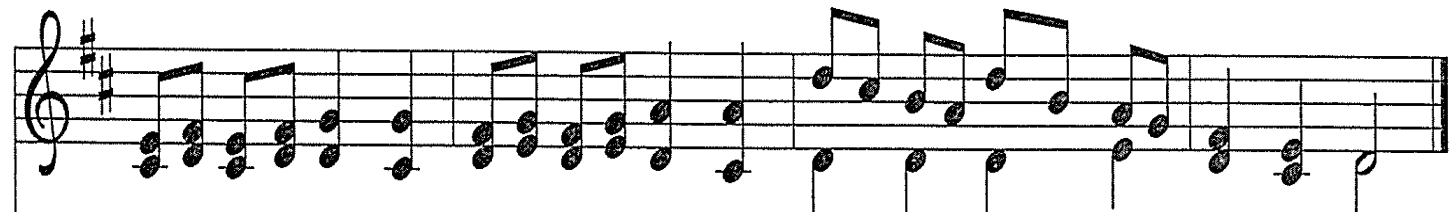
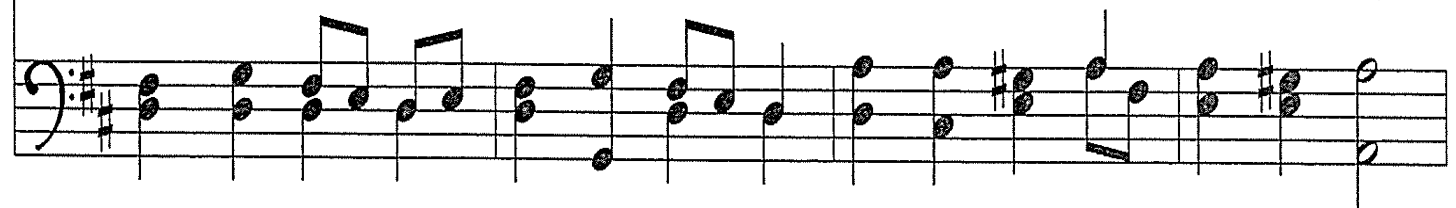
## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



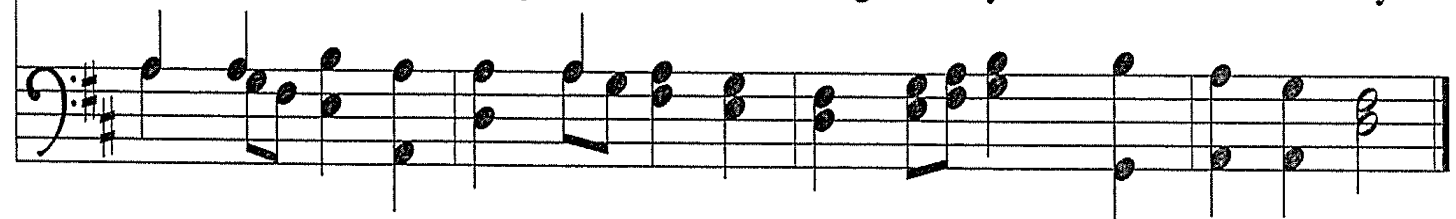
1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.



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**The Flowers on the Chancel** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nathaniel Black on his graduation, birthday and entrance to the Army. Also in honor of Mark Black on Father's Day and in loving memory of my husband, Frank Black and my father, Bernard Killen on Father's Day by Kathleen Black. A donation is made to the window fund.

**The Lay Reader** is Kris Briggs.

**Acolytes** are Heidi Walsh and Denico Walsh.

**Counters/Greeters** today are L. Coleman and S. Rea.

**Welcome to our Visitors!** The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

**Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?** Please contact Pastor Grewe.

**Nursery:** We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

**Bell Choir Practice** on Monday at 6 PM.

**The Flower Chart for 2023** is posted in the narthex. If you wish to place flowers, (real or artificial) near the altar, sign your name opposite the date of your choice. You will be reminded of your date and asked for the wording you want in the bulletin two weeks before the due date.

**Sign-up sheets are posted to host a coffee hour in 2023.** Please write your names under the month you would like to host. The coffee hours have been a wonderful time of fellowship and the hosts have been awesome! Thank you!!

**Sign-up sheets are posted for Lay Readers in 2023.** Please sign up.

**Please remember to continue contributing donations to our girls in Ethiopia.**  
**Please consider this as a call to help others in need.**

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**Please pray for those in need of healing:**

Janet Burke, Eveline Reihner, Carol, Shari Kienzle, Chiquita, Stacy Carroll, Billie Sue Serbak, Susan Westott, Fred Dupas, baby Isaac Christian, the Pollana family, Amy Verderber, Sylvia Sunstrum, baby Ryan, Dan, Fritz Group, Amy, Lucy & Dave Mehaffey, Jessi, Bill Hisiro, Richard, Klaus Behrens, Joanne Reck, Bill Stewart, Morgan, Sharon Fritz, Tim & Karen Edwards, Tom Liam, Gary, Daniel, Judy Dombrowsky, Emily Buchleitner, Greg Mason, Alexandra Perry, Lu Mayne, Pat, Chaz Sands, Rev. Phil Gagnon, Jacob, Maxine Banko, Brooke, Ellen, Jacob Orr, USN, Roger, John Bartanus, Becky & Chuck, Rosemary Dittman, Marty Hebrank, Noah Walker, Janet Williams, Nathan, Mary, the Lobach Family, Debbie, Sayward, Jim Walter, Larry and Tillie Simpson, Jim H., Eric Group, Larry Zimmerman, Emerson Dietrich, Daniel Sherman, and Pastor Rob.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

PA Mental health support and referral line

1-855-284-2494

WASHINGTON, PA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE

1-877-225-3567

WASHINGTON COUNTY BHDS LINE

724-228-6832

SCOTT BERRY DIRECT LINE

724-250-4079 (FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY)

FOR OTHER NEEDS, CONTACT 211 OR THE CHURCH.

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**Church Offering Change:** Our ushers will pass the plates around during the Musical Offering.

## Listening for the Promise

### Weekly Devotional

**Third Sunday After Pentecost – June 18, 2023**

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. . . These twelve Jesus sent out” -  
Matthew 10:1, 5b

In sending his disciples forth, Jesus gave them spiritual powers that most of us do not have. Although we, too, have authority over unclean spirits, it is the rare person among us who has the spiritual gift of healing. Nevertheless, Jesus has sent us on a mission just as he did with his disciples. And in both cases the purpose was/is to announce and embody the eternal shalom of Christ's present and coming Kingdom. Therefore, even though His disciples had spiritual powers that most of us don't, the meaning and significance of their mission is the same as ours. For this reason, the disciples' mission is the paradigm in which we discern the meaning of our own.

We can access this meaning through an examination of the disciples' miracles. In Scripture, miracles are not random acts of power. They are signs that point to God's work among us and also reveal its meaning. In this regard, the disciples' miracles of healing show both aspects. They reveal the ultimate removal of the curse from creation, and they point to the one who will remove this curse by solving the root problem of sin. To this end, the miracles of healing embody the eternal shalom of Christ's Kingdom. In so doing, they attest the present arrival of this Kingdom while also foreshadowing its future fullness. Moreover, they point to Christ as the sin-bearer by anticipating a world in which sin's curse is fully and finally removed.

Like Jesus' earliest disciples, we too are called to manifest the eternal shalom of Christ's Kingdom, whether or not we have the spiritual gift of healing. Through evangelism, discipleship, and works of mercy; we are to point people to Christ, embody his Kingdom in their midst, and foreshadow the coming fullness of this same Kingdom. But because we inhabit a different context than the twelve disciples, our approach will likely be different.

For instance, in early America, social financing was the prerogative of the church, not the state. Can you imagine the personal and cultural impact it would have if the church took back social financing from the government and did so in Jesus' name? In particular, what if we took back the strategic field of education and trained up the next generation in a fully Biblical worldview? Wouldn't this point people to Christ and embody His Kingdom in our day?