

*The Third Sunday after Trinity*

June 28, 2020, 9:30am

Bethlehem Ev. Lutheran Church Altamont, IL

Rev. Marcus Manley

Organist: Dean Manuel

Acolyte: Dayton Tabbert Book Bearer: Garrett Flood

Ushers: Justin Durbin, Mark Durbin

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude – “*Prelude in C*” – Johann S. Bach

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*(Please stand)*

♪ **Versicles** *(Common)*

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**PSALMODY** ♪

♪ **Antiphon** *(Proper 3-7, Trinity 1-8)*

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♪ **Venite** – “*O Come Let Us Sing*”

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**Psalm 103:1–13 (antiphon: v.8)**

*(congregation responds with the words in bold)*

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**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

**and all that is within me,**

**bless his | holy name!**

<sup>2</sup>Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

**and forget not all his | benefits,**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*

**who heals all your dis- | eases,**

<sup>4</sup>who redeems your life | from the pit,\*

**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**

<sup>5</sup>who satisfies | you with good\*  
**so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD works | righteousness\*  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**

<sup>7</sup>He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
**his acts to the people of | Israel.**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\*  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

<sup>9</sup>He will not | always chide,\*  
**nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.**

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
**nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**

<sup>11</sup>For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
**so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;**

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
**so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**

<sup>13</sup>As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
**so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.**

**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.**

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*(Please be seated)*

## **Office Hymn #609 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive***

### **Readings**

#### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

P: A reading from Micah, the seventh chapter.

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.

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.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob  
and steadfast love to Abraham,  
as you have sworn to our fathers  
from the days of old.

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P: A reading from Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** Text: Micah 7:18-20  
Title: Who Is Like God?

*(Please stand)*

**Canticle**

**Te Deum**

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**Offering** – *Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*

**Offering Hymn #781** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* stz. 1 & 2

**Prayer**

♪ **Kyrie**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

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♪ **Collects**

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**Collect for Third Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: ♪**Amen.**

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**

*Response after each petition of the prayer:*

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

C: **Amen**

**Collect for Grace**

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: ♪**Amen.**

♪ **Benedicamus - ♪ Benediction**

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**Hymn to Depart #798** *The God of Abraham Praise* (June 2020 hymn of the month)

*v. 1 – Dennis Guffey*

*v. 7– Dennis*

*v. 2 – congregation*

*v. 8 & 9 - congregation*

*v. 3 – Dennis*

*v. 4, 5, 6 - congregation*

♪**Silent Prayer**

**Announcements**