Old Testament Connections

In 538 B.C. the Babylonian dynasty, which had defeated the Assyrians gave way to Persian conquerors. First King Darius the Mede and then the great emperor Cyrus himself ruled Babylon. Discontinuing the policy of the Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus generously permitted all the exiled people within his realm to return to their own countries. The homesick Jews received special encouragement to do so. Though many of them stayed in Babylonia, a large body of the Jewish nation returned to Palestine during the next century. First Zerubbabel, a prince of the house of David, led 42,500 people back to their homeland in Judah. With holy zeal they set about the discouraging task of rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem and of the Temple. Beholding the humble looking new house of God brought tears to the eyes of the older generation who remembered the magnificent Temple of Solomon. It was not completed for many years. Finally, under the encouragement by the prophet Haggai, the rebuilding of the Temple was completed in 516 B. C. exactly 70 years after the destruction of Solomon's Temple.

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church

THE THIRD TO LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

End Times



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I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

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***2. The Entrance Hymn**
#532 - Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
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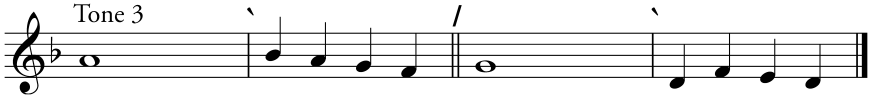
***5. The Absolution** p. 43 *Form I*

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***7. The Salutation & *8. The Collect of the Day** p. 45
Let us pray: Almighty God, we beseech You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants, that we who put no trust in our own merits may not be dealt with according to the severity of Your judgment, but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

10. Gradual



All:Your enemies roar in the midst of Your `congregation;/
They set up their `banners for signs.

Remember Your congregation, which You `purchased of old,/
The tribe of Your inheritance, which `You have redeemed.

There is a river whose streams shall make glad the `city of God,/
God is in the midst of her, she `shall not be moved.

Alleluia! Behold, I am `coming quickly./
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! `Alleluia!

11. The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.

For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***12. The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 24:15–28**

[Jesus said:] "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

"Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There He is!' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. See, I have told you beforehand.

"So, if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather." (ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

🎵C: God be praised for His glad tidings.

***13. The Apostles' Creed** p.46

14. The Chief Hymn
#534 - The World Is Very Evil
stanzas 1-2,4-5

15. The Sermon: 2 Chronicles 33:1-13
Rev. Matthew Lehne

Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And he did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel. For he rebuilt the high places that his father Hezekiah had broken down, and he erected altars to the Baals, and made Asheroth, and worshiped all the host of heaven and served them. And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem shall My name be forever." And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger. And the carved image of the idol that he had made he set in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, "In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever, and I will no more remove the foot of Israel from the land that I appointed for your fathers, if only they will be careful to do all that I have commanded them, all the law, the statutes, and the rules given through Moses." Manasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do more evil than the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the people of Israel.

The Lord spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention. Therefore the Lord brought upon them the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria, who captured Manasseh with hooks and bound him with chains of bronze and brought him to Babylon. And when he was in distress, he entreated the favor of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. He prayed to Him, and God was moved by his entreaty and heard his plea and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.(ESV)

The Chief Hymn
#534 - The World Is Very Evil
stanzas 7

***16. The Prayer of the Church** p. 48-49

***17. The Apostolic Benediction** p. 49

18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn
God's Word is our great heritage,
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure,
Throughout all generations. (#583)

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***20. The Collect** p. 58 *Form III*

***21. The Benediction** p. 59

22. The Closing Hymn
#535 - Farewell I Gladly Bid Thee
stanzas 1-3,5

23. The Closing Prayer p. 59

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✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠
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