

## Didache Divine Service

### Session 12—The Third Article

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 1, 2023

1. Invocation and Prayer
2. Hymn: LSB 497 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”
3. **The Catechism: The Third Article and Its Explanation, LSB p. 323**
4. **Bible Reading: The Day of Pentecost—Acts 2:1-42**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all <sup>[a]</sup>with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them <sup>[b]</sup>divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- **The signs of Pentecost marked the Apostles as Jesus’ eyewitnesses and teach us about the work of the Holy Spirit through their preaching.**
- **Pentecost was the celebration of the gift of God’s Word following His redeeming work.**

<sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own <sup>[c]</sup>language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and <sup>[d]</sup>Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup>So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

<sup>13</sup>Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

- **The Apostles’ were not drunk but spoke the wonderful Gospel of Jesus Christ in the languages of all the Jewish pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem for Passover and Pentecost.**

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup>For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* <sup>[e]</sup>the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>*‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,*

*That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;*

*Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,*

*Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup>*And on My menservants and on My maidservants*

*I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

<sup>19</sup>*I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath:*

*Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness,*

*And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

<sup>21</sup>*And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’*

- **The last days are the time of the preaching from Pentecost to the Second Coming.**
- **“prophesying” refers to ALL the ways in which ministers and Christians speak the Gospel.**
- **The Holy Spirit creates FAITH in Christ through the Gospel which creates the HOPE of the resurrection of the body and the life-everlasting.**
- **The signs of “blood and fire and vapor of smoke...” darkened sun and blood moon were all associated with Jesus’ crucifixion which ushered in the time of preaching of the Gospel.**

<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

<sup>23</sup> Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you <sup>[l]</sup>have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; <sup>24</sup> whom God raised up, having <sup>[g]</sup>loosed the <sup>[l]</sup>pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

- **The death and resurrection of Jesus are proclaimed in such a way that the congregation is called to repentance by it.**

<sup>25</sup> For David says concerning Him:

*‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.*

<sup>26</sup> *Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;*

*Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.*

<sup>27</sup> *For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.*

<sup>28</sup> *You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’*

- **This prophecy from Psalm 16 are actually the Words of Jesus and confess His faith in the Father.**

<sup>29</sup> “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, <sup>[l]</sup>according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted <sup>[l]</sup>to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

<sup>34</sup> “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

*‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, <sup>35</sup> Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’*

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?”

- **The response to Peter’s preaching of Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension whereby He calls the people to repentance results in them being “convicted” or “converted” to faith.**

<sup>38</sup> Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the <sup>[k]</sup>remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.”

<sup>40</sup> And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this <sup>[l]</sup>perverse generation.” <sup>41</sup> Then those who <sup>[m]</sup>gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*. <sup>42</sup> And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ <sup>[l]</sup>doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

- **The repentant are called to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit**
- **The promise of forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism is for all, including children.**
- **The life of the church is characterized by “continuing in the Apostles’ doctrine and Fellowship, in the breaking of the bread and in the prayers.**

5. Hymn: 768 “To God the Holy Spirit, Let Us Pray”

6. Holy Communion Liturgy

7. Hymn to Depart: 887 “Now the Light Has Gone Away”