

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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*The Holy Ministry shows
compassion for God's people*

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Gracious Holy Spirit, you come to us through your Word to create pure hearts within us and to renew our strength to serve. Bless our praise today and help us live lives of holiness. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: Today's Gospel lesson tells us, *"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them"* (Matthew 9:36). The Greek word translated "compassion" refers to a type of love that almost overwhelms one's emotions. A deep-seated feeling with an almost physical manifestation. Imagine a father looking at his little girl lying in a hospital bed, willing to give anything to save the one he loves. This is the compassion our God has for us.

The Lord of the Church raises up ministers to serve with that same compassion. As those ministers share his grace and mercy, Christ saves eternal lives. More, he fills those ministers with his Spirit, so that they also feel compassion for God's people.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: "Ministry" simply means "service." Throughout history, God has called individuals to serve God's people by sharing God's Word. Some today feel they do not need to be part of a church, saying, "I can be a believer without any of that." Yet Jesus keeps calling ministers to share his gospel: pastors, teachers, missionaries and evangelists. The One who made us knows what we need better than we do.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

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Order of Worship



PRESERVICE MUSIC AND WELCOME

HYMN: O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to
4 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,
in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where
though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

Please stand.

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN: *By All Your Saints Still Striving*

CW 892 sts. 1-2



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed.
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown
till all the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
as - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of your apostles and prophets, you have proclaimed to us your saving will. Grant us faith to believe your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

First Reading

Numbers 27:15-23

Moses' life and ministry were coming to an end. In compassion for his people God had Moses appoint Joshua to take his place.

¹⁵Moses said to the LORD, ¹⁶"May the LORD, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community ¹⁷to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd."

¹⁸So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership, and lay your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence.

²⁰Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. ²¹He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the LORD. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in."

²²Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

The congregation in Corinth was troubled and divided. Paul wrote them, not out of anger, but out of compassion—not to shame them, but to warn them.

¹This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed. ²Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. ³I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. ⁴My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

⁶Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. ⁷For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus had compassion on the people, and he appointed the Twelve to show that compassion through their holy ministry.

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, be-

cause they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

“Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated.

(9:30am) Children's Anthem

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life.

I'm so glad to come to save us. (Save us!)

You came from heaven to earth to show the way.

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky.

Lord, I lift your name on high!

Children's Devotion



Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

Sermon

Based on Matthew 9:35-10:8

"God's Heavenly Harvest Plan"

- 1) Compassion sees the souls
- 2) Compassion powers the mission

Please stand after the sermon.

THANKSGIVING

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated.

Offering



Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



Please stand.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Let your Word, loving Father, be a lamp for our feet and a light to our path, so that we and our children understand what you would have us know and believe as we walk on the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

CW 927



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to



joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

WELS Connection Video Newsletter

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Setting One from Christian Worship
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For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Holy Ministry preaches Christ despite persecution.

Bible Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-13; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Matthew 10:5, 21-33

Hymns: 621, 823, 662, 797, 617



Vacation Bible School

We thank God for every member and friend of Salem that helped us hold another successful Vacation Bible School program this year. We were blessed to share Jesus with over 100 children throughout the week. To do that required time from more than 50 teachers, helpers, and leaders. Thank you especially to Debbie Hansen for coordinating the program again this year. Praise God for his blessings on your work in his name!

Welcome to worship!

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

