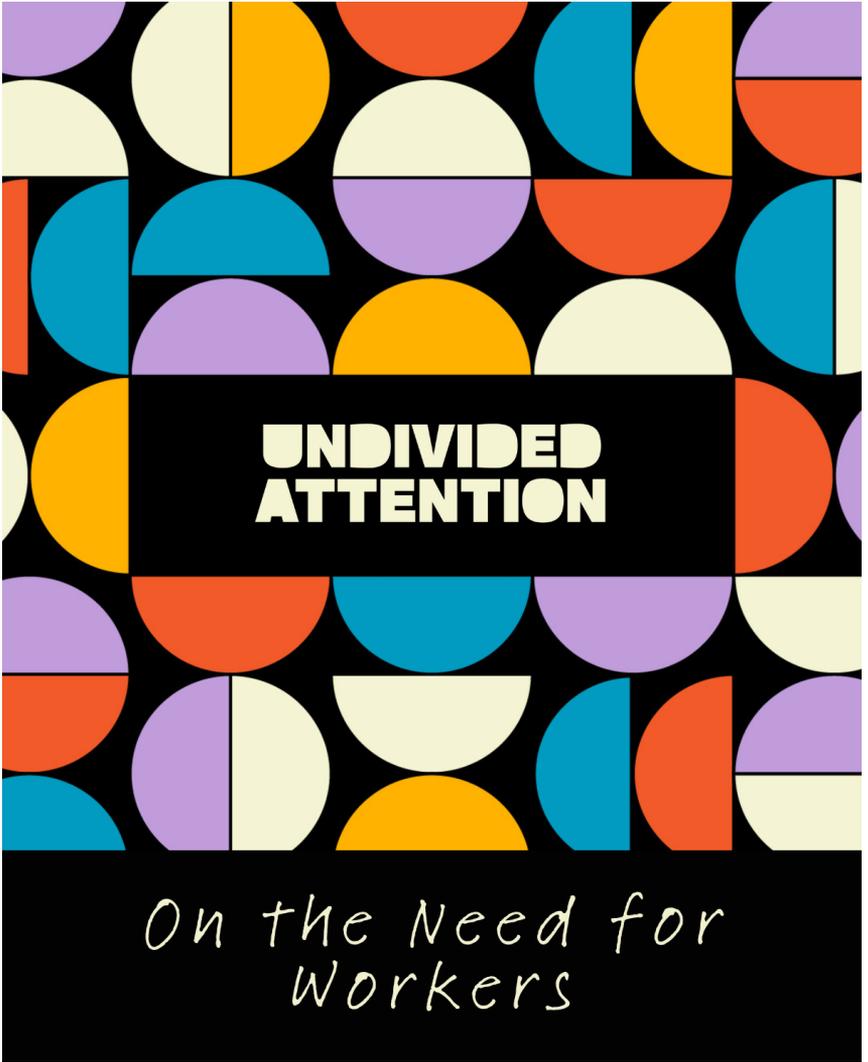


Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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**W**elcome! 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:** Precious Lord, we thank you once again for your protection and blessing. Forgive us as we come to you in humility and repentance. Comfort us through your gospel promises in Jesus. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** In this series we have seen that everyone who has seen the grace of God is called to be a witness for Christ. Scripture teaches that there is also a need for some to make this gospel proclamation their full-time focus. These pastors, teachers, ministers, and missionaries are called by God himself through the Church to proclaim law and gospel publicly. Called workers carry out their calling not because of what they might gain from the flock, but because of what the flock gains from Jesus through public ministry. The need for workers in God's Church deserves our undivided attention. As Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." .

**OUR WORSHIP SERIES:** A million things compete for our attention in this world, and experts of every kind talk about the importance of being "free from distraction." But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be "freed" from distraction. We need the Spirit's power to give our undivided attention to the life of faith that truly makes a difference, for now and for eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us.

On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples. We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Guest Preacher: Bethany Lutheran Seminarian Noah Schluesner  
Piano: Madison Boerner

# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One



## Hymn: *Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit*

CW 898



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants  
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious  
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds  
lambs to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,  
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -  
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -  
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your  
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,  
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lambs, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.  
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.  
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

*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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### Hymn: *Glory Be to God the Father*

CW 608 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each  
4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! thus the choir of



God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; glo - ry be to him who bought us,  
an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,  
thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry to the Lamb that once was slain!  
glo - ry, glo - ry to the King of kings!

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send your messengers to preserve your people in true peace, that, by the preaching of your Word, your church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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**

*Ezekiel 2:9—3:11*

*Ezekial was called to proclaim the word of the Lord to his fellow exiles, regardless of whether they listened or failed to listen.*

<sup>9</sup>Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll,  
<sup>10</sup>which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

<sup>1</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the people of Israel."<sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

<sup>3</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth.

<sup>4</sup>He then said to me: "Son of man, go now to the people of Israel and speak my words to them. <sup>5</sup>You are not being sent to a people of obscure speech and strange language, but to the people of Israel— <sup>6</sup>not to many peoples of obscure speech and strange language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. <sup>7</sup>But the people of Israel are not willing to listen to you because they are not willing to listen to me, for all the Israelites are hardened and obstinate. <sup>8</sup>But I will make you as unyielding and hardened as they are. <sup>9</sup>I will make your forehead like the hardest stone, harder than flint. Do not be afraid of them or terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people."

<sup>10</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, listen carefully and take to heart all the words I speak to you. <sup>11</sup>Go now to your people in exile and speak to them. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says,' whether they listen or fail to listen."

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm of the Day: Let the Peoples Praise You

Psalm 67A

## Refrain

Let the peo - ples praise you, O God, let  
all the peo - ples praise you.

## Tone

May God be gracious to us and / bless us  
and make his face / shine on us—  
so that your ways may be / known on earth,  
your salvation among all / nations.

May the peoples / praise you, God;  
may all the peoples / praise you.  
May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,  
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations /  
of the earth. *Refrain*

The land yields its / harvest;  
God, our God, / blesses us.  
May God / bless us still,  
so that all the ends of the earth will / 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. *Refrain***

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:1-4

*Ministers are to shepherd God's flock exactly as Jesus, the Chief Shepherd, would himself.*

<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you

must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup>not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 52:7



*Refrain*



How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news. *Refrain*

*Please stand.*

## Gospel

Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

*Jesus sends out messengers of his Word who were to serve the people they met exactly as Jesus would have if he had been there himself.*

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup>He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup>Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup>Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup>"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' <sup>6</sup>If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a

warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’<sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup>He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup>However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

### Hymn of the Day: Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

CW 902



1 Spread a - broad, O might - y Word, tell - ing  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will made the  
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, who for -  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to



of a gra - cious Lord whose all - pow'r - ful  
world, up - holds it still, how his on - ly  
ev - er does re - move by his ho - ly  
guide us on to heav'n, strong and ho - ly,



gos - pel call fills his heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
Son he gave all from sin and death to save.  
sac - ri - fice all the guilt that on us lies.  
just and true, work - ing both to will and do.

5 Spread abroad! Ripe fields of grain all throughout the world remain,  
but the reapers still are few; great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;  
let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.

## Sermon Text

Mark 6:30-34

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

*“Christ looks with unchanging love on His church”*

*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



 Connect Card

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.



 Give Online

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.

### Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897 sts. 1-3



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;



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,



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



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.

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 Jesus, You Have Come

CW 897 sts. 4-5



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;



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.



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



what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy fellowship in the entry between services. Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the church sanctuary.

### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Undivided Attention on a Neighbor in Need

Bible Readings: Ruth 1:1-19a; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 10:25-37

Hymns: 652, 768, 676, 506

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

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## 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 with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags 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 a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**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.**

