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# WELS Christ's Love, Our Calling.

#### **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

The Church God Wants— A Church for all 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:** Savior Jesus, thank you for the blessings of another week and the rest you give here today in worship. Hear my prayers and answer me with your Spirit. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** In the gospels, the average Jewish person would have thought it odd, even offensive, if someone who wasn't an Israelite walked into their place of worship. Even today, some think church is meant for people of the "right" heritage who behave the "right" way. Today Jesus shows us that God wants church to be for all people. All of us—regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or social status—have the same problem of sin. And we all have the same Savior. Therefore, anyone who comes to Christ's Church and cries out, "Lord, have mercy!" is more than welcome.

Our Worship Series: "I want a church that..." Every individual would complete that sentence with their own interests, priorities, and preferences. From the size of the building to the style of worship to the color of the carpet! What do you want in a church? In this worship series, we see the error in that question. Jesus bought the Church with his blood - it belongs to Him. So the right question then is "what does God want in a church?" In these five weeks we see that what God wants in a healthy church might be a little different than many manmade lists. It's not about the outside or the activities - it's about the heart and about the Word. The rest is just details.

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

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Enter Keboard: Luke Dorn

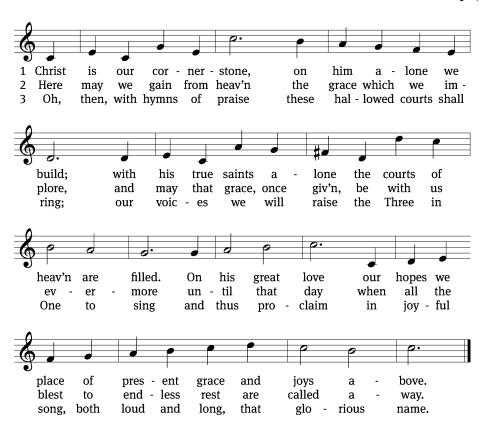
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# **Order of Worship**



## **HYMN: Christ Is Our Cornerstone**

CW 914



Please stand.

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

## **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Through Isaiah the LORD told the world that all God-fearing people would have a place in the house of his Church.

<sup>1</sup>This is what the LORD says:

"Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—

'these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called

a house of prayer for all nations."

8The Sovereign LORD declares—

he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them

"I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:13-22

Christ takes foreigners and strangers and, upon the foundation of God's Word, builds them into a holy temple—his Church.

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup>by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup>He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup>Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Matthew 19:16-20

Jesus teaches a man to look for the one good thing we need for eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"

<sup>17</sup>"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the commandments."

<sup>18</sup>"Which ones?" he inquired.

Jesus replied, "'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, <sup>19</sup>honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>20</sup>"All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?"

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

#### Children's Devotion

## Hymn of the Day: The Church's One Foundation

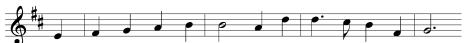
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- 1 The Church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
- 3 The Church shall nev er per ish. Her dear Lord, to de fend,
- 4 Tho' with a scorn-ful won der the world sees her op-pressed,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word. her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth. to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end. by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride; One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food, Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail, yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued. a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail. and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

#### Sermon

Based on Matthew 19:16-20

"What do I still lack?"

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.

Give Online

Please stand.

## **Prayer of the Church**

- M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

- M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.
- M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.
- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

C: 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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

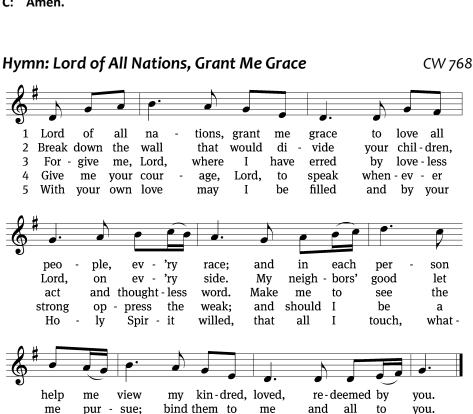
## **Blessing**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



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## **Silent Prayer and Announcements**

#### **WELS Connection Video**

#### Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship

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#### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: The Church God Wants—A Church that really knows Jesus

Bible Readings: Exodus 34:5-9; Romans 10:5-13; Matthew 16:13-20

Hymns: 518, 869, 510, 899, 607



## Our worship series continues next week:

August 20th – A Church for all people
August 27th – A Church that really knows Jesus
September 3rd – A Church that takes up its crosses
September 10th – A Church willing to say hard things
September 17th – A Church that's quick to forgive

See the 60 second intro video online. www.salemlutheran.org/intro

## 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.

