

June 14-15, 2025

First Sunday after Pentecost—Holy Trinity Sunday

UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

*On the Mystery and
Majesty of our God*



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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: Triune God, we praise you today for your love and mercy. Thank you for your blessing through another week as you guide us one day at a time toward our eternal home in heaven. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: At the top of the list of things worthy of our undivided attention is God himself! No matter how strong our focus, that doesn't mean we'll know all there is to know about him though. Even his nature is beyond us. Scripture clearly teaches that there is one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Yet each person is God himself.

While we cannot understand everything about God, there is plenty we can understand. We can understand how much God loves us as a perfect Father. We can understand what he's done for us through the work of Jesus, the Son. We can understand that every time we gather in the name of our Triune God, the Holy Spirit grants us the greatest of blessings.

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 the Spirit's power to give our undivided attention to the life of faith that truly makes a difference, for now and for eternity. 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:

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Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Four



Hymn: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484 sts. 1-3



1 Oh, that I had a thou-sand voic - es to praise my
2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der for soul and
3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion has brought you



God with thou-sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
bod - y, no - bly joined; I praise you, guard - ian kind and
down to ran - som me. Your pit - ying heart sought my sal -



joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher-
ten - der, for all the dai - ly joys I find so rich - ly
va - tion; you bore the cross tri - um-phiant - ly, brought me from



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.
spread on ev - 'ry side and free - ly for my use sup - plied.
bond-age full re - lease, made me your own, and gave me peace.

Please remain seated.

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

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: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 484 sts. 4-5



4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing, be yours, O
5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not



Spir - it of all grace, whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful
praise you ev - er - more and tri - umph o - ver fear and



teach - ing give me a - mong your saints a place. What - ev - er
sad - ness, al-though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and



good by me is done is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.
earth shall dis - ap - pear, your end - less love is ev - er near.

(Sunday) Sacrament of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the 10:30am service.

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”*

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Mara Jo Walters, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✝ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

(Sunday) Exhortation to Parents & Congregation

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Mara and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Mara as your own child and made her a member of Christ's body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord charges His priests to speak a threefold blessing upon people. Still today we hear this blessing confidently trusting that God gives us these things.

²²The LORD said to Moses, ²³“Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

²⁴“ ‘The LORD bless you and keep you;

²⁵the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;

²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ’

²⁷“So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day: O LORD, Our Lord

Psalm 8A

Refrain



Tone



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,
a Son of Man that you / care for him? *Refrain*

You have made him a little lower than the / angels
and crowned him with glory and / honor.
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;
you put everything un- / der his feet.

**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 John 3:1-10

By the work of our Triune God, we are children free from the burden of the Law.

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. ⁹No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory. **Refrain**

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-15

The Son receives what he has from the Father. The Spirit receives what he has from the Son. We receive what we have from the Spirit.

¹²"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

(Sunday) Vacation Bible School Anthem *Keepers of the Kingdom*

Children's Devotion

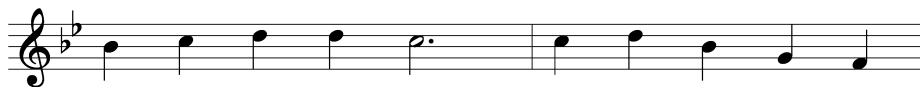


Hymn: Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW 586 sts. 1-5



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our
2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the
3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your
5 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, and your a -



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and
gift of God most high, the fount of life, the
might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of
love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; with you as our pro -



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.
mor - tal state with death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, no e - vil can with us a - bid.

Sermon

Based on 1 John 3:1-10

"Redeemed Children of God"

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.

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: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

CW 953 sts. 1, 5

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly

all, we bow be - fore you. All on
Spir - it, three we name you, though in

earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed

bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the

main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Silent Prayer and Announcements

Monthly WELS Connection Video

Acknowledgments

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Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:10am in the sanctuary. Adult Bible study begins at 10:15 in the sanctuary.

For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: On the Mission Right Before Us

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43:8-13, 2 Timothy 1:3-10, Luke 8:26-39

Hymns: 738, 744, 659, 932

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 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 donate 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 you or your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live on a TV in the room.
- ✦ On Sunday mornings, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the 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.**

