

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 28-29, 2025



UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

*On Christ's Call for
Commitment*



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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: Savior Jesus, we thank you for your blessings in another week. Forgive us for our sins and bless us today in our worship. Send your spirit that we might praise you here and in the week ahead. Amen.

THEME OF THE DAY: 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.

OUR WORSHIP SERIES: There are two different types of followership in the Church: the half-hearted and the committed. Jesus is uninterested in followers who pay attention to his Word but only when their other pursuits provide the time. Jesus wants followers who love him above all things, who would be willing to leave everything else behind if necessary to be with him. We don't have it inside us to produce that level of commitment, but in the gospel we see how Jesus committed that much and more for our salvation. As we witness the way Jesus made our eternal blessing the focus of his undivided attention, the Spirit creates within us the very commitment that Christ seeks.

SERVING GOD, SERVING US:

Guest Preacher: Pastor Wayne Hilgendorf

Organ: Nathan Nikoley

Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting One

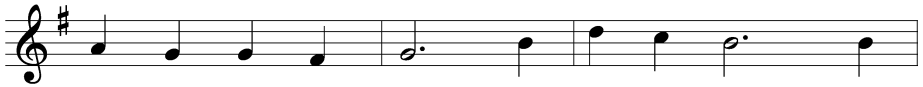


Hymn: Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go

CW 739 sts. 1-3, 5



1 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go, my dai - ly
2 The task your wis - dom has as - signed, O let me
3 May I find you at my right hand; your eyes see
5 For you I joy - ous - ly em - ploy what - ev - er



la - bor to pur - sue, de - ter - mined on - ly
cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; in all my works your
tru - ly what I do. I la - bor on at
you in grace have giv'n; I run my dai - ly



you to know in all I think or speak or do.
pres - ence find, and prove your good and per - fect will.
your com - mand and of - fer all my works to you.
course with joy and close - ly walk with you to heav'n.

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.

Glory Be to God on High: How Great Thou Art

CW 612 sts. 1, 3

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
Refrain
 Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, How great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
 Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

1 Kings 19:19-21

Elisha commits himself completely to the work to which the Lord had called him, leaving family and wealth behind.

¹⁹So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?"

²¹So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62C



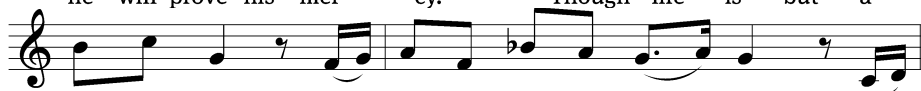
1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



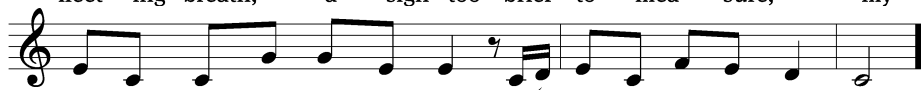
va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
 plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
 he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
 fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my

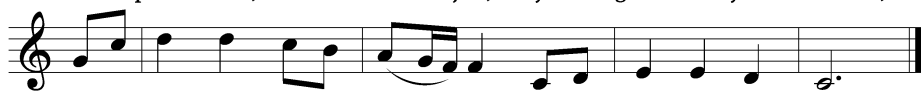


fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
 King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 11:21b-30

Christ had shown grace to Paul. That grace moved Paul to be committed to Christ, no matter the personal cost.

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. ²²Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. ²³Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

³⁰If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 8:34



Refrain



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

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. **Refrain**

Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind..

⁵¹As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; ⁵³but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" ⁵⁵But Jesus turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then he and his disciples went to another village.

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

⁵⁸Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

⁵⁹He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

⁶¹Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

⁶²Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated.

Children's Devotion

Hymn of the Day: Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon

Based on 1 Kings 19:19-21

"A Call to Serve"

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: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

CW 702 sts. 1–2, 4



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my
2 "I am the light, I light the way, a god - ly
4 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord and take the



way a - bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day,
cross ap - point - ed and, firm - ly cling - ing to his Word,



o - bey my call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
in suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, take my ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show how you must so - journ here be - low.
bat-tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

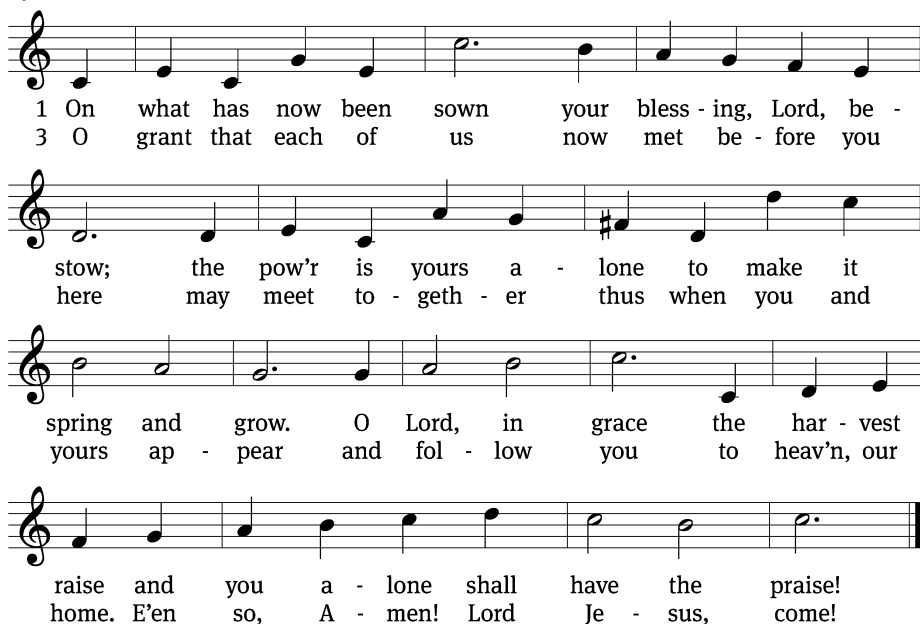
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

C: Amen.

Hymn: On What Has Now Been Sown

CW 925 sts. 1, 3



1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing, Lord, be -
3 O grant that each of us now met be - fore you

stow; the pow'r is yours a - lone to make it
here may meet to - geth - er thus when you and

spring and grow. O Lord, in grace the har - vest
yours ap - pear and fol - low you to heav'n, our

raise and you a - lone shall have the praise!
home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Silent Prayer and Announcements

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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 the Need for Workers

Bible Readings: Ezekiel 2:9-3:11, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Hymns: 898, 608, 902, 897

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 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.**

