

Pentecost 3

The Holy Ministry is filled with people who God called out of His boundless mercy.



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CHRIST Lutheran Church
"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul." Hebrews 6:19

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Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

☞ Prayer before worship

Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

Our Worship Series: THE CHURCH GROWS! The Holy Ministry

Pentecost 1—Holy Trinity	The Holy Ministry proclaims the Triune God.
Pentecost 2	The Holy Ministry stands on the rock solid truth of God's Word.
Pentecost 3	The Holy Ministry is filled with people who God called out of his boundless mercy.
Pentecost 4	The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people.
Pentecost 5	The Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution.
Pentecost 6-12	The Church Grows as the Christian Grows
Pentecost 13-17	The Church Grows as we Learn what the Church is.
Pentecost 18-24	The Church Grows as the Christian lives.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: THE HOLY MINISTRY IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE WHO GOD CALLED OUT OF HIS BOUNDLESS MERCY.

The Holy Ministry is filled with people who God called out of his boundless mercy. Nothing else could explain the choices for ministers that God made! He calls such sinful and weak men to fill this office. Only mercy can explain the men he chose in this Sunday's lessons: a despised tax collector, an exiled killer, a persecutor of Christians. How poignant these lessons are, when we remember that each lesson was penned by the unworthy minister called into service by God's boundless mercy!



OPENING HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
 5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it

blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
 heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
 wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
 all to me. All my wants to him are known;
 and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,

Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me —
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
 All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in
 Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of

to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
 won - drous thought! — Found me when I sought him not.
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
 earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.
 need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793-c. 1870, alt.
 Tune: Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

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GETHEMANE
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Alternate setting: 104

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

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THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵"I will go. I will return to my place until they are judged guilty, and they seek my face in their distress. They will seek me eagerly." ^{6:1}Come, let us return to the LORD. He himself has torn us, but he will heal us. He is wounding us, but he will bandage us. ²He will restore us to life after two days. On the third day he will raise us so that we may live before him. ³We will know. We will pursue knowledge of the LORD. His coming forth is as sure as the coming of dawn. He comes to us like the rain, like the spring rain that waters the earth. ⁴"What will I do to you, Ephraim? What will I do to you, Judah? Your loyalty is like a mist in the morning, like early morning dew that goes away. ⁵That is why I have cut them into pieces by the prophets. I have killed them by the words of my mouth. The judgments against you are spreading out like light. ⁶I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 119c

Pastor will sing the verses, Congregation sings refrain

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



¹⁸Hoping beyond what he could expect, he believed that he would become the father of many nations, just as he was told: "This is how many your descendants will be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith, even though he considered his own body as good as dead (because he was about one hundred years old), and even though he considered Sarah's womb to be dead. ²⁰He did not waver in unbelief with respect to God's promise, but he grew strong in faith, giving glory to God ²¹and being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³Now the statement "it was credited to him" was not written for him alone, ²⁴but also for us to whom it would be credited, namely, to us who believe in the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. ²⁵He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

C: **And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.**

(2 Corinthians 5:19, EHV)

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⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting in the tax collector's booth. He said to him, "Follow me." Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰As Jesus was reclining at the table in Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners were actually there too, eating with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "The healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. ¹³Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' In fact, I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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

1. *I love your kingdom, Lord,
The place of your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With his own precious blood.*
2. *Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.*
3. *I love your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of your eye
And graven on your hand.*
4. *For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.*
5. *Sure as your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.*

Sent for Sinners

C Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

M/C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

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.

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.

CLOSING BLESSING *To God Be The Glory*399

1. *To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!*

2. *Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!*

3. *Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.*

Refrain

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!*