

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*"You're Sending WHO???" – Matthew 9:35–10:8*

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# *We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!*

*We are always glad to have you worship with us.*

*If you do not have a regular church home,  
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

## *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

**AS WE GATHER** The only people in the Old Testament who needed freedom were those enslaved. The people in today's Gospel who truly needed a Savior were like sheep without a shepherd, milling about without hope. The vast crowds of people who have inherited the sin of Adam are, as we once were, dead in trespasses and sin; they all need some good news! Today's Readings move us into action! God promises that His people shall be priests, and priests convey the message of forgiveness to all burdened by sin. The gift of God's Son abounds for many, Paul writes in the Epistle. And Jesus Himself tells us to proclaim as we go, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). Be ready to be moved into action!

## **DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 4**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**Prelude and Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

# Opening Hymn

# God Himself Is Present

LSB 907



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him  
 2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
 3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His  
 See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in  
 ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and  
 an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here;  
 ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!  
 Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.  
 Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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*Please stand.*

## Invocation and Opening Sentences

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20], Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:11; Matthew 9:38*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

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

**People:** Amen.

**Leader:** You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,

**People:** for all the earth is Mine.

**Leader:** We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**People:** through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**Leader:** Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

**People:** to send out laborers into His harvest.

## Confession and Absolution

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

Leader: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Psalm 130:3-4*

Leader: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*[Luke 18:13]*

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**People: Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory to God in the Highest

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29*



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will.

**People: Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation;**

Leader: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Old Testament Reading**

**Exodus 19:2–8**

*God did everything to free His people from slavery.*

Reader: [The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. All the people answered together and said,

“All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Psalm 100; antiphon: v. 5*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!**

Leader: Know that the Lord, he is God!

**People: It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

**People: and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

Leader: For the Lord is good;

**People: his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### Epistle Lesson

*The one man's death means life for many.*

**Romans 5:6–15**

Reader: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel. *Stand.*

### Alleluia and Verse

*John 20:31*

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

**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that  
 Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
**C** Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Holy Gospel

*The disciples are sent out as apostles.*

**Matthew 9:35–10:8**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.**

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He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence 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.

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Spread the Reign of God the Lord**

**LSB 830**



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

- 5 **Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is 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.**

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**Sermon**

**“You're Sending WHO???”**

**Matthew 9:35–10:8**

*Please stand.*

**Prayer of the Church**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord,  
 People: Lord, hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: In Jesus' name, we pray.

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering** *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

### **We believe that...**

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins."*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

### **Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.**

**What does this mean?**

**Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.**

- † *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

*Please stand.*

### **Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

*[Colossians 3:1]*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

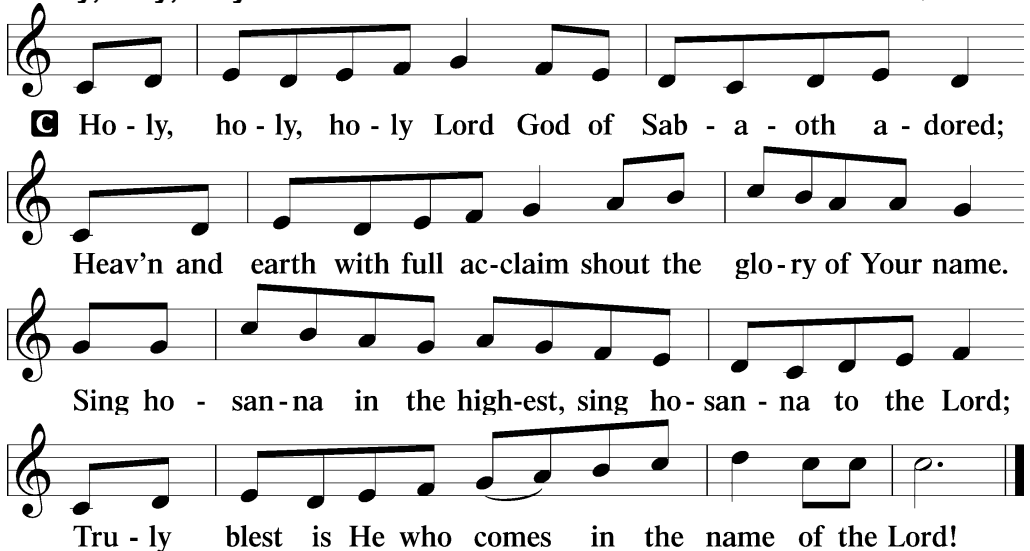
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*[Psalm 136]*

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your Son to be one of us and our Savior.

**People: Gathered in His name we receive the salvation He accomplished for us by the sacrifice of His body and blood on the cross.**

Pastor: Join us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**People: 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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

## Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution** *If you are communing, please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

## Distribution Hymn

### God Loved the World So That He Gave

**LSB 571**

1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

**5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
 This truth your troubled heart can  
 cheer:  
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from  
 death;  
 That is the firmest ground of faith.**

**△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
 Be praise now and eternally!**

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*Please stand.*

**Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon**

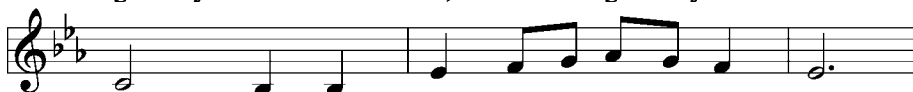
*Luke 2:29-32*



**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Post-Communion Collect**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

**LSB 919**

- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
- 3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;

That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 **Abide with Your protection**  
**Among us, Lord, our strength,**  
**Lest world and Satan fell us**  
**And overcome at length.**

**6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
Among us with Your love;  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above.**

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**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

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*Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.*

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**Readings for next Sunday, 6/21:**

**Jeremiah 20:7–13**

**Psalms 91:1–10**

**Romans 6:12–23**

**Matthew 10:5a, 21–33**

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