



God Has Compassion on His People



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27 and 28, 2020

Today's focus: The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people. Last Sunday we saw the unworthiness of the servants God calls by mercy. Today the emphasis is still on the Ministry of the Word, but the focus shifts from the servants to the people they serve. We see the compassion and love of God for this world, love so great that he called ministers of the Word to share his grace and mercy and foretell of the coming kingdom of heaven.



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The Season of Pentecost: The Church Grows

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. The appointed lessons teach us the characteristics of the Holy Ministry, the Christian, the Church, and our God. Our worship follows this pattern:

The Holy Ministry

<i>Pentecost 1</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry proclaims the Triune God (June 7)</i>
<i>Pentecost 2</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word (June 14)</i>
<i>Pentecost 3</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry marked by God's mercy (June 21)</i>
<i>Pentecost 4</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry is given by God out of compassion for his people (June 28)</i>
<i>Pentecost 5</i>	<i>The Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution (July 5)</i>

The Christian

<i>Pentecost 6</i>	<i>The Christian loves God above all things (July 12)</i>
<i>Pentecost 7</i>	<i>The Christian finds rest in Jesus (July 19)</i>
<i>Pentecost 8</i>	<i>The Christian is planted by the Word (July 26)</i>
<i>Pentecost 9</i>	<i>The Christian lives as wheat among weeds (August 2)</i>
<i>Pentecost 10</i>	<i>The Christian seeks spiritual wealth (August 9)</i>
<i>Pentecost 11</i>	<i>The Christian trusts God to provide (August 16)</i>
<i>Pentecost 12</i>	<i>The Christian answers doubt with faith (August 23)</i>

The Church

<i>Pentecost 13</i>	<i>The Church is meant for all people (August 30)</i>
<i>Pentecost 14</i>	<i>The Church will stand forever (September 6)</i>
<i>Pentecost 15</i>	<i>The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown (September 13)</i>
<i>Pentecost 16</i>	<i>The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper (September 20)</i>
<i>Pentecost 17</i>	<i>The Church forgives as God forgives (September 27)</i>


Our God

<i>Pentecost 18</i>	<i>Our God is incomprehensibly gracious (October 4)</i>
<i>Pentecost 19</i>	<i>Our God wants real repentance and true obedience (October 11)</i>
<i>Pentecost 20</i>	<i>Our God patiently seeks fruits of faith (October 18)</i>
<i>Pentecost 21</i>	<i>Our God invites unworthy sinners to participate in his blessing (October 25)</i>

We Come into the Presence of God

Musical Introduction (*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*)

Opening Hymn: #576, verses 1-2 “Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the
2 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the
king - dom of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his
world and keeps it still, How his on - ly
breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
Son he gave All from sin and death to save.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

Invocation

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 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.

Prayer and Praise

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

**C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness continues forever.
Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We Listen

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶'you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

Psalms 111 (*Spoken responsively, no musical accompaniment.*)

M: Great are the works of the LORD;
C: **they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

M: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
C: **and his righteousness endures forever.**

M: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
C: **the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

M: The works of his hands are faithful and just;
C: **all his precepts are trustworthy.**

M: He provided redemption for his people;
C: **he ordained his covenant forever.**

M: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
C: **all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,
C: **for he has done marvelous things.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

¹Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. ⁶Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give."

M: This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: #576, verses 5-6 "Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word"

**Up! The rip'ning fields you see.
Mighty shall the harvest be,
But the reapers still are few;
Great the work they have to do.**

**Lord of harvest, grant anew,
Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all
See your light and heed your call.**

Sermon: Romans 5:6-11

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

We Respond

The 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.**

Offering *(In an effort to maintain a safe social distance, please place your offerings in the provided plates when exiting the sanctuary.*

If you are a guest in our church, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. We do not want you to think that God or our congregation is soliciting funds from you. You enrich us simply by being here.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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

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 Hymn: #542 “Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”

1 Dear Lord, to your true ser - vants give The grace to
 2 They glad - ly go at your com - mand To spread your
 3 When all their la - bor seems in vain, Re - vive their

you a - lone to live. Set free from sin to
 Word o'er sea and land. Be with them, Lord, and
 sink - ing hopes a - gain; And when suc - cess crowns

serve you, Lord, They go to share your
 make them strong To heal sin's ills, to
 what they do, Oh, keep them hum - ble,

liv - ing Word, The gos - pel mes - sage to pro -
 right the wrong. Your rule is o - ver wind and
 Lord, and true Un - til be - fore your judg - ment

claim That all may know your sav - ing name.
 wave, And might - y is your arm to save.
 seat They lay their tro - phies at your feet.

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Tune: MELITA (88 88 88) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

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It is the mission of



Good Shepherd

to

Seek the Lost
Feed the Flock and
Serve our Savior



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.

Serving in Worship

Pastor:	Jon Bergemann
Pianist:	Amanda Bergemann
Organist:	Karen D’Aversa

Live Stream Team

Sun	8:00 am	Kristen Reynolds & Bob Reichert
	10:30 am	Greg Busse & Joe Garetto

Ushers

Sat	5:30 pm	Dale Graefnitz & William Merchantz
Sun	8:00 am	Gary Henriksen & Bob Richert
	10:30 am	Dale Graefnitz

CALENDAR

TODAY	8:00 am	Worship Service & live streaming
	10:30 am	Worship Service & live streaming
MONDAY 06/29		
TUESDAY 06/30	9:30 am	Women’s Bible Study – Zoom
WEDNESDAY 07/01		
THURSDAY 07/02	7:00 pm	MCC Meeting – Virtual
FRIDAY 07/03		
SATURDAY 07/04	5:30 pm	Worship Service – in-person by signup and live streaming
SUNDAY 07/05	8:00 am	Worship Service – in-person by signup
	10:30 am	and live streaming

Announcements

BLAST Sunday School-

In light of recent events and all of the recommendations from the CDC and government officials to increase our awareness of current illnesses, it is with a heavy heart that our Children's Ministry team has decided to not meet until it is deemed responsible for students to return to school.

BLAST is our Sunday Morning Children's Ministry program here at Good Shepherd.

All children, members and guests, ages 3 years old-8th grade are welcome to attend. We begin our lesson at 9:20 a.m. in the 3rd & 4th grade classroom at the far end of the school hallway. If you have any questions, you may email BLAST@gsdg.org or speak to a teacher.

Online Spiritual Resources

We will continue to provide online, streamed worship services each weekend on our website, www.gsdg.org. Other online resources you may enjoy at this time include the Time of Grace ministries website (<https://timeofgrace.org>). This WELS group provides a wealth of devotions and sermons on various topics.

The WELS website provides a directory of all WELS churches that stream worship, as well as devotions, Bible studies, and the latest update from our Synod President, Mark Schroeder (www.wels.net). One congregation providing traditional, midweek streamed worship is Christ Lutheran Church, Big Bend, Wisconsin (www.christbigbend.com)

God's blessings to you as you continue to feed on His Word!

Screenside Chat June 25, 2020

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This “Screenside Chat” is an email devotion from Pastor Bergemann designed to give you a spiritual boost from your Savior while keeping you connected to your Good Shepherd family. A video link to this devotion is included, and can also be watched on our website and Facebook page.

Today’s devotion

I remember listening to a children’s CD that drove me crazy. The songs were good, but the kids singing them were slightly off pitch with their notes. It was kind of cute for a song or two, but simply grated on my ears after a while!

That’s how God feels when his children are out of tune with his will in their relationships with one another. Listen to his encouragement through Peter in 1 Peter 3:8 **“Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another.”**

God wants our attitudes and actions with one another to be like the sweet harmony of musical notes fitting together. How do we do this? When we play the pleasant notes of patience, forgiveness, compassion, gentleness, and self-control in our interactions with one another. How do we ruin the music and destroy the harmony? When we strike the ugly chords of harshness, envy, impatience, bitterness, backbiting, and rage. These notes make us out of tune with God and out of tune with one another.

Do you want better sounding music, more harmony, in your relationships? Try this: stop looking at all the harsh notes that anger you in others and start looking more closely at your conductor – Jesus. He is the one who lives in harmony with you. He is the one who washes away all your sins and serenades you with unending kindness day after day. And he is the one who will tune your heart through his Word to be in harmony with his will and live in harmony with those around you. He promises that his love will be sweet music to your ears, and make you a sweet song of love to others. In harmony with you because of him,

Pastor Jon Bergemann

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Women's Bible Study – Elizabeth

Women's Bible Study Continues with Zoom!

Our Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study is continuing to meet at 9:30 am via the virtual meeting application "ZOOM" We are studying Christian Decision Making. This 8 part study covers the following topics:

- What Shall I Do?
- Absolute Right or Wrong
- Decisions and Adiaphora
- I Would Like to Know the Future
- God's Word Builds Maturity, which Enables Us to Make God-pleasing Decisions
- Be Willing to Follow Where God Leads
- Don't Fear When Unclear
- Freedom, Not a Blueprint

If you are interested in joining our virtual Bible Study please send your email address to lonnie_weaver@yahoo.com and the link to the meeting and the materials will be emailed to you. These meetings can be accessed via desk top, laptop, tablet or phone.

Once we can meet again our study will continue in person but, until then, we can enjoy the blessing of sharing God's Words of encouragement with one another using the tools He has provided. We look forward to 'seeing' you there!

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Taste and See that the Lord is Good

LWMS is not going to be able to meet in Athens this summer for the 57th Annual Convention. While we are sorry that we will not see each other face to face, we want to do what we can to see that everyone remains safe and healthy. So, no travelling this year, however, we do have the unique opportunity to partner with our friends in the WELS Missions Office to hold an exciting online event that combines the best of our convention with the exciting mission's event Taste of Missions.

Plans are underway to hold a two-week online event called Taste and See. During this event we will have live-streamed worship services, the LWMS flag presentation, workshops, mission speakers, and devotions, as well as cooking tutorials with mission families, recipes, family fun activities, and mission updates. So, mark your calendars to save the date! Taste and See will begin, Saturday, June 27 and wrap up with the commissioning of new missionaries on Saturday, July 11.

Please continue to check the LWMS and WELS websites, social media pages, and email newsletters for more information regarding Taste and See as it becomes available.

June Watering Schedule

06/27/2020 Sat Sherrie & Jay Norco

06/29/2020 Mon Laurie Bowen

July Watering Schedule

07/01/2020 Wed Barb Guldberg

07/03/2020 Fri Karen Bassler

07/05/2020 Sun Sherrie & Jay Norco

07/07/2020 Tues Mark Froehlich

07/09/2020 Thur Laurie Bowen

07/11/2020 Sat Roxanne Zikis

07/13/2020 Mon Karen Bassler