

Collect 1

Father of all mercies, since our first parents rebelled against You, You have been seeking after sinners with Your words of life. You called Moses and many prophets after him to speak Your words. You sent John the Baptist to preach repentance and to announce: “Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” You sent Jesus, Your beloved Son, declaring, “Listen to Him!” And when His saving work was completed, You sent the Twelve, Paul, Timothy, Titus, and so many others. Blessed Lord, continue this great mercy, we implore you, and raise up many more pastors, that Your life-giving words of mercy and hope in Christ may be preached near and far; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect 2

O God, You govern and sanctify Your church through those whom You call into the sacred ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Support with the help of Your Holy Spirit the labors of those who teach and the studies of those who are taught at our theological seminaries, that from these schools there may continue to come forth more excellent ministers of Your new covenant, firm in the faith once for all delivered to Your holy people, zealous for the expansion of Your kingdom, devout in their own worship of You, examples to the believers in speech and conduct, in love, in faith and in purity, and conscious that You have made them guardians of Your church not that they may enjoy privileges but that they may spend themselves in service; through Him who is the church’s Head, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect 3

O Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. According to Your command, we ask You to send faithful laborers into Your harvest fields. Especially do we pray today for all discerning Your call into the harvest fields as a pastor or as a deaconess, that You would give them ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts to understand the true and dire need for Your people to hear the Good News, receive the blessed Sacraments, and know Your steadfast love for sinners. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Collect 4

Gracious God, You desire all people to be saved and to know You. In Your great mercy, You have called us together as Your church. Continue to raise up pastors and deaconesses to serve among us so that Your children may be strengthened, and the world may be drawn to saving faith in You. Amen.

Recommended Hymns:

LSB 826 or 827 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 831 – How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard

LSB 833 – Listen, God Is Calling

LSB 834 – O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth

LSB 837 – Lift High the Cross

LSB 856 – O Christ, Who Called the Twelve