



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Worship Service
Sunday, June 28, 2020
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thought: We would like things to be straightforward and an end in sight. We would like life to make sense amid the turmoil of virus and inequality of God's children all created in His image. I'm reminded of those escape rooms, where if you find enough "clues" the exit is clear. Jeremiah 29:11 says: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you." Note this is after the Babylonian exile and after the chapter shared this day. The way may not be clear or easy, but hope is always on the horizon with God who loves you.

Prelude – Amazing Grace – The Tenors and Natalie Grant

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/The-Tenors-Natalie-Grant-Amazing-Grace-137140.mp4>

Call to Worship

We were, each one of us, taken below the waters.

We, each one of us, died with Christ in baptism.

And we were, each one of us, raised, dripping, to newness of life.

We were, each one of us, born anew,

Breathing in for the first time the breath of God,

The life-creating Spirit that dreamed us, each one, into being.

And we, each one of us, live in the hope of living up to this newness and of not letting it down.

May it be so,

And when it isn't,

May we breathe in God and dream again.

Gathering Hymn – God will Take Care of You

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/God-Will-Take-Care-of-You-137140.mp4>

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Our lives move too fast, dear God. You know this
and have invited us to slow down to find your calming stillness.

A time of silence and reflection

We would like to find some centering in our lives, but the alarm clock sounds or the phone rings or the turmoil of the world hits locally and on the news. We are our own worst enemies, with an inflated sense of our own importance and an impossible list of tasks to accomplish. O Eternal One, who created time and yet is beyond it, look kindly upon our stumbling.

Lead us out of our sense of what must be to a healing sense of what you have in mind for us. Save us from the calendars of our making, and call us into your time and purposes.

Amen.

Kyrie

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our time of worship, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us. Gracious. Lord.

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise – In His Time (with lyrics) – Maranatha! Music

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/In-His-Time- -Lyric-Video-299140.mp4>

Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.
Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 28

Pastor Barnes: <https://youtu.be/VLVS4b72Tk>

Jeremiah Condemns Hananiah

28 One day in late summer of that same year—the fourth year of the reign of Zedekiah, king of Judah—Hananiah son of Azzur, a prophet from Gibeon, addressed me publicly in the Temple while all the priests and people listened. He said, ²“This is what the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel,

says: 'I will remove the yoke of the king of Babylon from your necks. ³ Within two years I will bring back all the Temple treasures that King Nebuchadnezzar carried off to Babylon. ⁴ And I will bring back Jehoiachin son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and all the other captives that were taken to Babylon. I will surely break the yoke that the king of Babylon has put on your necks. I, the LORD, have spoken!'"

⁵ Jeremiah responded to Hananiah as they stood in front of all the priests and people at the Temple. ⁶ He said, "Amen! May your prophecies come true! I hope the LORD does everything you say. I hope he does bring back from Babylon the treasures of this Temple and all the captives. ⁷ But listen now to the solemn words I speak to you in the presence of all these people. ⁸ The ancient prophets who preceded you and me spoke against many nations, always warning of war, disaster, and disease. ⁹ So a prophet who predicts peace must show he is right. Only when his predictions come true can we know that he is really from the LORD."

¹⁰ Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off Jeremiah's neck and broke it in pieces. ¹¹ And Hananiah said again to the crowd that had gathered, "This is what the LORD says: 'Just as this yoke has been broken, within two years I will break the yoke of oppression from all the nations now subject to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.'" With that, Jeremiah left the Temple area.

¹² Soon after this confrontation with Hananiah, the LORD gave this message to Jeremiah: ¹³ "Go and tell Hananiah, 'This is what the LORD says: You have broken a wooden yoke, but you have replaced it with a yoke of iron. ¹⁴ The LORD of Heaven's Armies, the God of Israel, says: I have put a yoke of iron on the necks of all these nations, forcing them into slavery under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. I have put everything, even the wild animals, under his control.'"

¹⁵ Then Jeremiah the prophet said to Hananiah, "Listen, Hananiah! The LORD has not sent you, but the people believe your lies. ¹⁶ Therefore, this is what the LORD says: 'You must die. Your life will end this very year because you have rebelled against the LORD.'"

¹⁷ Two months later the prophet Hananiah died.

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹ I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

² **I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴ **'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**" *Selah*

Second Reading – Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children of God – The Rubik’s Cube

<https://youtu.be/Q3AVZYLzLf0>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: *What are We Producing?*

Romans 5:3-4 – “suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us...”

https://youtu.be/0oIMZAE0_84

Hymn of the Day – Prayer of St. Francis with Lyrics

<https://youtu.be/LeHzzH5zXSI>

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of companionship, encourage our relationships with our siblings in Christ. Bless our conversations. Shape our shared future and give us hearts eager to join in a festal shout of praise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of abundance, you make your creation thrive and grow to provide all that we need. Inspire us to care for our environment and be attuned to where the earth is crying out. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of mercy, your grace is poured out for all. Inspire authorities, judges, and politicians to act with compassion. Teach us to overcome fear with hope, meet hate with love, and welcome one another as we would welcome you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, accompany all who are in deepest need. Comfort those who are sick, lonely, or abandoned. Strengthen those who are in prison or awaiting trial. Renew the spirits of all who call upon you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of community, we give thanks for this congregation. Give us passion to embrace your mission and the vision to recognize where you are leading us. Teach us how to live more faithfully with each other. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of love, you gather in your embrace all who have died. Keep us steadfast in our faith and renew our trust in your promise. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

You call us to worship, O God, to give of ourselves and to return a part of the blessings that you have shared with us. You are wiser than we are. We find a sense of belonging in a calling that is larger and more holy than we are. So as we offer our gifts, O God; receive as well our thanks for including us in the calling you extend to your people. Amen.

“In The Breaking of Bread”

This is not communion, but it's a way to remind us that as we break bread together, that Christ Jesus is with us in and with and under the bread we share every day.

Pastor Barnes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=escSESUwcyY&feature=youtu.be>

Luke 24:28-31

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Silence for Reflection

Lord I Offer My Life to You – Hillsong

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Hillsong-Lord-I-Offer-My-Life-To-You-with-lyrics-137140.mp4>

Luke 24:32-35

³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[a] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

As you break bread this week, stop for a moment – pray – ask the Lord to open your heart to His presence in others and anew, as you hear, read and study His Word.

John 6:35 “Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger; and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

Closing Prayer

Remind us, Lord, that as we have worshiped this day, it is not the end of our worship. Enable us to see those places where we work and play as places whereby we might help someone else to meet you. Equip us, during this time of endurance to share the hope in our hearts with those who are struggling. Even though apart, we praise your name! Scatter us into the world in your name so that you might have your way with the world even when some would proclaim otherwise. Amen.

Benediction

Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May He lift up his countenance upon you and give to you, HIS PEACE. Amen.

Sending Hymn – Be Not Afraid by Catholic Artists from home

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