



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, July 5, 2020
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
4th of July Weekend**

Thought – Not as we have in the past, but we celebrate our Nations Independence and the many sacrifices that have gotten us our “freedom.” Christ Jesus offers a more complete freedom. “Take my yoke upon you for I am gentle and humble in heart.” It is precious gift that unburdens the soul and helps us live in the peace of Jesus who gave freely that gift of love and trust. Part of a prayer for today says, “You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.”

Prelude – You Raise Me Up – cover by Color Music Children’s Choir

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/You-Raise-Me-Up-cover-by-COLOR-MUSIC-Childrens-Choir-299140.mp4>

Call to Worship

Come and Worship God, before whom all hearts are opened and all hearts are known.

We tremble in the presence of God, who knows our innermost thoughts and our deepest secrets.

Fear not, for God, who sees all, is a loving and forgiving God.

Let us come and worship “God, who has the power to make all things new – who has the power to reform our very hearts.

Gathering Music – I Know Who Holds Tomorrow – the Petersons

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/I-Know-Who-Holds-Tomorrow-The-Petersens-LIVE-137140.mp4>

Invocation

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes behind our smiles, there is resentment. Occasionally our behavior may meet the expectations of other, but we know we have not acted joyously. Regularly, we do good things, but we have done them for suspect reasons.

A time for reflection

Our actions may fool the world, but they do not fool you, O God. Before you, our hearts are an open book. Accordingly, dear God, we know it is not enough to ask for your help in doing good things. We need to refashion our inner-most beings.

Help us to love more authentically, so that the good things we do may not be what hides our souls but reveals them. 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 this holy house, 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 – Spirit Song – Maranatha Singers

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Spirit-Song-Maranatha-Singers-135140.mp4>

Prayer of the Day

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

The King will come in humility and peace.

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-14

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ **The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.**
¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
¹¹ **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**
¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**
**The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.**
¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Second reading – Romans 7:15-25a

The struggle within the self.

⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Children's Time – The Voice of God

<https://youtu.be/5F3b3cfw-dY>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: The War Within

<https://youtu.be/a8ndiPDHVEs>

Hymn of the Day – My Yoke is Easy – Dennis Jernigan

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/My-Yoke-Is-Easy-Dennis-Jernigan-135140.mp4>

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations, especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood. Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from patriotism that hinders relationship-building. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize children's ministry volunteers, church administrators, and those who maintain our building. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. 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, loving Savior, "Come unto me." We have come. Accept our burdens. Receive our thanks. And saddle us with your enjoyable yoke. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.

Breaking of the 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 of All Hopefulness – Slane

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Lord-of-All-Hopefulness-Slane-136140.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

We come to you, O Christ, for the rest you have promised. Refreshed, renewed, revived, we are ready to work in your kingdom. Burden us, O Christ – for your burden is light, indeed. And lead us to our promised rest. We bless you now and evermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn – Because He Lives I Can Face Tomorrow

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Because-He-lives-I-can-face-tomorrow-18.mp4>

Benediction – Now the Lord will bless you and keep you; the Lord will Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord will lift up his countenance upon you, and give to you His peace. Amen.

Postlude

****A special weekend, thought you might want to sing along!****



“O Beautiful, For Spacious Skies” (MATERNA) First Plymouth Church

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