

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
August 16, 2020
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Altar Flowers given by The Flemings in honor of their Wedding Anniversary



Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (ELW #773)
by Cameroon-based One Heart Gospel Acapella Group
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bhn6keszrY8>

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 133)

A: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

C: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

A: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

C: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

GATHERING HYMN – All Are Welcome (ELW #641)

(Let us Build a House)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKJgcv8SdnQ>

Confession and Forgiveness

L: In the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C: Amen

L: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

(Silence for reflection)

L: Reconciling God,

All: We confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may love and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

L: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through +Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

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.

Hymn of Praise

ELW #721 Goodness is Stronger than Evil

words by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Choir and Congregation of First Plymouth Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1ydJ4JTEYw>

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.

C: Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

¹May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

²**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**

⁷**May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a

demon.”²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.”²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.”²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/s8acOuMXQlc>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down in the River to Pray

sung by Women of the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDYhPSZD06U>

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead,
on the third day, he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

A: Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and towns, and for those who need your healing. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. We pray especially for our sister congregation, St. John's in Bluffs, Illinois. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: Giver of every good tiding,

C: we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others.

A: Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it,

C: and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth, as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

A: Faithful God, you kept your promise to us, nourishing us with the gift of salvation.

C: Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

L: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, +Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

When Pain of the World Surrounds Us (ELW #704)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9GbRepA7D4>

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

