

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 23, 2020
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Altar Flowers given by Leo & Roberta Stiles
in honor of their grandson Kendall's birthday

Thought: You often might hear...are you in your "right mind?!" Usually referring to something said or done that seems out of place or just not the expected. It made me think, what kind of mindset must we have to understand our spiritual life and also to proclaim that Jesus is Messiah and Lord? A sentence that drew my attention – "Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work." So maybe the next time someone might say, "are you out of your mind," you might surprise them by saying, "absolutely!"

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston, Piano

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

A: Who is this who comes in love? Who rides the heavens in creative grace, yet is joined with earthly reality and conceived in human life?

C: This is our God!

A: Who stays faithful to us in every moment, found in truth and flames of inspiration?

C: This is our God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. This is our God and we are God's people.

Gathering Music – The Irish Blessing 300 churches (Be Thou My Vision)

<https://youtu.be/TascswZPj8U>

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

P: Gracious and forgiving God, you sent your Son into the world to be an example for us, so that we might follow him fully and faithfully.

A time of silence and reflection

We confess that we have failed to follow
Jesus' guidance and to do your will.

**C: We have not done as Jesus did. Forgive us for listening
to the words of Jesus without really taking them to heart.**

**By the power of your Spirit, set us free to be
more nearly what we claim to be.**

P: May the mind and spirit of Christ be in us, and
may Christ direct our minds and govern our actions,
so that we will become the person you intend us to be.

C: Amen.

Greeting

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

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 and Amen!

Music of Praise – Academy Choir – “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

<https://youtu.be/nDmaZBX1Tew>

Prayer of the Day

A: The question is still a valid, one, O God,

C: “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

A: For many in our generation still do not know you.

C: “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah.”

A: Many in this world still have not heard.

C: “And still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

A: But we know, O God.

C: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

A: Build up your Church on this true faith, O God.

C: For such faith is truly a rock.

A: Drive out all doubts.

**C: For then we will know Christ to be the Way, and the Truth,
and the Life-**

A: the ETERNAL life. Through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 51:1-6

*Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.*

51 Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,

and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart.

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your
faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.

**⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.

**⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Epistle reading – Romans 12:1-8

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.

12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

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

<https://youtu.be/flXBmK4NOmk>

Holy Gospel – Matthew 16:13-20

But who do you say that I am?

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/rShnqng6caw>

Homily – “Are You Out of Your Mind?!” – Pastor Barnes

https://youtu.be/y3KR_B6ggYo

Music of the Day

How Firm a Foundation – by First Plymouth Church Lincoln, Nebraska

<https://youtu.be/3JdlrdKPfHA>

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

P: 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 our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You call us into this community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: 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/Offertory Prayer

A: Loving God, may these gifts be used to enable others to come to know Jesus Christ as your Son, as their friend, and as their Lord and Savior.

C: May our offerings reflect the compassionate spirit of Jesus, so that others may see in us your love. 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: Lord, in so many ways you reveal yourself to us, though we do not always recognize you.

C: We yearn to learn more about you through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

A: Thank you for the witness and testimony of others.

C: Open our hearts and minds to know more about your action in our lives each day. Enable us to see you more clearly in order that we might follow your Son more nearly. Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Closing Music – Built On the Rock – Martin Luther H. S. choir

<https://youtu.be/h5BjlpX3rp8>

Dismissal

A: Transformed by the Spirit's renewing work, we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

