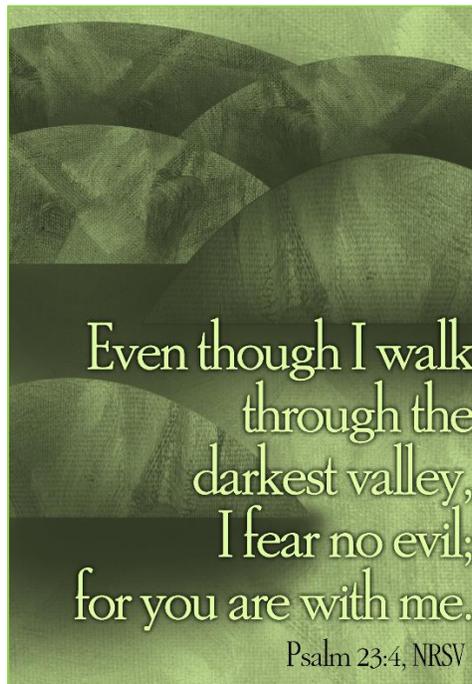


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Flowers on the altar given by Tim & Leslie Leitner
in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Second Sunday of Stewardship

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley – you are with me”



Thought: Jesus says very clearly that “I am with you even unto the close of the age.” That is, “I am with you always.” This is not only when you “call upon him,” not only when you “are in trouble,” not only when “you are in prayer” and thinking of God in Christ Jesus. Good days, tough days, days when you are overwhelmed or underwhelmed Jesus/God as Shepherd says...I am with you! No long distance charge or busy signal, the Cross says even in the darkest valley you don’t have to shout.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship

A: Oh Good Shepherd,

C: We listen for your voice.

A: Call us now, and lead us into your presence.

**C: Help us feel your love and open our hearts
to you and to others. Amen.**

Opening Music: Be Still My Soul – Audrey Assad

https://youtu.be/n9TBc_LXCIM

Invocation

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

Amen.

A Prayer for Hope in a Time of Fear

P: Lord, though sickness and death surround us like enemies

C: You hold us in your never-failing love.

P: Oh Wounded Healer, heal all by Your Spirit and the care of others.

C: For Your name's sake.

P: Oh Compassionate Friend, comfort all those who grieve and tremble.

C: For You are with them.

P: Oh Multiplier of Bread, provide for those who are in need.

C: For You lead to green pastures.

P: Oh Welcomer of Children, keep all those out of school in your care.

C: For You are their shepherd.

P: Oh Beloved Father, encourage parents who do not know what's next.

C: For You are walking with them.

P: Oh Good God, anoint us with your presence and fill us with your love.

C: For You are good all the time. In Christ's name. Amen.

Greeting

P: The grace of our 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 and Amen!

Music of Praise – The Lord Is My Shepherd – The Smith Ensemble

<https://youtu.be/9QBN3HBA9iY>

Prayer of the Day

A: Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us.

C: When we face darkness and death, walk beside us.

When we are fearful, feed us at your table.

A: May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives.

C: Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 25:1-9

Praise for Deliverance from Oppression

25 O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,

plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 – *CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION*

23 You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.

2 You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water,

3 and you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

4 I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

5 You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows.

6 Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD.

Second Reading – *Philippians 4:1-9*

4¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. **3** Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5** Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6** Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7** And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9** Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 12:41-44

<https://youtu.be/6FPqGJHQIVU>

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

The Widow’s Offering

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Children’s Time – Hattie’s Offering

<https://youtu.be/mb5Did8reAE>

Homily: Pastor Barnes

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley – You are with me.”

<https://youtu.be/1L41X8N88Gk>

Music of the Day: I Will Fear No Evil – Music by Paul Moravaec

<https://youtu.be/SeXhqdoOF9k>

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: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A: Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill. Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: God of love, you abide with us;

C: you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways.

A: Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you.

C: Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Invitation to Communion

P: God prepares the table for us, offering us a feast of abundant love.

C: Our cups overflow with the bounty of grace, for our Shepherd knows us as no one else can – restoring our souls, healing our brokenness, nourishing us with bread and cup for the life of ministry.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer/23rd Psalm

C: Our Father in heaven,

A: The Lord is my shepherd,

C: Hallowed be your name,

A: He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

C: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

A: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me, all the days of my life.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

A: I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

C: And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

A: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

A: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

C: For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever.

A: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace. Amen.**

P: Come to the table and feast with the Shepherd!

Distribution Music

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring – J.S. Bach BS College

<https://youtu.be/doJ2Fd6JRpQ>

Here Is Bread ELW #483

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9nOWL30EP8>

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself –

C: emptied yourself into this cup – into this bread.

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you emptied yourself –

C: that we may be filled.

A: Fill, now, our hearts, O Lord –

C: fill our hearts with your active obedience.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Closing Music – Lillian Pinkston

Dismissal

A: Isaiah 41:13:

For I am the LORD your God
who takes hold of your right hand
and says to you, Do not fear;
I will help you.

C: Thanks be to God, You are with me!

