

**Our Savior Lutheran Church
July 25, 2021
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Prelude

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Sharing of Peace

Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

A: Every day we will bless you, O God, and praise your name forever and ever.

C: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, we will meditate.

A: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and we will declare your greatness.

C: We shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

A: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Gathering Hymn – How Long, O God ELW #698

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X0UKRX6 II>

Lillian Pinkston (last three verses)

*Your grace, O God, seems far away; will healing ever come?
Our broken lives lie broken still will night give way to dawn?*

*How can we hope? How can we sing? O God, set free our voice to name
the sorrows, name the pain, that we might yet rejoice.*

*‘How long, O God?’ the psalmist cries, a cry we make our own.
Though we are lost, alone, afraid, our God will lead us home.*

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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance and forgiveness, let us confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection)

L: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of this world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in this world. Amen

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles; there is always more than enough. Through Jesus + the bread of life, we are shown God's mercy, we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

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 – Now the Feast and Celebration ELW #167

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i1vkcVMHyuw&t=6s>

Lillian Pinkston (one verse)

*Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forever more!*

*Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.*

*Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom; praise and glory forever more!*

Prayer of the Day

A: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a
longing for your word and a hunger for your truth.

**C: Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven
and share this bread with all the world,**

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ²It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

⁶So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" ¹¹Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." ¹²Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day.

On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 14

¹Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

³They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the LORD?

⁵There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous.

⁶You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Holy Gospel: John 6:1-21

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹

⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM

Hymn of the Day – The Church of Christ, in Every Age – #729

<https://youtu.be/zBUAQKGyc5A>

Lillian Pinkston (three verses)

*The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.*

*Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.*

*Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice and clothed in Christ’s humanity.*

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: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world and all of creation.

a brief silence

A: We pray for the church. Bless the ministries of our neighboring congregations (especially). Empower churches throughout the world and encourage missionaries who accompany global neighbors. Kindle in us a spirit of collaboration, that all people may know your loving works. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and come to the aid of those enduring sweltering heat. Nurture wheat and barley crops grown for the nourishment of your people and conserve aquatic habitats and fish populations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those who govern. Cast out arrogance, selfishness, and corruption and instruct those who lead to practice compassion and humility. Inspire them with a vision of the common good and a commitment to ensure that all who hunger are fed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those bowed down by heavy burdens: those who are unemployed or underemployed, those unable to find affordable housing, and those without health insurance. Console those who grieve and hear the cries of those who call to you for healing (especially). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this assembly. Deepen our resolve to use what we have to serve those in need. When we worry that we do not have enough resources for ministry, assure us of your abundance. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We give thanks for those who have died. As you sustained them through all their days, so dwell in our hearts, that we may have the power to comprehend, with (the apostle James, name/s, and) all the saints, the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering Prayer

A: Jesus, bread of life,

C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.

A: Gather what has been sown among us,

C: and strengthen us in this meal.

A: Make us to be what we receive here,

C: your body for the life of the world. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

The Meal – Consecration

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.

Communion Music Lillian Pinkston

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwc281qvVh0>

Post Communion Blessing

L: Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Jesus, Bread of life,

C: we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

A: As you have nourished us in this meal,

C: now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

A: In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

Blessing from Ephesians 3:14-21

L: I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – Jesus, Priceless Treasure #775

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ep8mB9Wlg2s>

Lillian Pinkston (one verse)

*Jesus priceless treasure, source of purest pleasure, truest friend to me:
ah, how long I've panted, and my heart has fainted, thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless lamb; nothing in this world can hide thee,
naught I ask beside thee.*

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God. We go to serve.

Postlude

Lillian Pinkston