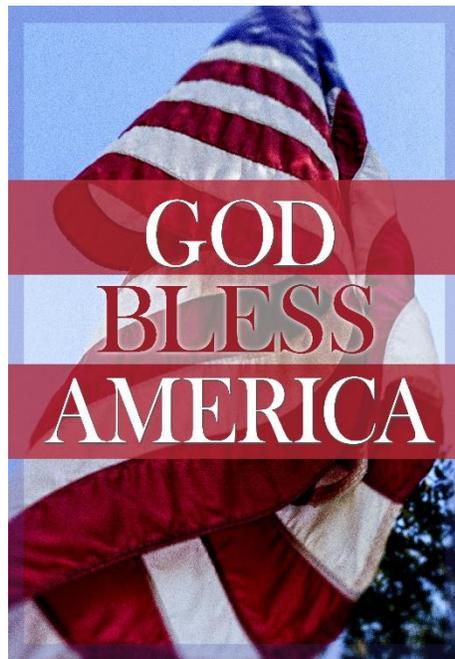


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
July 4, 2021
Fourth of July!
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Thought: It is difficult to see and hear God in those closest to us. The people in Jesus' hometown didn't recognize God coming to them in someone they knew well. Let us seek to find God everywhere.

*Without a soul open for it, no word from the Lord can be received
– Paul Tillich*

*Flowers given by Mike & Sure Barger
in honor of the birthdays of Jared, Josh, & Ami*



Prelude – America the Beautiful (TheMarches09)

<https://youtu.be/lSBekQBYZPQ>

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: O Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King, you have the words of eternal life.

C: May we believe your words at all times.

A: O Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King, you show us the way to salvation.

C: May we follow you always.

A: O Jesus, our Prophet, Priest, and King, you have chosen to dwell with us here on earth.

C: May we always welcome you into our lives. Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Will You Come and Follow Me”

<https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU>

Lillian Pinkston (one verse) ELW #798

*“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”*

Invocation

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
The God of manna,
The God of miracles,
The God of mercy.

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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 the 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 the world. Amen.

P: Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: 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.

Hymn of Praise – Glory to God in the Highest (Sovereign Grace)

<https://youtu.be/AAkom7xYw3s>

Prayer of the Day

A: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.

C: Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Ezekiel 2:1-5

The call of Ezekiel.

2 He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.
2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.
4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

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

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
² **As the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress,**

**so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us.**

³ Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.

**⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill
of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.**

Epistle reading – 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

God's power made perfect in weakness.

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Holy Gospel – Mark 6:1-13

Jesus goes home and the sending of the Twelve.

<https://youtu.be/hlOOcaDG2V8>

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

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Children of God Message

<https://youtu.be/8aYDWQoBcY>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?

<https://youtu.be/t-MiBA4rO0>

Music – How Firm a Foundation (Katie Katew)

<https://youtu.be/rwGW8qRqz4I>

Lillian Pinkston (one verse) ELW #796

*“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”*

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: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence

A: God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries, including the Center for Prevention of Abuse and Christian Civic Outreach. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

Independence Day Prayer (in unison)

Dear Lord,

There is no greater feeling of liberty than to experience freedom from sin and death that you provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this, I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day, I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for

granted. May I always remember that a very high price was paid for my freedom. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty, meet their needs and watch over their families.

Dear Father, I am so thankful for this nation. For all the sacrifices others have made to build and defend this country, I am grateful. Thank you for the opportunities and freedoms we have in the United States of America. Help me never to take these blessings for granted.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Jesus Christ.

In your name, I pray. Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A: You have come to your people, O God –

C: your rebellious people.

A: You have sent a Prophet – your Son – into our midst.

C: Accept our thanks, O God.

A: Receive our gifts.

C: And lead us in lives of service.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

Lamb of God – Catholic Mass Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Words of Institution

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Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

https://youtu.be/Egk-pX_1nHg

Let Us Break Bread Together

<https://youtu.be/4tkcFDNcRaY>

I Received the Living God

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A: The people of Nazareth rejected you, O Christ –

C: “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary...”

A: Let us not be blinded by the humble trappings of this meal.

C: For in it we find you, O Christ, in our midst.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Music – Battle Hymn of the Republic

Mormon Tabernacle Choir/West Point Band

<https://youtu.be/yAqNe-m0a8s>

Dismissal

A: Help us to hear and see God in those closest to us and those around us, so that we in faith would go out and do the same.

C: Send us out to share the freedom of this country and the freedom in Christ.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

