

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost- August 29, 2021**



**Prelude**

**Announcements and Prayer Requests**

**Sharing of Peace**

**Call to Worship**

A: O LORD, we gather to worship you.

**C: We need your help to be open to your word.**

A: O God, we come with our own separate ways.

**C: We need your guidance to do your work together.**

A: O Loving Creator, be with us now.

**C: We rejoice in your presence. We gather to worship you.**

## Gathering Hymn – What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW #742

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hje9vyn5ki8>

Lillian Pinkston (verses 1 & 2)

*1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!*

*2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--take it to the Lord in prayer.*

### 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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

A: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures.

**C: Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves,**

A: that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

**C: Amen.**

## The Word

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup>But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

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

### **Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**<sup>2</sup>Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**<sup>4</sup>in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

<sup>5</sup>who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

## **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-23**

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

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

<sup>9</sup>Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' <sup>11</sup>But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this.")

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

<sup>17</sup>When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, <sup>19</sup>since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup>And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles.)

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**Message** - Tim Leitner, SAM  
<https://youtu.be/ensxHSDU1Zc>

## Hymn of the Day – What Wondrous Love Is This ELW #666

<https://youtu.be/DsVnvN3EVxY>

Lillian Pinkston (verses 1, 2 & 4)

*1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?*

*2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down when I was sinking down  
beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.*

*4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,  
I'll sing God's love for me, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.*

### **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:** As God's children and heirs to His promise, we pray for the church, the world and all of in need.

*a brief silence*

**A:** We pray for the church, that it is a safe haven for all who seek your presence. Fill it with pastors, deacons, and leaders who echo your expansive and generous welcome. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** We pray for the whole of creation, that plants and animals have the habitat and resources to thrive and flourish. Inspire us to protect threatened habitats and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** We pray for individuals in positions of authority (*national and local leaders may be named*). Raise up wise and discerning leaders in federal, state, and local governments and guide them to seek the benefit of every person. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** We pray for all who are in need. Support and encourage those who are unemployed, underemployed, or experiencing poverty. Bring food, shelter, clothes, and stability for daily life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**A:** We pray for this congregation, especially those beginning a new school year (*students, teachers, or others may be named here*). Empower teachers and school administrators. Guide students in their learning and development. Accompany parents, foster parents, and caregivers who provide encouragement and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful departed who showed us how to honor God with our heart. Inspire us by their example and renew our faith, trusting that we will be united with them in glory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

L: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: 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

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

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

## Post Communion Blessing

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

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever, in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

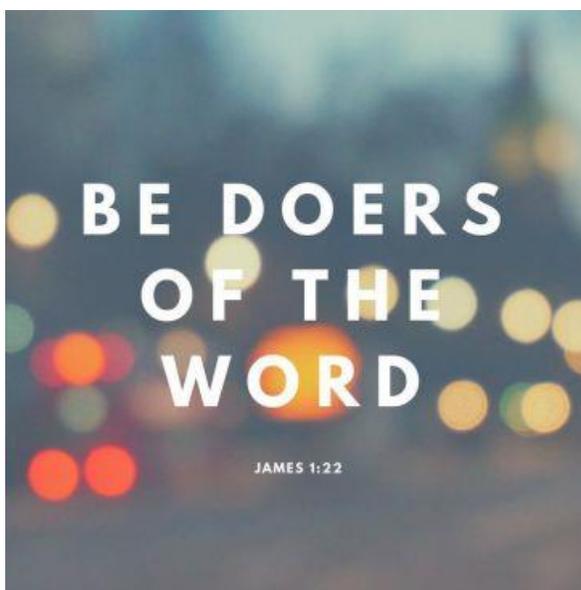
**C: Amen.**

## Sending Hymn – Eternal Father Strong to Save ELW#756

<https://youtu.be/bDjwUzUnNpU>

Lillian Pinkston (verse 1 & 2)

- 1 *Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*
- 2 *O Savior, whose almighty word the winds and waves submissive heard, who walked upon the foaming deep and calm amid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*



## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude