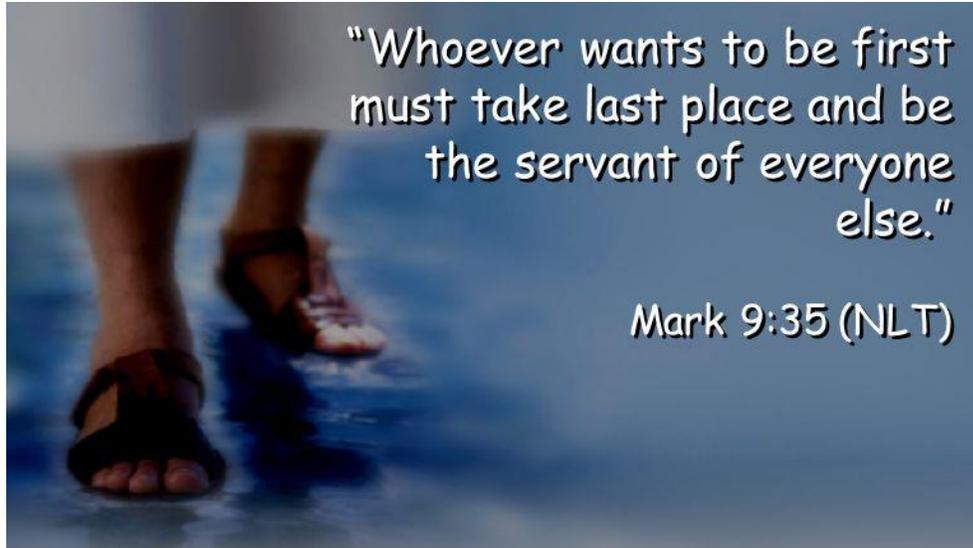


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**



Thought: Muhammad Ali (the boxer) in his prime always shouted – “I’m the greatest of all time!” There are some in this world that spend too much time working towards that goal. Even the disciples, who didn’t understand Jesus, were arguing...”who’s the greatest.”

Here is a little scripture quote from John 17:20-24 (Jesus High Priestly Prayer)

²⁰ “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us,^[a] so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Reception of New Members – Paul and Mary Sipka

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Hymn

<https://youtu.be/mjsTjPn1GOI>

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak – Second Church

ELW 676 Lillian Pinkston

- 1 *Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.*
- 2 *Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.*

Invocation

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

Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: O God, we ask your forgiveness for all of the ambitions, selfishness, and envy that are still a part of your church.

A time of silence and reflection

In Jesus Christ, you poured out your life on behalf of the world, and we are worried about parking and pews.

C: Refresh us, O God, with a vision of a life so caught up in your purposes that we become beacons of hospitality welcoming others as you have welcomed us. Give to us, O God, what we cannot give to ourselves: the confidence of those who know in our hearts that we belong to you. Then, and only then, can we lose the protectiveness of self, open ourselves to others, and enact the kindness of Christ in the world.

P: We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who held children tenderly in his arms, even children like us.

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 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

<https://youtu.be/J3iB30gCqAc>

Shine, Jesus, Shine – (Worship Video w/lyrics)

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children.

C: Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Jeremiah 11:18-20
The prophet led like a lamb to slaughter.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,

“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!”

²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.

¹Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

²**Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have
I sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

⁴**Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

⁵Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

Epistle reading – James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom from above

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks Be to God

Holy Gospel – Mark 9:30-37

https://youtu.be/OjMvHvgr_FU

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

Not understanding the passion or arguing “who’s the greatest.”
³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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

Children of God message

<https://youtu.be/3Ro7IEFNQuk>

Homily – “So Easy, Even a Child Could Do It!”

<https://youtu.be/By8JfwjkwCY>

Hymn of the Day

<https://youtu.be/zBUAQKGyc5A>

The Church of Christ, in Every Age – James Biery

ELW 729 - Lillian Pinkston

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

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

- 3 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

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict (*especially*). Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today (*especially*). Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Offering – A time of Silence for prayer

Offertory Prayer

A: O Father, you have shown us the way to your very heart –

C: “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

A: Accept these gifts,

C: offered in deepest humility.

A: May they be used in your service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: 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.

Preface

P: 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 – Mass Song
<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Words of Institution

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

OR

https://youtu.be/7aDMY9xU_6U

I Received the Living God – OCP Session Choir

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, you

C: who were first – God’s only begotten Son,

A: Became last – and the servant of all.

C: Nourish us for lives of service.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Music

<https://youtu.be/cKkblZtqhyQ>

This Little Light of Mine – Listener Kids

ELW 677 – Lillian Pinkston

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

A: "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

C: **We go to serve as children together!**

Postlude

