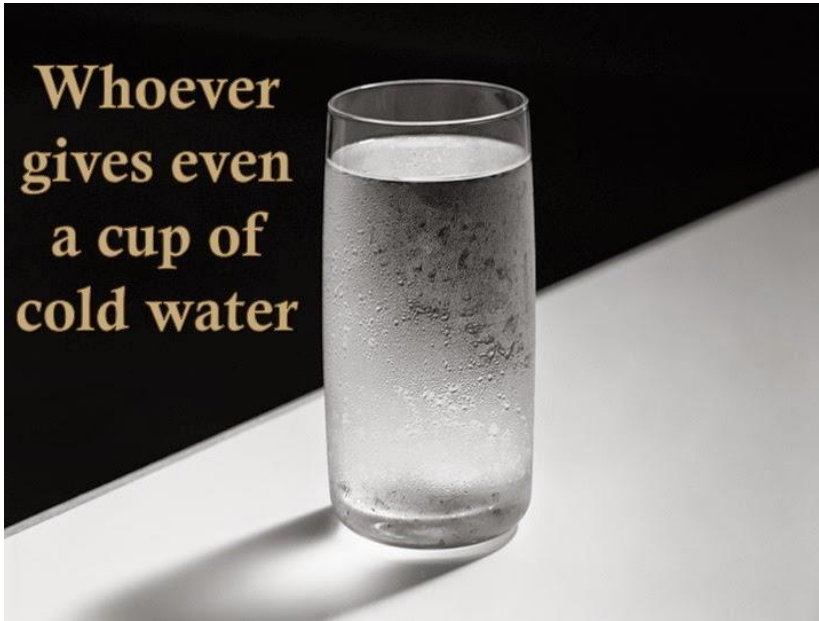


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 2, 2023
Our Savior Lutheran Church



Thought: Our work does not belong to us, but rather to Christ, who calls us to be disciples. Faith is not individual – it is communal. One of the first and best gifts God gives us is each other, so we can uphold and carry one another.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: Welcome, all who enter this holy place. Welcome, all who come to be in God's presence.

C: We have come in response to the call of Christ. We have come to take up the work which is offered to us.

A: Welcome, you who would receive and share the love of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ. In him are honor and glory, now and forevermore.

Gathering Hymn – Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
ELW #719 Vss. 1-4

<https://youtu.be/PrwWdsgnIQ>

by Grapeview Church

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Our lives move too fast, dear God. You know this and have invited us to slow down to find your calming stillness.

C: We would like to find some centering in our lives, but the alarm clock sounds or the phone rings, and we are off on the next frantic pursuit. We are our own worst enemies, with an inflated sense of our own importance and an impossible list of tasks to accomplish.

O Eternal One, who created time and yet is beyond it, look kindly upon our stumbling.

P: In the power and love of Christ, your sins are forgiven. Lead us out of our sense of what must be, to a healing sense of what you have in mind for us.

C: Call us into your time and purposes. 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 – “Change My Heart O God”

Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Prayer of the Day

A: Remind us, Lord, that our gathering together with you is not the end of our worship.

C: We come together so that we might go forth in your name. Enable us to see those places where we work and play as places whereby, we might help someone else to meet you. Equip us, during this hour of worship, to be good representatives of you and your mission.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Jeremiah 28:5-9

The test of a true prophet

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.

¹Your love, O LORD, forever I will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly I in the heavens.**

³I have made a covenant with my I chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**I will establish your I line forever, and preserve your throne for all I generations.”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the I festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily I in your name; they are jubilant I in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs I to the LORD our king to the Holy I One of Israel.**

Epistle reading – Romans 6:12-23

No longer under law but under grace

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those

who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 10:40-42

<https://youtu.be/7kzMx50WNXk>

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

Welcome Christ in those he sends

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous

person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Children of God Time

<https://youtu.be/QxIIAw3JUSI>

Message – “Even a Cup of Cold Water”

<https://youtu.be/rCQcVPPGMKQ>

Hymn of the Day – “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” ELW #802

<https://youtu.be/sQqPLU9YIF4>

by Lutheran Quartet

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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God's promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. For (*local bodies of water and*) all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for this nation and all nations. For (*national elected leaders and*) presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill (*especially*). For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks for (*names and*) all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Offering Music – “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

ELW #686

Offertory Prayer

A: The summer sun shines, O Father –

C: Warming us in these bright months...feeding us all the year long.

A: You have poured upon us your benevolence, O Father.

C: Accept these signs of our appreciation.

A: Teach us to be as generous as you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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.

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

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor Post Communion Prayer

A: You poured yourself out for us, O Christ –

C: emptying yourself that we may be filled.

A: Pour out your Holy Spirit, O Christ,

C: that we might be made willing to empty ourselves for others.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

ELW #545

<https://youtu.be/aGzMd1i92lo>

by James Biery

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.
THE BAD NEWS IS
WE HAVE WHAT JESUS
GOT, COMING TO US.

(YEAH, PRETTY MUCH.)



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AND THE GOOD NEWS IS
WE HAVE WHAT JESUS
GOT, COMING TO US.

(YEAH, THAT'S IT.)



**GREAT! I'M
GLAD WE GOT
THAT CLEARED UP.**



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