

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2023  
Our Savior Lutheran Church**

**Thought:** Our behavior may be a result of mixed motives, known or unknown to ourselves or others. It is said that we shall be known by our actions, but we are known to God by what is in our hearts that leads to those actions. Come lay your burdens on the Lord. What is wise and what is intelligent? Jesus prays...because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

**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.**

A: Come and worship God, before whom all hearts are opened and all hearts are known.

**C: We tremble in the presence of God, who knows our inner-most thoughts and our deepest secrets.**

A: Fear not, for God, who sees all, is a loving and forgiving God.

**C: Let us come and worship God, who has the power to make all things new – who has the power to reform our very hearts.**

**Gathering Hymn - Give Me Jesus - ELW #770**

<https://youtu.be/9rZ8k9m2hwo>

by Fernando Ortega

### **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: “Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord; “for I am God, and there is no other.”

**C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: “Come to me,” the Savior invites. Weary and heavy laden, we need the rest he offers.

*Silence for meditation and self-examination*

P: Saving Lord,

**C: We confess to you our sins of thought, word, and deed, our woeful inadequacy. A war is being waged within us; we cannot do the good you desire; we cannot avoid the evil you abhor. Who will rescue us from this body of death? Without your help, we perish. Therefore, we implore your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son. Forgive us our sin and empower us for faithful witness. Turn us, that we may be saved.**

P: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! For the sake of his suffering and death, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! 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.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** - What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine - ELW #774

<https://youtu.be/KwJnljDljDg>

by First Plymouth Church

## **Prayer of the Day**

A: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

**C: Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Word

### Old Testament reading – Zechariah 9:9-12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

### Psalm 145:8-14

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup>to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

## Epistle reading – Romans 7:15-25a

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

## Holy Gospel – Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<https://youtu.be/QmRMKLTEkVg>

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

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I

am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

### **Children of God Time**

<https://youtu.be/6mU4I8ER5vA>

### **Message – “In Whom Do You Trust?”**

<https://youtu.be/NT6PSWHK0Ek>

### **Hymn of the Day - “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” - ELW #769**

<https://youtu.be/g4QM4L7y5Fs>

by Uplifting Hymns

### **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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word (*especially name/s*) as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state/province, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need (*especially those we have named and those we now name in our hearts*), and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

## Offering

**Offertory Music** - Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways -ELW #772

## Offertory Prayer

A: You call us, loving Savior,

**C: "Come unto me."**

A: We have come.

**C: Accept our burdens.**

A: Receive our thanks.

**C: and saddle us with your enjoyable yoke.**

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

**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: 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: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast the body and blood of your Son.
- **C: By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Benediction** from Numbers 6

### **Sending Hymn**

“My Shepherd, You Supply My Need”

ELW #782

<https://youtu.be/ip-m1XGqdh8>

by Eclipse 6

### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. We take Christ's Yoke upon us!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston