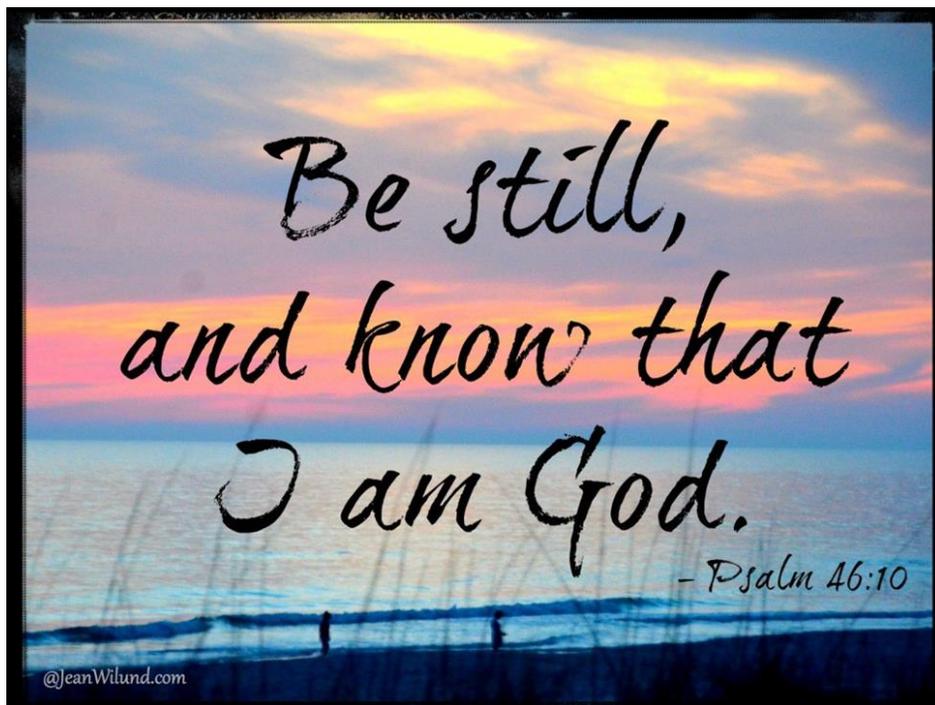


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 16, 2021
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Thought: *“There is more to life than increasing its speed.” – Ghandi*
It is time to remember that we live life as one in Christ Jesus. He prayed that as the Father and He are one, so we might also be one. Prayer offers time to connect and hear Christ through the Spirit speaking in our hearts. Psalm 46:10-11 *“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*



Prelude – “Holy Is His Name
by John Michael Talbot and sung by Chris Brunelle
<https://youtu.be/2WyKDWPMhmA>

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Installation of Congregational Council Members
Melanie Fleming; Meri Arnold; Leslie Leitner; Garold Burkholder;
Mark McCarrell; Valerie Gettys; Dennis Eggemeyer

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

A: Faith may not be looking up, but looking out.

C: Faith may not be knowing answers, but asking questions.

A: Faith may not be judging righteousness, but loving the fearful.

C: Faith may not be doctrine memorized, but risk taken.

A: Let us entrust ourselves to faith in God.

Invocation

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: We open our hearts to hear your prayer for us Jesus, Our Lord. That we may be one as You and the Father are One.

A time of silence for reflection

God above and below, God before and behind, God within and without, unfurl our tightly sealed minds, our carefully tended expectations.

C: We confess that we want you to affirm our self-importance.

Forgive us, Holy One.

We confess that we don't want to repent of our worldly ways.

Forgive us, Holy One.

We confess that we want our life to be easy and comfortable.

Forgive us, Holy One.

We confess that we don't want to sacrifice our social standing for our faithful following.

Forgive us, Holy One.

We confess that we want our baptism to bless us, but not change us.

Forgive us.

P: God in Christ Jesus will lead us from sand to rock, from things of this earth to things of His realm. For that we are grateful and full of grace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Music – Jesus, Come! For We Invite You (Jubilate)

<https://youtu.be/Jp5pGKR5eSA>

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 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

<https://youtu.be/YTpUQO0aryw>

Prayer of the Day

A: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil.

C: By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶ “Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Psalm 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous

¹ Happy are those
 who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
 or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² **but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
 and on his law they meditate day and night.**
³ They are like trees
 planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
 and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

- ⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
- ⁶ for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second reading – 1 John 5:9-13

Life in the Son of God

⁹ If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰ Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

The Holy Gospel – John 17:6-19

Christ's prayer for his disciples

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

<https://youtu.be/SNBx4lt-4ho>

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I

protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

Children of God Message

<https://youtu.be/qhnAQoQ4TNE>

Ascension Song – Acts 1 verse 11

*You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth.*

<https://youtu.be/sPvSLXzNIBM>

Homily – Pastor Barnes: The Equation of Prayer

<https://youtu.be/3T8FZ8OUjy0>

Music – Take My Life and Let It Be

<https://youtu.be/FN3OaZJaNEE>

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: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering/Offertory Prayer

A: Heavenly Father, through the suffering, death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ,

C: we have been bought with a price.

A: We do not belong to the world.

C: We are yours.

A: Accept these offerings –

C: they are gifts to you from your own people.

A: 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.

Lamb of God w/lyrics Catholic Mass Song

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

Preface

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

C: You so love the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

P: We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Distribution

Communion Music

Here is Bread, Here is Wine; Christ is with us, He is with us

<https://youtu.be/i0UFCECriLo>

OR

Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A: Lord Jesus Christ, we have shared your lone bread,

C: your one body,

A: with all Christians, everywhere.

C: unify your people. Make us one –

A: one in you. You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – Numbers 6

Sending Music – In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

<https://youtu.be/XYI7hgEDntc>

(Bo Kilpatrick) Best Kids Worship Songs

Dismissal

A: Heavenly Father, your Son prayed that we might be one. Unify your people!

C: Unify your people! Give us one mind – one plan – one strategy – to bring your message to the world. We go in love!

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

OR

Sweet Hour of Prayer/Sounds Like Reign

<https://youtu.be/ADaNGj6p890>

