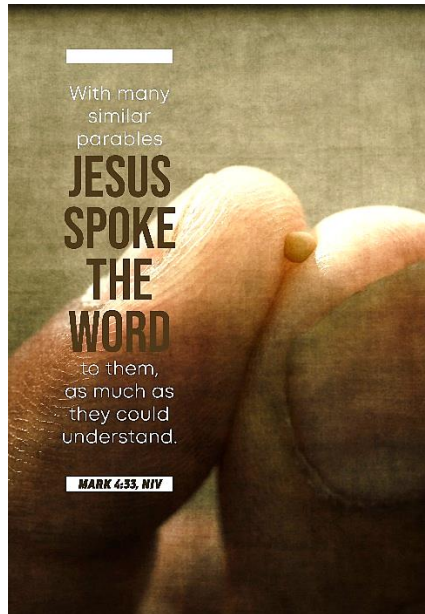


**Our Savior Lutheran Church
June 13, 2021
Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Flowers given by Carol Guenther in Memory of Bob Guenther



Prelude – *Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken*
(audio only-no video link)

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Sharing of Peace

Call to Worship (from Psalm 90)

A: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

C: to sing praises to your name, O God;

A: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C: and your faithfulness by night,

A: to the music of the lute and the harp,

C: to the melody of the lyre.

A: For you, O LORD, have made us glad by your work;

C: at the works of your hands, we sing for joy.

Gathering Hymn – Come Thou Font of Every Blessing

(audio only-no video link)

or Lillian Pinkston (one verse)

*Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.*

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

L: 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.

Hymn of Praise – *As the Grains of Wheat*

(audio only-no video link)

or Lillian Pinkston (one verse)

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

*As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
May we share the presence of you love.*

*As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.*

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world.

C: Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need,

A: through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Psalm 20

¹The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

²May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.

³May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah

⁴May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

⁵May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.

⁶Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. ⁹Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

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

²⁶He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first

the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Message - Tim Leitner, SAM

<https://youtu.be/Xd5rzP5lyoE>

Hymn of the Day – *Day by Day*

(audio only-no video link)

or Lillian Pinkston (*one verse*)

*Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.*

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: Let us come before the Triune God to lift our prayers for ourselves, our community and our world.

a brief silence

A: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

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**

Music - Lillian Pinkston

OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GstpXOo0MCk>

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

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

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.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(audio only-no video link)

or Lillian Pinkston (three verses)

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!*

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

