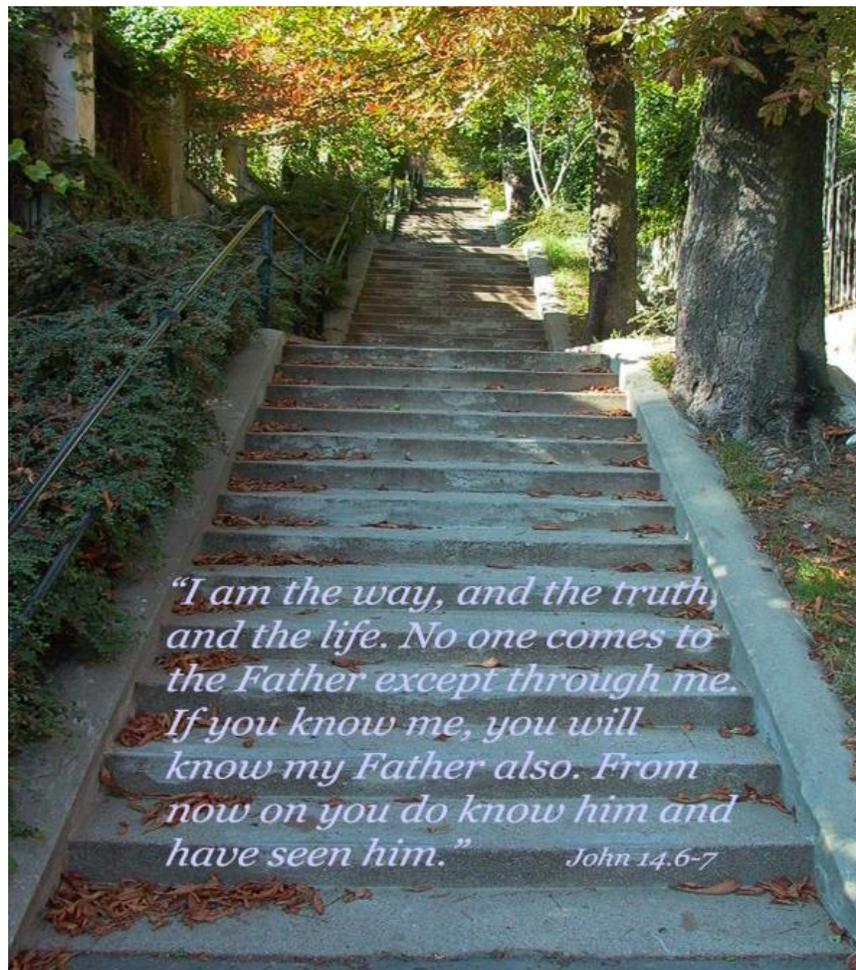


Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 14, 2022
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought: Often we like to think of Jesus as the gentle, kind, compassionate, patient messiah. And those qualities are there, but gentle Jesus brings God's call of truth that can be divisive. I think of John 18 when Caiaphas brought Jesus to Pilate's headquarters because they had no law to put him to death. Verses 36-38 *Jesus said: "But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the TRUTH. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."*

Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

Good question...as we live our faith, what is truth?

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: Almighty God, ignite the fire of faith in our hearts –

C: doubt-destroying faith; hope-distilling faith.

A: Spark in us true trust in your promises –

C: promises fulfilled; promises pending.

A: Surrounded by so great a cloud of faithful witnesses, we will surely lay aside every weight –

C: and run...with Spirit-guided feet –

A: the race that leads to you.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” ELW #510

https://youtu.be/QSR8Hgk_IDY

Word of God, Come Down to Earth – Chris Brunelle

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

The 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.

C: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen and Amen.

Hymn of Praise – “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW #512

<https://youtu.be/wNbfVca1JRw>

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil – Erin Jogue

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for **truth**.

C: Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Jeremiah 23:23-29

Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82

Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Epistle reading – Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Let us run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained

promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Holy Gospel 12:49:56

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

<https://youtu.be/R4CerWGJSFg>

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against

three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Children’s Time

<https://youtu.be/98VhS6lyauo>

Homily – “What Happened to Gentle Jesus!”

Pastor Barnes

<https://youtu.be/yo2iNuNWAJY>

Hymn of the Day – “You Are the Way” ELW #758

<https://youtu.be/0UwxModmaSw>

You Are the Way to You Alone - Concordia

Luther’s Explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed

A: What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or effort believe in Jesus Christ my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in true faith.

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christ church on earth, and keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one truth faith.

In this Christian church day after day he fully forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the last day he will raise me and all the dead and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.

A: This is most certainly true.

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters (*especially*). Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep (*concerns may be named*). In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints (*especially Maximilian Kolbe and Kaj Munk*) who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.

Offering and Offertory Prayer

A: Almighty God, you have given us every good thing.

C: More than we need...more than we deserve.

A: Accept these signs of our love. And fill us with your Holy Spirit,

C: that we may never be weary in doing what is right.

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.

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...

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

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: Lord Jesus Christ, the workings of this world instill fear in our hearts.

C: But at your table we find comfort and grace.

A: Give your people peace, O Lord.

C: Make us heavenly ambassadors to this dying world.

A: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “Break Now the Bread of Life” ELW # 515

<https://youtu.be/djc3MUpRY6U>

Break Now the Bread of Life – Fountain View Academy

Dismissal

A: You O Lord, are the way, the truth and the life!

C: Help us be that truth as we go to serve!

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

Jesus
is the
Truth

