

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 21, 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Thought: Whether we share the actual Sabbath (Saturday) or worship on Resurrection Day (Sunday), I guess the question comes to mind: “Whose Day is it?” Isaiah says quite clearly, *If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord!*

I often think of sports teams that are struggling, usually take a “time out” to talk strategy or play or maybe a “pitching change.” When do we take that time to remember God’s plan for our living day to day? Or, do we take that time? “Be still and know that I am God,” says Psalm 46 and “The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.” Where is our refuge?

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Call to Worship

A: In your house, O God, we worship you this day

C: with music and singing.

A: We worship you this day, O God,

C: with gladness and joy.

A: We worship you this day, O God,

C: with believers gathered here.

A: We worship you this day, O God,

C: with love from the depths of our souls.

A: We worship you this day, O God,

C: with all that we are and all that we have, both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” ELW # 533

<https://youtu.be/CV7NwD0K6mc>

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty – Daily Hymns

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 love.

C: 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 – “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak” ELW # 676

<https://youtu.be/71-XshEdcOo>

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”URC Psalmody

Prayer of the Day

A: O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers...

C: we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Word

Old Testament reading – Isaiah 58:9b-14

Do not trample the Sabbath, but take delight and feed the hungry

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Psalm 103:1-8

The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits**

³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.**

⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Epistle reading – Hebrews 12:18-29

You have come to the city of the living God and to Jesus

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving

a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

Holy Gospel – Luke 13:10-17
<https://youtu.be/KUNnRLZ3eS4>

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

Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath and is condemned

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

Children’s Story Time
https://youtu.be/BNpJRI_AmBU

Homily – “Remember the Sabbath Day To Keep It Holy”
https://youtu.be/pOB36vi_Caw

Hymn of the Day – “Gather Us In”

ELW # 532

<https://youtu.be/lbNXqjwh8is>

Gather Us In December Snow

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 extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the

earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (*local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named*). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (*congregational leaders may be named*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever 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 Offertory Prayer

A: Father in heaven, all that we have is yours –

C: not because we give it to you...but because you own all things.

A: So, offering these gifts to you is not a sign of ownership...

C: it is an act of true worship. We praise you, God.

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.

Proper 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...

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

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, today you lay before us a feast that will one day be celebrated in heaven's glory.

C: There people will come from east and from west, from north and from south to eat in the kingdom of God.

A: We celebrate that day, today.

C: Open the boundaries of your kingdom.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction – from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn – “How Firm a Foundation” ELW #796

<https://youtu.be/54xJpdlkKEo>

How Firm a Foundation The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square

Dismissal

A: Having heard the Word, let us go to be the Word!

C: **We go to serve!**

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

