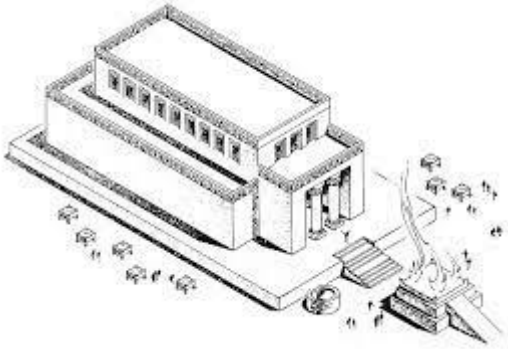




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:30 Service of the Word

Today we look at Psalm 122. It is a psalm pilgrims to Jerusalem would say as they approached the city. At the heart of the city was the temple. But the temple that was standing when the psalm was written was probably a very humble building. It had neither the grandeur of the original temple built by Solomon. Nor did it yet have the grandeur given it by King Herod in the 1st century. We'll see what the psalms say about this humble building.

Welcome to worship today!

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sins.
A moment of silence for reflection.

P: 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 the 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 the world.**

Amen.

P: Beloved people of God,
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen

Gathering Hymn Come, Thou Almighty King

(For music see Hymn 408 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Come, thou almighty King,
help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise;**

**Father all glorious
o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

**2. Come, thou incarnate Word,
merciful, mighty Lord;
our prayer attend.**

**Come and thy people bless,
and give thy word success,
and let thy righteousness
on us descend.**

**3. Come, holy Comforter,
thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!**

**Thou who almighty art,
rule now in ev'ry heart,
never from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

**4. To thee, great One in Three,
eternal praises be
hence evermore!**

**Thy sov'reign majesty
may we in glory see,
and to eternity
love and adore.**

Text: Unknown, c. 1757, alt. Music: Felice de Giardini 1716-1796

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray:

O God, from you come all holy desires, all holy counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

B: The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 122 (*read responsively*)

D: With joy I heard them say,

“Let us go to the Lord’s house!”

**C: And now, Jerusalem,
we stand inside your gates.**

D: Jerusalem, the city so built
that city and temple are one.

**C: To you the tribe go up,
every tribe of the Lord.**

D: It is the law of Israel
to honor God’s name.

**C: The seats of law are here,
the thrones of David’s line.**

D: Pray peace for Jerusalem:
happiness for your homes,

**C: safety inside your walls,
peace in your great houses.**

D: For love of family and friends
I say, “Peace be with you!”

**C: For love of the Lord’s house
I pray for your good.**

Second Reading Romans 13:11-24

[Paul writes] Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*Psalm 122:8-9*)

C: Alleluia. For love of family and friends I say, “Peace be with you!” For love of the Lord’s house I pray for your good. Alleluia

Gospel Reading Luke 13:31-35

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Give to Our God Immortal Praise

(For music see Hymn 848 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 2. He sent his Son with pow’r to save
from guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.**
- 3. Give to the Lord of lords renown;
the King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure
when lords and kings are known no more!**

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: 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.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. *(Jude 20)*

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Jude 21)*

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Prayers of Intercession

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

The pastor concludes the prayer:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

‡ THANKSGIVING ‡

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,
lead me on your way.**

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God,

C: ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

Blessing

P: The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Praise the Lord! O Heavens
(For music see Hymn 823 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him,
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.**

**2. Praise the Lord, for he is gracious;
never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation,
laud and magnify his name!**

Text: *Foundling Hospital Collection*, London 1796. Music: Frans Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.



"We agree with the doctrine, submit to your form of government and will endeavor to give of our time, gifts and talents. Now let's say the sermons start to run long; what is our recourse?"

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Linda Flood
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Counters	Michele Myers and Ann3 Stromstad
Coffee Hour	Ladies' Group

Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 21

Greeters and Ushers	Janice Lockwood
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistant	
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	Ice Cream

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