BECOMING PEOPLE OF JUSTICE



5 RESOURCES FOR THE LIFELONG JOURNEY



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020



Welcome to Church of the Savior

If You are Visiting: We'd love to meet you, even if only virtually! Please email Fr. Kevin at kevin@friendsofthesavior.org to introduce yourself and learn more about Church of the Savior.

About our Worship: we use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable. You can't make a mistake.

Children & Youth: While services are livestreamed, children and youth are strongly invited to join in alongside everyone else. For additional ideas to engage children, see Savior's family newsletter or contact Sarah Lindsay at sarah@friendsofthesavior.org. We also invite children to call Pastor Mary; email Mary at mary@friendsofthesavior.org to set up a time. Youth are meeting virtually; contact Fr. Andrew Unger at andrewdunger@gmail. com for details.

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost: From now until the end of November, we celebrate a part of the Christian year called Pentecost. During it, we especially remember what Jesus' followers did. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives—and how we should live ours. This one season of Pentecost takes up half the year. And it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas and Easter. As a result, as one Sunday in Pentecost follows another, the season can feel rather ordinary. There's a good reason for this. The believers who developed our Christian calendar knew that following Jesus isn't always a big party. Sometimes it's long, sometimes hard, sometimes, well, ordinary. But they wanted to remind us that Jesus is still with us, even then.

Want to Stay in Touch? Let us know how at FriendsOfTheSavior.org/visitor

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name Let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all

Let ev'ry kindred ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

HEBREWS 11:32-40; 12:1-2

³² "And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1b "I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea.

² "The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.
He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³ The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name.

⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea.

⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy.

Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

ALLELUIA

Please stand.



THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

- ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.
- ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
- 26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
- ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.
- ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

Once there was someone who came to live among us.

He said many amazing things and did such wonderful things that people followed him. He came close to the sick.

He encouraged the poor.

And He enjoyed the children.

"This is the way God wants us to care for each other," he said. "This is the way of the kingdom of God." But they did not understand so he said, "Come. Follow me. I will show the way. I will show you the way of the kingdom of God."

Community: We have Christians past and present surrounding us

Kevin Miller Rector

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The officiant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Be Still And Know

Be still and know, that I am God Be still and know, that I am God Be still and know, that I am God

ADMINISTRATION FROM THE RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Officiant: Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us:



Officiant: The gift of God for the People of God. Take it in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this point, all who have the Reserved Sacrament will eat it together. If you do not have the sacrament, you may pray the following prayer.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision
O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art
Thou my best thought
By day or by night
Waking or sleeping
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom
Be Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father
I Thy true child
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one

High King of heaven When vict'ry is won May I reach heaven's joys O bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart Whatever befall Still be my vision O Ruler of all

I Will Worship You (Ye be ham ni da)

Perfect You are my God Righteous and Holy In all of Your ways Revealing Your glory In all that You do All hearts will worship You

Ye be ham ni da (I will worship You) Chan yang ham ni da (I will praise Your name) For You are the only Lord and King Ye be ham ni da (I will worship You) Chan yang ham ni da (I will praise Your name) My desire is to honor You Lord

Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Did you feel the mountains tremble Did you hear the oceans roar When the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One

Did you feel the people tremble Did you hear the singers roar When the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One

And we can see that God You're moving A mighty river through the nations And young and old will turn to Jesus Fling wide you heavenly gates Prepare the way of the risen Lord

Open up the doors and let the music play Let the streets resound with singing Songs that bring Your hope Songs that bring Your joy Dancers who dance upon injustice

Do you feel the darkness tremble When all the saints join in one song And all the streams flow as one river To wash away our brokenness

And here we see that God You're moving A time of jubilee is coming When young and old return to Jesus Fling wide you heavenly gates Prepare the way of the risen Lord

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All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Officiant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

A few announcements will be made.

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
Wherever he may send you.
May he guide you through the wilderness,
Protect you through the storm.
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Saturday Service LiveStream: We continue to worship on Saturday through Zoom. <u>Access our services here.</u> To assist with worship, a copy of our Order of Worship is available on our <u>Sermons webpage</u> and will be emailed out every Friday through Breeze by Whitney Burns, our Communications Director.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We are hosting Morning Prayer at 8:00am on Wednesdays. Find the link to join the livestream service on our Facebook Page and weekly Newsletter. Please note, we are suspending Evening Prayer for the summer.

Donations to Church of the Savior: There are two ways to give to Church of the Savior in this season: MAIL: Church of the Savior, PO Box 507, Wheaton, IL 60187 and ONLINE: Visit our new <u>Giving page</u> on our website.

Congregational Book Study: This fall, Savior is launching into an examination of race, justice, and the church in America. To further our ongoing journey as a people shaped by God's mercy and justice on matters of race, we invite you to participate in a congregational reading of Daniel Hill's book "White Awake", starting the week of September 14th. We hope that you will join a group of 2-3 people who discuss the book together, so that we can learn from each others' unique experiences and perspectives. Savior will provide prayers to accompany each chapter, along with additional resources. Books were provided in our most recent delivery of the Reserved Sacrament, yesterday and in today. We ask that you send a suggested donation of \$8 to Savior (PO Box 507, Wheaton IL 60187) with "book study" on the memo line. If you already have a copy of the book, we invite you to give away the extra to a friend, neighbor or family member. If you did not receive a book please email Whitney@friendsofthesavior.org.

Final Summer Picnic: Mark your calendar for the final Summer Picnic gathering of the season - taking place next Friday, September 18 beginning 5:30pm, at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve in Wheaton.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Zao Zoom Youth Room: Youth group calls take place on Wednesday night. Middle School meets from 6:30-7:30pm and High School meets from 7:15-8:30pm.

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

"Becoming People of Justice"

What resources has God given us as we hope to bring justice?

August 22: Fr. Kevin Miller

"Humility: a very good place to start"

August 29: Mtr. Linda Richardson

"Break My Heart: A Very Long Conversion"

September 5: Fr. Esau McCaulley

"Getting the Story Right in the Pursuit of Justice"

September 12: Fr. Kevin Miller

"Community: we have Christians past and present surrounding us"

September 19: Al Hsu

"Hope: The Reality of the Kingdom Coming"

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Thank you for your faithful giving!

As of September 5: Actual = \$235,922 Budget = \$221,323 Over/(Under) = \$14,599

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