

Our Saviour

Lutheran Church



Communion Worship with Candlelight Vigil of Hope
16th Sunday of Pentecost

Saturday Service
11 September 2021
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GATHERING

Welcome Song

Hope of the Nations

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus,
comfort for all who mourn.
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth.
Jesus, light in the darkness.
Jesus, truth in each circumstance.
You are the source of heaven's light on earth.

In history You lived and died.
You broke the chains, You rose to life.

Refrain: You are the hope living in us.
You are the Rock in whom we trust.
You are the light, shining for all the world to see.
You rose from the dead, conquering fear.
Our Prince of Peace, drawing us near.
Jesus, our hope, living for all who will receive.
Lord we believe. (*Repeat song*)

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Lord, we believe.

Welcome

Call to Worship for the Anniversary of September 11, 2001

- L Come before God not leaving the world behind, but drawing it into the Sacred Presence.
- C We gather on this evening of remembrance and lamentation, to praise and pray, to mourn and repent, to hope.**
- L Come before God with your hearts open to the Holy One and your arms open to your neighbors.

- C** We gather on this evening to proclaim our allegiance to God, to follow in the risky way of Jesus Christ.
- L** God alone is worthy of our ultimate loyalty.
- C** Christ alone is our Savior in this world and the world to come.
- L** Praise be to God, whose mercies are new every morning!
- C** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence may be kept for reflection.

- C** Gracious God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

- P** By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Wherefore by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and in his stead, I forgive you all your sins.
- C** Amen.

Song

I Will Rise Up

You're calling me to a deeper place,
You're calling me to come away.
This is the day that You have made
To walk in Your love and Your grace.
And I will sing to You my king forever and ever.

(Song continued next page...)

I will rise up and worship your holiness.
I will sing a song of Your faithfulness.
On the mountains, through the valleys,
Your love will be my peace,
And I will sing of Your love for me. (*Repeat Song*)

Sharing the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(If you need a gluten-free wafer for Communion, please tell a pastor during this time.)

Prayer of the Day

P O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading

James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

P The holy gospel according to St. Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on

human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend John Himes

(Please see brief bio of Rev. Himes on the back cover.)

Song of Day

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Refrain: Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners,
The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (***Refrain***)

Bridge: All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world. (**Refrain**)

Prayers of the People

When prompted, call out names of people, places or organizations that are in need of God's care.

MEAL

Sharing Our Gifts

L Let us offer back to God what God has first given us: our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of his gracious love.

Our offerings support the work of the church in Warrenton and the world. Please pass the baskets from front to back. You may also make an offering online at www.oslc-warrenton.org by clicking the "DONATE" tab on the homepage.

Dialogue

The presiding minister invites the people to prayer.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving Prayer

The minister leads a prayer of thanksgiving, recalling God's saving deeds, and calling the Holy Spirit to be present as we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

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.

Sharing Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are invited to share Christ's Body and Blood. If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please come forward and stand around the altar. You will be offered both the bread and cup. If you prefer not to drink, cross your arms in front of your chest.

Communion Song

World Needs Jesus

Sung by VoP

(Lyrics are provided for you to follow along while listening to Voices of Praise.)

When our homes are hit by heartbreak,
Let Your presence meet us there.
When the pain seems overwhelming,
We hold onto You.

When the streets are torn by chaos,
We will be Your hands and feet.
When the darkness brings division,
May we be Your light.

Refrain: We know our world needs Jesus.
We know our world needs freedom.

So give us eyes to see the hurting and the broken,
Let our lives align with every word You say.

When the nations ache from violence,
We will be Your blessed peace.
When the headlines scream injustice,
May we shout Your Name. **(Refrain)**

Let every heart turn to Jesus.
Let every voice sing of Your great name.
Let all the earth know Your freedom.
We believe for more.
We believe for more. **(Refrain)**

I know I need You, Jesus.
I know this heart needs healing.
So from my knees I lift this prayer to You, my Savior.
For my life and for the world You're the answer, Jesus.

Prayer After Communion

L Let us pray together.

C O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit, strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Candle Lighting with Words of Hope

Write down your word of hope (provided bookmark) for this church, community, nation, or the world. As you light your candle, say your word loud enough for people around you to hear. Then light the next person's candle.

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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 Song

Good God Almighty

Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me
Praising Your name no matter what comes.

I can't count the times I've called Your name
some broken night.

And You showed up and patched me up
like You do ev'ry time.

I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

Refrain: Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me
Praising Your name no matter what comes.

'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy.
So, I keep praising Your name at the top of my lungs.

Tell me is He good? (He's good.)

Tell me is He God? (He's God.)

He is good God Almighty.

You say Your love goes on forever, that
Your mercy never stops.

So, why would I assume You'd be
somebody that You're not?

Like sun in the morning,

I know You're gonna be there ev'ry day.

So, what on earth could make me be afraid? **(Refrain)**

Praise Him in the morning,

Praise Him in the noon time,

Praise Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him in the morning,

Love Him in the noon time,

Love Him when the sun goes down. **(Refrain)**

Jesus in the morning,

Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning,

Jesus in the noon time,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Dismissal

L Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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A little something about our special guest preacher this evening:

The Reverend John Himes was baptized, confirmed, and ordained in the Lutheran Church. He is also licensed as an Episcopal priest and Presbyterian pastor.

Reverend Himes states that he is “working on” year 52 of being married to Anita, and the couple has two sons and 4 grandkids aged 5-22 years of age.

He served as an infantry leader in the US Marine Corps from 1968-1996 and has four graduate degrees, but learned more from living in, visiting, and working in 122 nations around the globe.

Reverend Himes says he is abundantly blessed despite making every human mistake possible!