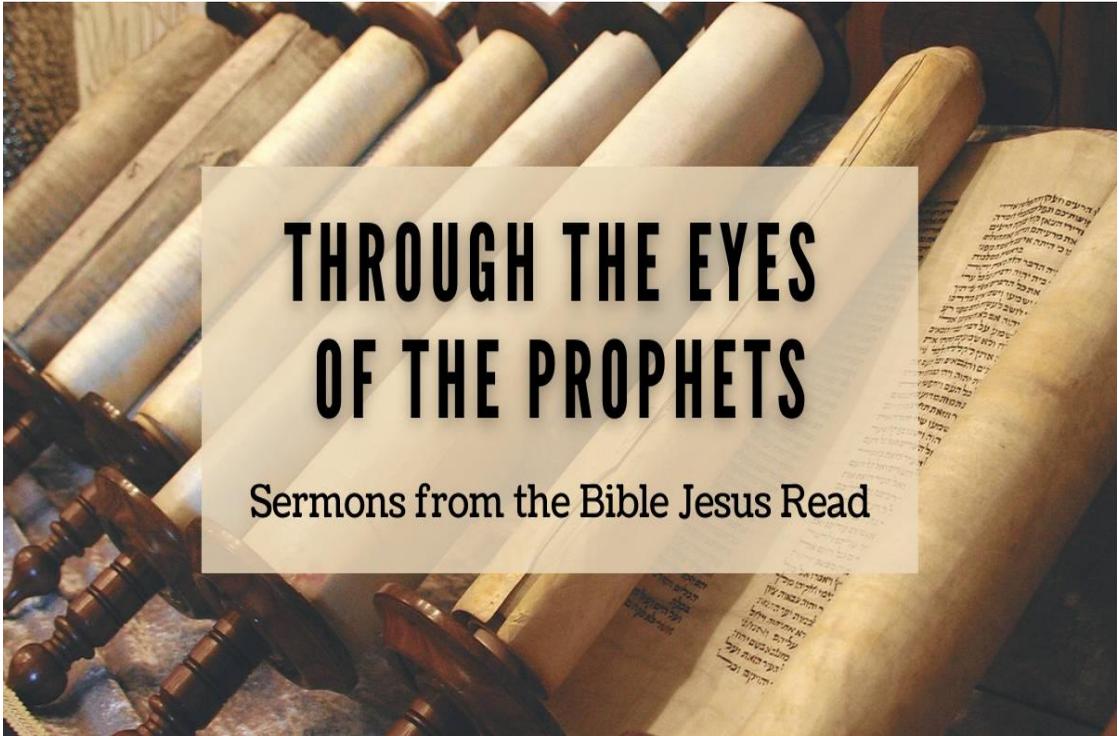




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Micah.

“‘Hope’ is the thing with feathers – that perches in the soul – and sings the tune without the word – and never stops – at all – “ These famous lines from Emily Dickinson aptly capture the character of hope and give voice to that which lives most deeply within us. Since the prophet Micah lived and worked during the Assyrian invasion and captivity of the northern kingdom of Israel, one might expect his message to be devoid of hope. And yet, nothing could be further from the truth. Micah offers hope in the midst of captivity—a hope that we too will see realized one day.

Worship Notes

It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God’s Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.

If you need assistance with anything during worship—including large-print service folders and assisted listening devices—please ask one of our ushers. Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area. Small children can be taken into the entry area, mother’s room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed during the worship service. Changing tables are available in the mother’s room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.

During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or located online at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

Bible Study

This weekend, Rev. Dr. John Lawrenz closes out his study on the Book of Daniel. Next weekend (July 31), Pastor Joel Leyrer wraps up his study on “Strength for the Journey.”

Beginning August 7, we kick off a new Sunday morning Bible study. We’re all called to share the Gospel, but sometimes that can be difficult and push us out of our comfort zones. In “Sharing the Gospel in Different Settings: A Case Study Series,” we’ll hear tips, techniques, and suggestions for sharing the Gospel from a variety of presenters.

We hope you’ll join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. or virtually at www.sjtosa.org/video.

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 23 & 24, 2022

The Book of Micah: God Offers Hope.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

When in the Hour of Utmost Need

Christian Worship 723

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

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.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

God gave Abraham hope that his prayers were indeed heard.

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a

thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 138 (see pg. 13)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

Paul gave the Gentiles hope through his teaching and preaching about Christ Jesus.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11:9

Alleluia, alleluia. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

Jesus gives us hope that our Father in heaven will give us whatever we ask for in his name.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Justice and Might

But as for me, I am filled with power,
with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might,
to declare to Jacob his transgression, to Israel his sin.
Hear this, you leaders of Jacob, you rulers of Israel,
who despise justice and distort all that is right;
who build Zion with bloodshed, and Jerusalem with wickedness.
Her leaders judge for a bribe, her priests teach for a price,
and her prophets tell fortunes for money.
Yet they look for the LORD's support and say,
"Is not the LORD among us? No disaster will come upon us."
Therefore because of you, Zion will be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem will become a heap of rubble,
the temple hill a mound overgrown with thickets.

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple
will be established as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills, and peoples will stream to it.
Many nations will come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."
The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.
Everyone will sit under their own vine and under their own fig tree,
and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken.
All the nations may walk in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

O God, our kind and benevolent Father, we thank and praise you for the many undeserved blessings you continually shower upon us.

It is only by your grace that we who are by nature sinful can stand fully acceptable in your sight.

Your grace makes us righteous through the blood of Christ. You sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts with the gospel message of forgiveness and caused us to believe it to the salvation of our souls.

Keep us always mindful of your free and full salvation. Fill our hearts with a living faith that cannot be shaken.

Through the Holy Spirit, give us grace to follow the example of your love. Enable us to be kind and considerate toward others in their individual needs.

When faced with opportunities to witness your saving grace to others, give us the words to speak so that we do not remain silent.

Open our hearts to give generously to the cause of Christian missions so that your gospel of grace may be preached throughout the world.

Bless us richly with your grace so that our lives may be filled with good works – the fruit of the Spirit.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

To you, O heavenly Father, we bring our prayers and praise. May they be acceptable in your sight through the sacrifice of your Son, our Savior.

We come before you with all that we are and have. Use us for your holy purposes. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. All worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder). Physical offerings and Connection Cards can be left in the basket on your way out of church. To submit your offering electronically or fill out a Connection Card online, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Hymn

Before the Throne of God Above
Christian Worship 561

Please stand

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
Christian Worship 849

Announcements

Teen Mission Trip Video

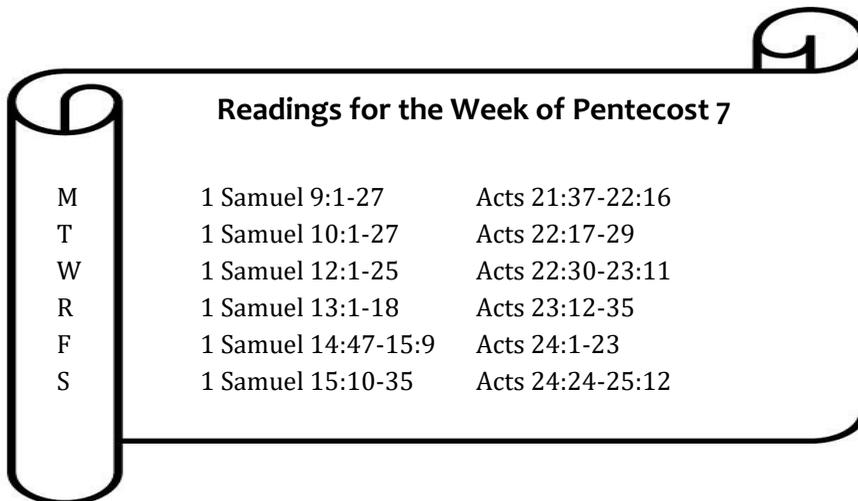
Postlude

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 7		
M	1 Samuel 9:1-27	Acts 21:37-22:16
T	1 Samuel 10:1-27	Acts 22:17-29
W	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Acts 22:30-23:11
R	1 Samuel 13:1-18	Acts 23:12-35
F	1 Samuel 14:47-15:9	Acts 24:1-23
S	1 Samuel 15:10-35	Acts 24:24-25:12

Psalm 138



1 My in - most heart now rais - es a song of thanks, O LORD,
2 Your stead - fast love en - fold - ed my ev - 'ry step, O LORD,
3 On path - ways filled with sor - row, LORD, you pre - serve my life.



and her - alds forth your prais - es where an - gel hymns are heard.
for high - ly you ex - alt - ed your ho - ly name and Word.
You will a - venge to - mor - row all those who bring me strife.



Your peo - ple now as - sem - ble to glo - ri - fy your name;
Up - on your grace re - ly - ing, I cried out des - p'rate - ly,
Your right hand will de - liv - er, you will ful - fill your word;



they gath - er in your tem - ple your hon - or to pro - claim.
and you, in love re - ply - ing, have an - swered all my plea.
your stead - fast love for - ev - er is firm and sure, O LORD.

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Serving at Worship

Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

Musicians

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by Steve and Jen Wolf in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary and in celebration of Zach's 6th birthday.

In Our Prayers

- Pastor Eric Schroeder, as he deliberates the call he received last week to serve as missionary and pastor for a new church start-up in Windsor, Colorado.
- Grace Cleary, daughter of Kyle Cleary and Jamie Rick, who was baptized in a private ceremony on Saturday.
- Tom Wiedenhoef and Ruth Neeck, both released from recent hospital stays and recuperating at home.
- Lois Gleason, who completed her radiation regiment this week and received a positive prognosis.

Parents' Preview for July 31

The Parents' Preview highlights an aspect of next week's service: a liturgical song, a Psalm refrain, or a hymn stanza. Our hope and prayer is that parents will teach this portion of the service to their children at home during the week so that children can participate more fully in the worship service.

“Glory to God”

After receiving forgiveness in the absolution, the congregation responds by praising the goodness of God and his eternal Word in the Gloria. This refrain is based on the song of the angels on the night of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:14.

Glo-ry to God in the high - est!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God

in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!

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The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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