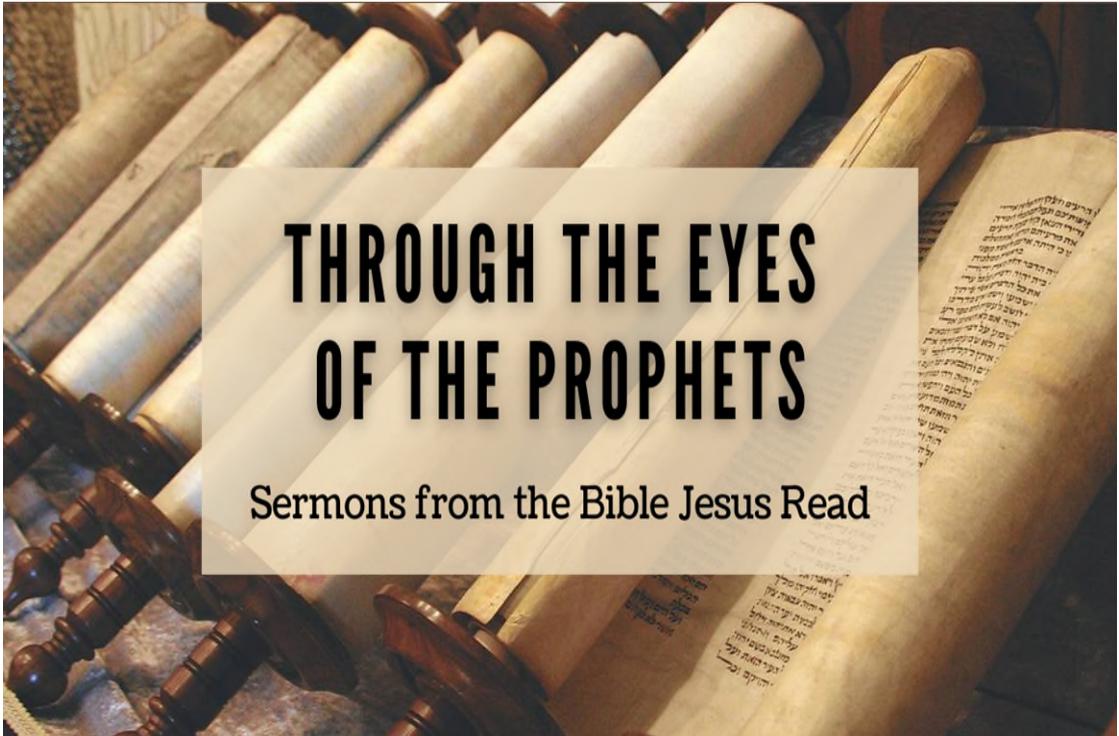




St. John's Lutheran Church

Rooted and Growing: In Christ. In Community.



THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PROPHETS

Sermons from the Bible Jesus Read

Welcome to Worship!

This weekend, we continue our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Nahum. We are also blessed by our musicians in this instrumental service.

Wars. Recession. Pandemic. Supply shortages. Much of life today feels out of control—so many bad things are happening, and we’re mostly powerless to do anything to stop them. The recipients of Nahum’s prophecy likely felt the same way: Assyria was growing in strength, and the little nation of Israel was mostly powerless to do anything to stop them. But throughout his prophecy, Nahum reassured his hearers that God was in control. Even though Assyria looked like they were running unchecked, God would eventually destroy them—just as he will ultimately do to all the forces of this world that stand in the way of his plans.

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

Our Sunday morning Bible study on passages of comfort and hope concludes today. God has given us his Word to strengthen and comfort us as we make our way through this pilgrimage we call life. Join us as Pastor Leyrer leads us through the second half of a discussion-based study on the context, meaning, and personal significance of selected Scripture passages that Christians can turn to again and again.

Next week, we’ll hear from Jeff Ulman, the director of Kingdom Workers Construction, who will be kicking off a new study on “Sharing the Gospel in Different Settings: A Case Study Series.” In this series that runs through August 28, we’ll hear tips, techniques, and suggestions for sharing the Gospel from a variety of presenters.

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30 & 31, 2022

The Book of Nahum: God Is In Control.

Prelude

This Is My Father's World
arranged by Lloyd Larson

Speak, O Lord
arranged by Lloyd Larson

When Morning Guilds the Sky
arranged by Lloyd Larson

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Come Away from Rush and Hurry
Christian Worship 913

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

Kyrie

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. **Refrain (stanza 1)**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. **Refrain (stanza 2)**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood. **Refrain (stanza 3)**

Refrain



1. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
2. Chri - ste e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,
3. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, e - le - i - son,



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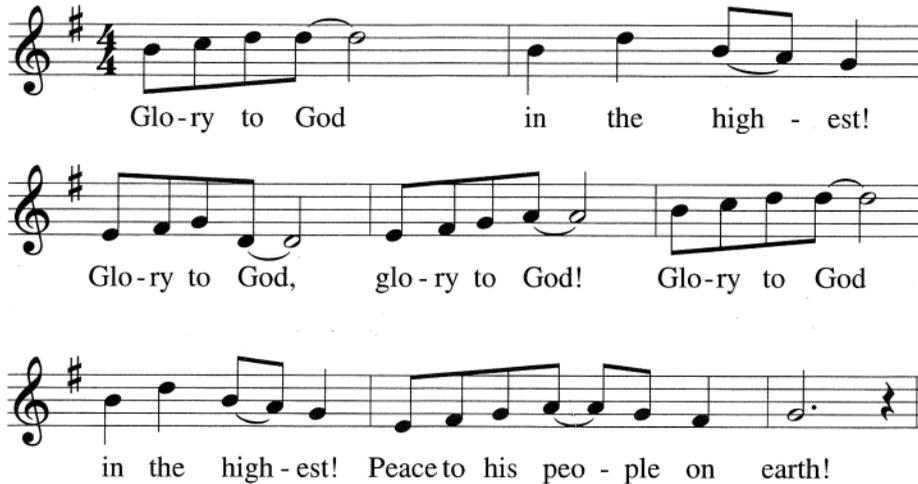
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrains.

Refrain



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the refrain: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est!'. The second staff continues the melody: 'Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God! Glo-ry to God'. The third staff concludes the refrain: 'in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!'. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **Refrain (sung twice)**

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; 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

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2,12-14; 2:18-26

Although life on this earth may seem meaningless, God is ultimately in control.

The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher.

“Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to study and to explore by wisdom all that is done under the heavens. What a heavy burden God has laid on mankind! I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless. So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun. For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune. What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.

A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90

Refrain



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!



Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Tone



Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."

A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–11

We are called to set our mind on things above and be reminded that God is ultimately in control.

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 6:20,21

Alleluia, alleluia. Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 12:13–21

Although the rich man planned how to use his wealth, God was ultimately in control.

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Christian Worship 820

Sermon

Nahum 1:12-15

Theme

“Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be destroyed and pass away.
Although I have afflicted you, Judah, I will afflict you no more.
Now I will break their yoke from your neck and tear your shackles away.”

The LORD has given a command concerning you, Nineveh:

“You will have no descendants to bear your name.

I will destroy the images and idols that are in the temple of your gods.

I will prepare your grave, for you are vile.”

Look, there on the mountains,

the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace!

Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows.

No more will the wicked invade you;

they will be completely destroyed.

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

Father, we thank you that you have released us from the law and that we now belong to Christ.
Help us to always serve you in the new life of the Spirit and bear fruit for you.

Father, we thank you for all that you do to provide us with our daily bread. Be with those who work to grow the fruits of the earth that you have given us for food.
Give them favorable weather and a successful harvest. Allow the fruits of their labor to provide for the needs of the many who rely on them.

Father, we thank you for our nation and the many freedoms that you have provided for us here. Guide our leaders to serve us with integrity.
Be with those who defend our freedoms in the armed forces, as well as those who protect our freedoms closer to home.

Father, we thank you for the seasons and the means to travel the earth that you have given us. Keep safe all who journey, whether by land, sea, or air.
Bring them safely to their destinations and see them safely home again.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Father, we thank you for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us. We join our prayer with their unending prayers before your throne.
**Bring us one day with them to the feast of joy that has no end in the kingdom of your Son.
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

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing
Christian Worship 827

Please stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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

Abide, O Dearest Jesus
Christian Worship 924

Announcements

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
arranged by Lloyd Larson

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Becky Rehborg, alto saxophone & clarinet
Kathryn Hendee, French horn
Kristi Meyer & Katie Wierer, handbells

In Our Prayers

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Parents' Preview for August 7

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.

"By Faith" Refrain

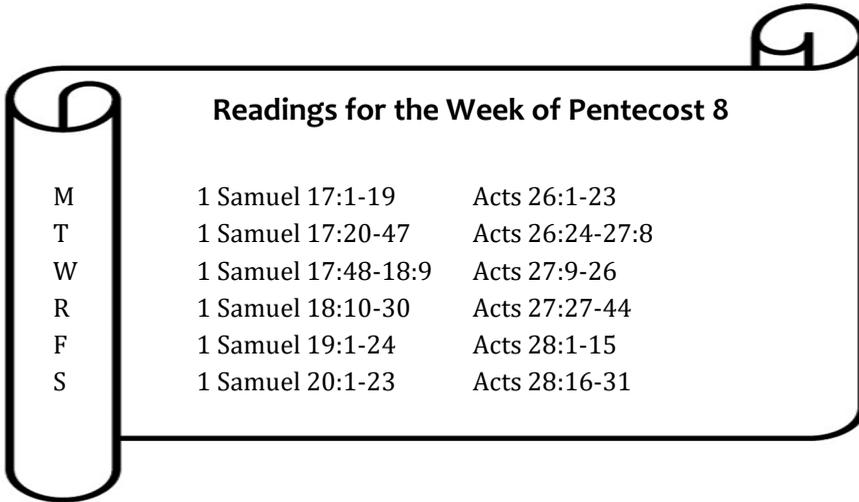
Christian Worship 868

Refrain



We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our
eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the
work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Readings for the Week of Pentecost 8

M	1 Samuel 17:1-19	Acts 26:1-23
T	1 Samuel 17:20-47	Acts 26:24-27:8
W	1 Samuel 17:48-18:9	Acts 27:9-26
R	1 Samuel 18:10-30	Acts 27:27-44
F	1 Samuel 19:1-24	Acts 28:1-15
S	1 Samuel 20:1-23	Acts 28:16-31

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

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Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

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