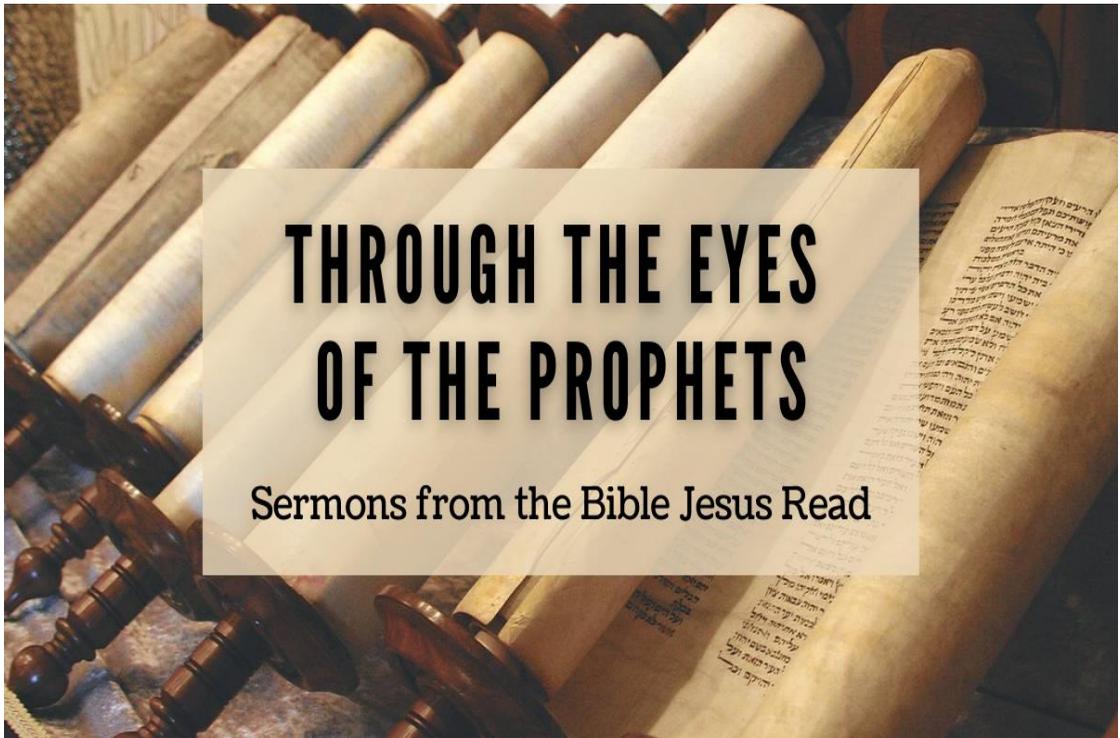




St. John's Lutheran Church

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 Zephaniah.

As Lutherans, we're used to the story of the Reformation, Martin Luther's rediscovery of the truths of God's Word, and a return to the pure gospel. But are you as familiar with the story of King Josiah in the Old Testament? In the eighteenth year of his reign, the Book of the Law was found during the restoration of the temple, and Josiah repented and attempted to rid Judah of foreign gods and idols. Further purification was still required, however: purification foretold by Zephaniah, purification at the hands of the Babylonians to purge the evil from Jerusalem, purification that appeared harsh but was for Judah's own good. We too do well to look for God's purification in our lives today.

## **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](http://www.sjtosa.org/Connect)). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.

## **Bible Study**

Our Bible study on "Sharing the Gospel in Different Settings: A Case Study Series" continues this morning. This week, we welcome Rev. Phil Henselin, the Executive Director of Institutional Ministries. Institutional Ministries is a nonprofit organization established in 1901 that carries out behind-the-walls ministry throughout the Midwest. They focus on four main areas: correctional care (jails and prisons), extended care (nursing homes, rehab centers, and hospice facilities), health care (hospitals and mental health facilities), and caring support (ministering to those with addiction, depression, PTSD, and moral injury).

# The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 13 & 14, 2022

The Book of Zephaniah: God Purifies

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

*Christian Worship 689*

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.**

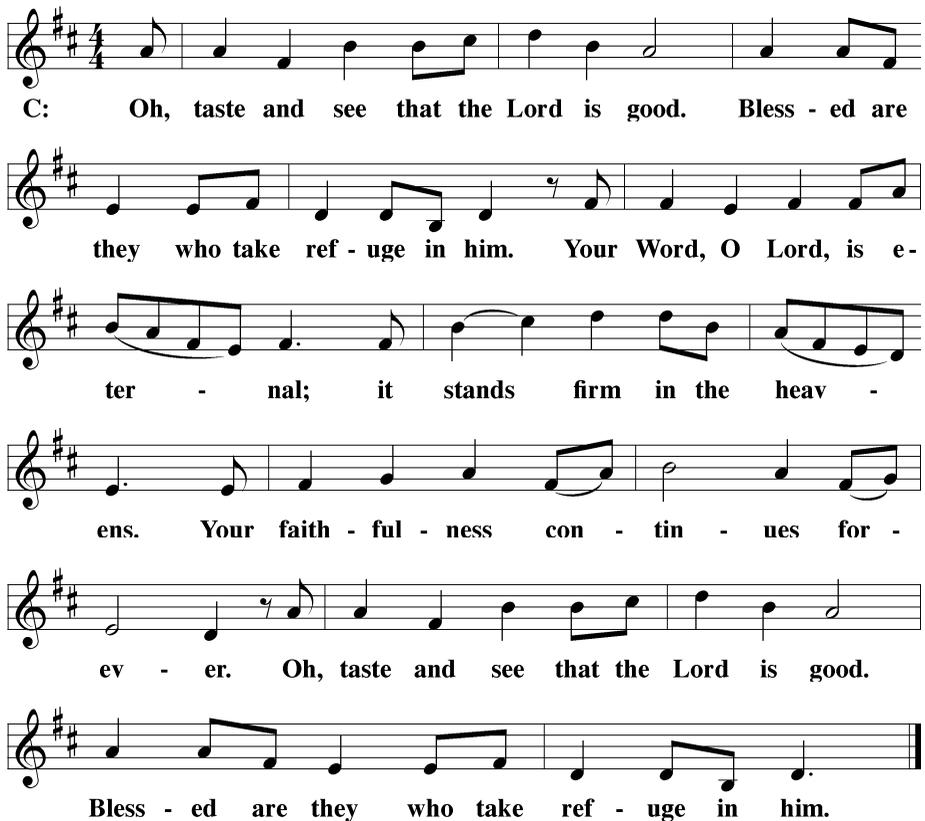
*Silence for meditation and reflection*

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.**

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

## O Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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

Jeremiah 23:23–29

*The Word of the LORD divides what is true from what is false.*

“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away?  
Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD.  
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD.

“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 4 (see pg. 10)

## Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1–13

*Fixing our eyes on Jesus allows us to divide what is true from what is false.*

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, 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. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,  
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,  
because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,  
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

1 Corinthians 15:58

Alleluia, alleluia. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

Luke 12:49–53

*Dividing what is true from what is false will cause division even in families.*

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

### **Hymn of the Day**

O Holy Spirit, Enter In  
*Christian Worship 590*

**He Will Restore**

Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy.  
The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm.  
On that day they will say to Jerusalem,  
“Do not fear, Zion; do not let your hands hang limp.  
The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves.  
He will take great delight in you;  
    in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.”  
“I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals,  
    which is a burden and reproach for you.  
At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you.  
I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles.  
I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame.  
At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home.  
I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth  
    when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the LORD.

*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**

*The minister says the Prayer of the Church*

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](http://www.sjtosa.org/offering).*



## Hymn

O Lord, Take Pity Once You've Seen  
Christian Worship 865

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**

Triune God, O Be Our Stay  
*Christian Worship 482*

**WELS Connection**

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**Announcements**

**Postlude**

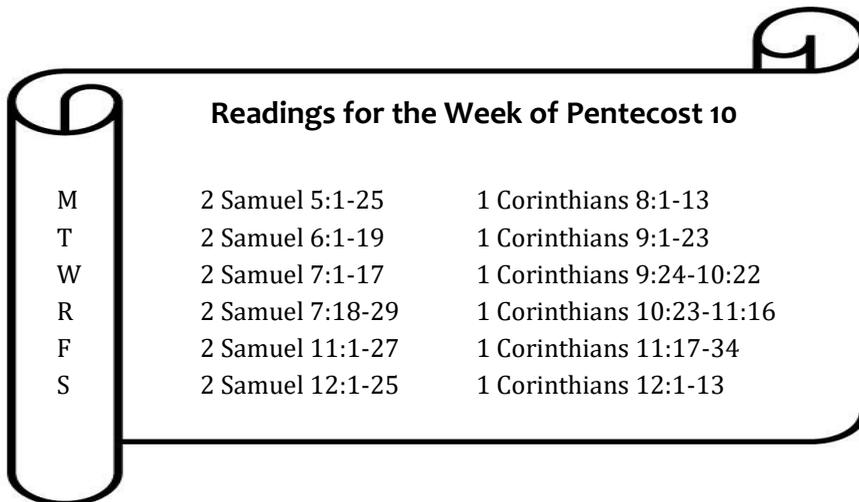
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**Readings for the Week of Pentecost 10**

M	2 Samuel 5:1-25	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
T	2 Samuel 6:1-19	1 Corinthians 9:1-23
W	2 Samuel 7:1-17	1 Corinthians 9:24-10:22
R	2 Samuel 7:18-29	1 Corinthians 10:23-11:16
F	2 Samuel 11:1-27	1 Corinthians 11:17-34
S	2 Samuel 12:1-25	1 Corinthians 12:1-13

## Psalm 4

### Refrain



An-swer me when I call, my God; you a-lone keep my life se-cure.

### Tone



Answer me when I / call to you,  
my / righteous God.  
Give me relief from / my distress;  
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. *Refrain*

Tremble and / do not sin;  
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.  
Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous  
and trust / in the LORD. *Refrain*

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us pros- / perity?"  
Let the light of your face / shine on us.  
In peace I will lie / down and sleep,  
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.  
**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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## Serving at Worship

### Minister

Pastor Eric Schroeder

### Musicians

Carmen Rupprecht, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe, organ (Sunday)

## In Our Prayers

- Dennis Anderson, recovering at home from successful cancer surgery but also in need of an additional corrective surgery (yet to be scheduled) due to complications.

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Worship in Chinese

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