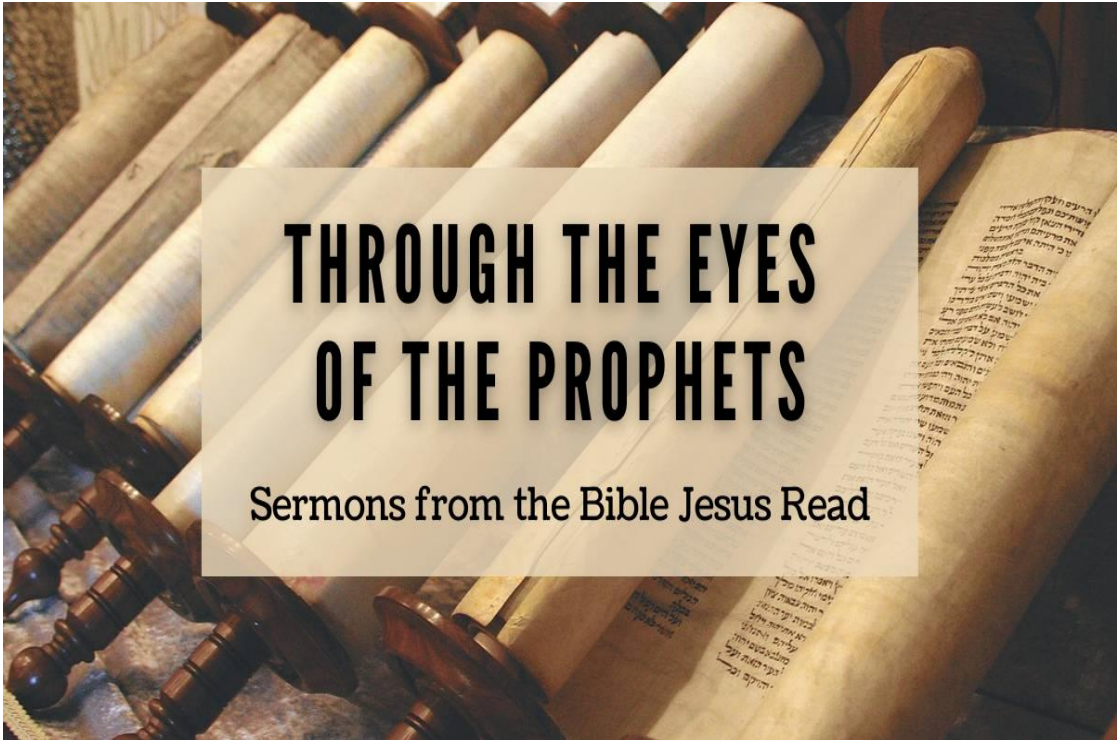




St. John's Lutheran Church

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 begin to wrap up our summer sermon series on the Minor Prophets with a focus on the prophet Zechariah.

We've been hearing more about war lately--but other than some economic ramifications, it hasn't really affected our everyday lives all that much. In contrast, the people hearing Zechariah's message were very familiar with war and its consequences. The Babylonians had laid waste to their land, and the Israelites were struggling to rebuild. But God promised that he would bring peace, they wouldn't have to rebuild on their own. And this peace wouldn't be limited to the Israelites--it would extend to the ends of the earth, and it's a peace that we'll also get to experience 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](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" finishes up this morning. To close out this series, we welcome Peter Georgson, the Executive Director of WELS Lutherans for Life. Lutherans for Life seeks to be the first choice for women considering abortion in the Greater Milwaukee area by providing real help and real hope.

After a two-week hiatus for Labor Day and Unity Sunday, Bible study will resume on Sunday, September 18. Watch for more information on our fall schedule of classes coming soon!

# The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 27 & 28, 2022

The Book of Zechariah: God Rebuilds the Fallen.

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### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Please stand to sing the final stanza*

God Himself Is Present

*Christian Worship 917*

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 - might - y God and Fa - ther. We




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



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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 of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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

Proverbs 25:6,7a

*Solomon provides common-sense advice about humility and pride.*

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,  
 and do not claim a place among his great men;  
 it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"  
 than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 112

### Refrain

Light dawns in the dark-ness for the up - right.

### Tone

Blessed are those who / fear the LORD,  
who find great delight in / his commands.  
Wealth and riches are in their / houses,  
and their righteousness endures for- / ever. *Refrain*

Surely the righteous will never be / shaken;  
they will be remembered for- / ever.  
Their hearts are secure, they will / have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph / on their foes.

**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

James 2:1–13

*When considering how to treat others,  
we should remember to be humble rather than giving way to pride.*

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Luke 14:11

Alleluia, alleluia. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 14:1,7–14

*Jesus' parable shows us how to be humble rather than giving way to pride.*

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you



will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

Son of God, Eternal Savior

*Christian Worship 729*

**Sermon**

Zechariah 9:9-12

***Prisoners of Hope***

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem,  
and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

*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 Lord our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.  
**We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

**Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

**Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

**Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

**Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

**Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow*

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

Installation of St. John's Senior Vicar Christian Willick (10:30 a.m.)

## **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**

Joyously I'll Praise My Savior  
Christian Worship 611

*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**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
*Christian Worship 617*

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

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## Serving at Worship

**Minister**

Pastor Joel Leyrer

**Musicians**

Megan Bauer, piano (Saturday)

Eric Sipe organ (Sunday)

## Worship Notes

- The flowers are placed by David and Colleen Todor in celebration of their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and by Kevin and Anna Travis in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Eleanor.

## In Our Prayers

- JoAnn Schoeneck, who remains hospitalized at Froedtert but who is scheduled to move to the San Camilla skilled care center where she will continue to convalesce.
- Rita Allerheiligen, whose cancer surgery was rescheduled for this coming Tuesday, August 30.

## Parents' Preview for September 4

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.

### On Eagles' Wings (Refrain)

*Christian Worship 821*

*Refrain*

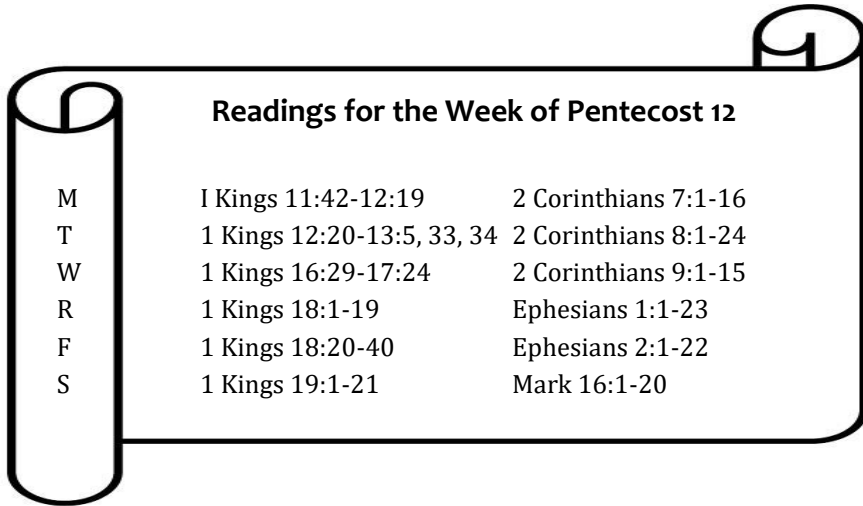


And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Verses*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for the first line of the refrain. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff is labeled 'Verses' and contains the melody for the third line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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 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

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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