



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *Luke 13:10-17*

*February 13, 2022*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Today is all about feeding. We have our annual “Souper Bowl” collection to support World Hunger. We will hear about the ministry of Food for the Poor. In our gospel reading Jesus doesn’t actually feed anyone, but he does break down restrictions that keep a woman from healthy life. May we truly appreciate the abundance of food we have available to us, and may we commit to ensuring that all people can meet their basic needs.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

Please observe social distancing and remain conscious of the need to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In this bulletin is an insert that will be used to determine today’s attendance. It will also help to identify who was here if contact tracing is necessary. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Apostles' Greeting

A: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

A: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

A: Rejoice in this good news:  
In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn* All Are Welcome  
(For music see Hymn 641 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

*Refrain:* **All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.**

2. **Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain***

3. **Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain***

4. **Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain***

5. **Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,**

**prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain***

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*Gathering Dialog* (*John 1*)

A: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

A: In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

A: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by our prosperity, and guide us to use your blessings to the glory and service of humankind; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

*First Reading* Isaiah 58:9b-14

<sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup>If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup>then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 103:1-8 (*read responsively*)

A: My soul, bless the Lord,  
bless God's holy name!

**C: My soul, bless the Lord,  
hold dear all God's gifts!**

A: Bless God, who forgives your sin  
and heals every illness,

**C: who snatches you from death  
and enfolds you with tender care,**

A: who fills your life with richness  
and gives you an eagle's strength.

**C: The Lord works justice  
and defends the oppressed,**

A: teaches Moses and Israel  
divine ways and deeds.

**C: The Lord is tender and caring,  
slow to anger, rich in love.**

Second Reading Hebrews 12:18-29

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the

living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. <sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (Luke 13:17)*

**C: Alleluia. The crowd was rejoicing at the wonderful things that Jesus was doing. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* Luke 13:10-17

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set

free from this bondage on the sabbath day?"<sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Christ, Be Our Light

*(For music turn to Hymn 715 in the Red Hymnal)*

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Refrain* **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**

**Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.**

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.**

**Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,**

**many the hearts that yearn to belong.**

**Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

Response to the Word

A: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

A: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

Peace

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

Special Music



‡ PRAYER ‡

Prayers of Intercession

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*The Sunday school children will begin with a few petitions. You are invited to add additional petitions if you choose.*

*Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

A: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

‡ SENDING ‡

Blessing

A: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Shout to the North  
(For music turn to Hymn 31 in the Songbook binder)

1. **Men of faith, rise up and sing  
of the great and glorious King.  
You are strong when you are weak,  
in your brokenness complete.**

*Refrain*

**Shout to the north and the south;  
sing to the east and the west.  
Jesus is Savior of all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

2. **Rise up women of the truth,  
stand and sing to broken hearts  
who can know the healing pow'r  
of our awesome King of love.**

*Refrain*

3. **We've been through fire, we've been through rain;  
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.  
We've fallen deeper in love with You.  
You've burned the truth on our lips.**

*Refrain*

4. **Rise up church with broken wings,  
Fill this place with songs again  
of our God who reigns on high.  
By His grace again we'll fly.**

*Refrain*

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **God's work. Our hands.**



"That will be, may the Lord forgive me, twenty-eight fifty, plus tax."

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Sunday School Children
Acolyte	Jonathan Buch
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during the pandemic</i>
Counters	Beth and Molly Perdan
Coffee Hour	

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, February 20**

Greeters and Ushers	Sue Kaufmann
Acolyte	Owen Young
Altar Care	Helen Crown
Communion Assistants	Sue Kaufmann
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during pandemic</i>
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann
Coffee Hour	

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