



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*July 24, 2022*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

The crowds around Jesus kept growing larger as he heads towards Jerusalem. Why? It's hard to say. Perhaps Jesus was a source of hope for people who had no hope. Perhaps people were wanting to see miracles. Perhaps Jesus was a charismatic speaker. Whatever the case, Jesus gives his followers some stern teachings in today's gospel reading. He wants them to fully understand what they are getting themselves into, and what the cost of discipleship really is. Being a casual follower of Jesus is not an option!

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen**

### Gathering Hymn Beautiful Savior

*(Music for this may be found as Hymn 838 in the Red Hymnal)*

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,**

**bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!**

Text: Gesangbuch, Munster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, Music: Silesian fold tune 1842

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

P: 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.**

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,  
when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind that you are our God and judge. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3:9-15

B: <sup>9</sup>What gain have the workers from their toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

<sup>11</sup>He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I know that there is

nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil. <sup>14</sup>I know that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him. <sup>15</sup>That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already is; and God seeks out what has gone by.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 65:1-9 (*read responsively*)

D: Praise is yours, God in Zion.

Now is the moment to keep our vow,  
for you, God, are listening.

**C: All people come to you  
bringing their shameful deeds.  
You free us from guilt,  
from overwhelming sin.**

D: Happy are those you invite  
and then welcome to your courts.

**C: Fill us with the plenty of your house,  
the holiness of your temple.**

D: You give victory  
in answer to prayer.  
You inspire awe, God, our savior,  
hope of distant lands and waters.

**C: Clothed in power,  
you steady the mountains;**

D: you still the roaring seas,  
restless waves, raging nations.

**C: People everywhere  
stand amazed at what you do,  
east and west shout for joy.**

Second Reading Romans 10:11-17

E: <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

<sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in

one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Philippians 4:13)

**C: Alleluia. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 14:25-35

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. <sup>34</sup>“Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day* Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak  
(For music see Hymn 676 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Lord, speak to us, that we may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek  
your straying children, lost and lone.**
2. **Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead  
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed  
your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**
3. **Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach  
the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many-a heart.**
4. **Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,  
until our very hearts o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt. Music: Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

*Response to the Word*

F: 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.**

F: 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.**

F: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

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

F: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

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

F: 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)

### Prayers of Intercession

P: 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 pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

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

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

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

**C: Amen.**

### Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

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

†    **THANKSGIVING**    †

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*Special Music*

*Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

Text and music: Handt Hanson, b. 1950, Copyright 1985 Prince of Peace Publishing/Changing Church, Inc.

*Offering Prayer*

P: Let us pray:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Lord's Prayer*

P: 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*

P: The God of peace,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

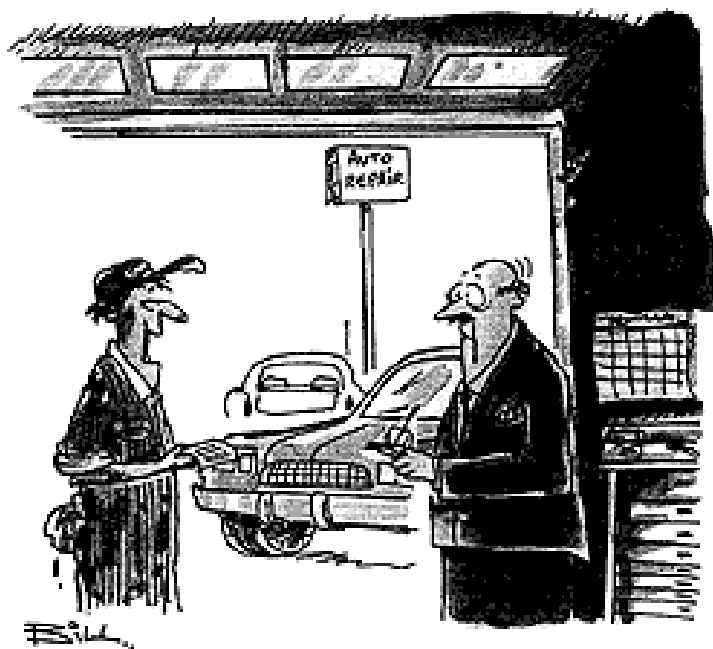
*Sending Hymn* Now Thank We All Our God  
(For music see Hymn 840 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**
2. **Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.**
3. **All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**



"Well, Pastor Tom, 'running the race with endurance' is gonna be a little harder from now on 'cause this just cost you an arm and a leg."

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     John and Linda Thompson  
Acolyte                     Owen Young  
Counters                    Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 31**

Greeters and Ushers     Helen Crown  
Acolyte                     Creed White  
Counters                    Bill and Katy Stimmel  
Coffee Hour

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