



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*June 19, 2022*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

We read a relatively short passage from Luke's gospel today, but in those verses Jesus' teachings appear to be all over the place. They are actually united into one teaching. It is time to recognize God's grace for what it is, and to live into it.

*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

Gathering Hymn This Is My Father's World  
(For music see Hymn 824 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in my thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**
3. **This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!**

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901. Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

## Apostles' Greeting

**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.**

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**

Hymn of Praise Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*(For music, turn to Hymn 836 in the Red Hymnal)*

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,**

**chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
call us to rejoice in thee.**

- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

©Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of the earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

‡ WORD ‡

*First Reading* Jonah 3:1-5

B: The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Jonah 2:2-9 (*read responsively*)

D: From the belly of the great fish Jonah prayed:

“I called to the Lord out of my distress,  
and he answered me;

**C: out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.**

D: You cast me into the deep,  
into the heart of the seas,  
and the flood surrounded me;

**C: all your waves and your billows  
passed over me.**

D: Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight;  
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?’

**C: The waters closed in over me;  
the deep surrounded me;**

D: weeds were wrapped around my head  
<sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains.

**C: I went down to the land  
whose bars closed upon me forever;**

D: yet you brought up my life from the Pit,  
O Lord my God.

**C: As my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered the Lord;**

D: and my prayer came to you,  
into your holy temple.

**C: Those who worship vain idols  
forsake their true loyalty.**

D: But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;

**C: what I have vowed I will pay.  
Deliverance belongs to the Lord!”**

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

E: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an

indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Children's Sermon*

*Gospel Acclamation (1 Peter 1:3b)*

**C: Alleluia. By God's great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* Luke 11:14-26

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>Now [Jesus] was casting out a demon that was mute; when the demon had gone out, the one who had been mute spoke, and the crowds were amazed. <sup>15</sup>But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons." <sup>16</sup>Others, to test him, kept demanding from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup>But he knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself becomes a desert, and house falls on house. <sup>18</sup>If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? —for you say that I cast out the demons by Beelzebul. <sup>19</sup>Now if I cast out the demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your exorcists cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup>But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you. <sup>21</sup>When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. <sup>22</sup>But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder. <sup>23</sup>Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. <sup>24</sup>"When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions looking for a resting place, but not finding any, it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup>When it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup>Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first."<sup>27</sup>While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!" <sup>28</sup>But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!"

<sup>29</sup>When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. <sup>30</sup>For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. <sup>31</sup>The queen of the South will rise at the judgment with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! <sup>32</sup>The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here! <sup>33</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. <sup>34</sup>Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. <sup>35</sup>Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. <sup>36</sup>If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.”

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      Amazing Grace  
(For music turn to Hymn 779 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
Was blind, but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**
4. **The Lord has promised good to me;  
His Word my hope secures;**

**He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.**

5. **When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807; music W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Edwin O Excell.

*Apostles' Creed*

P: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

*Prayers of the Church*

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: We share that peace with one another.

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

† MEAL †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord  
*For music turn to page 35 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer

D: Let us pray. God of abundance:

**C: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus of Nazareth; who on this day overcame death

and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with church of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and the church here in this place and all churches throughout the world, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*(Isaiah 6:3, spoken)*

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

### 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.**

### Invitation to Communion

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

### Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if*

*you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**685** *Take My Life, That I May Be (Red Hymnal)*

**472** *Eat This Bread (Red Hymnal)*

*Communion Blessing* *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

*Post Communion Prayer*

D: Let us pray.

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: 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*    What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine  
*(For music see Hymn 774 in the Red Hymnal)*

**1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms;  
    what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
    leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain* **Leaning, leaning,**  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
**leaning, leaning,**  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. **Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,**  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
oh how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.     *Refrain*

3. **What have I to dread, what have I to fear,**  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
**I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,**  
leaning on the everlasting arms.     *Refrain*

Text: Elisa F. Hoffman, 1839-1929. Music: Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Linda Flood  
Acolyte                    Brody Ireland  
Altar Care                 Helen Crown  
Communion Assistants    Rob Stroup  
Counters                  Bruce Boncke and Art Fields  
Coffee Hour

Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 26

Greeters and Ushers     Tom and Carol Urbanic  
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Coffee Hour

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