



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 3rd Sunday After Pentecost*

*June 26, 2022*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

It's easy to point a finger at the bad actions of other people. In today's gospel Jesus criticizes two groups we like to point fingers at: Pharisees and lawyers. Yet his criticism for them can also apply to us. We want to use Jesus' teachings to open our own eyes to our failings and then more fully live in a way that gives life to ourselves and others.

*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 Come, Now Is the Time to Worship  
*(For music turn to Hymn 8 in the Songbook binder)*

*Refrain*

**Come, now is the time to worship;**

**Come, now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship;**

**Come, just as you are before your God, come.**

**1. Open up the doors to our heart and our soul,  
leaving earthly cares far behind.**

**Come, unite us all to serve you now**

**With love and faith in our mind. *Refrain***

**2. One day every tongue will confess you are God,  
one day every knee will bow;  
still the greatest treasure remains  
for those who gladly choose you now. Refrain**

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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 overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve you people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-13

B: Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

<sup>6</sup>They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

whose trust is the Lord.

<sup>8</sup>They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

<sup>9</sup>The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse—  
who can understand it?

<sup>10</sup>I the Lord test the mind and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,  
according to the fruit of their doings.

<sup>11</sup>Like the partridge hatching what it did not lay,  
so are all who amass wealth unjustly;  
in mid-life it will leave them,  
and at their end they will prove to be fools.

<sup>12</sup>O glorious throne, exalted from the beginning,  
shrine of our sanctuary!

<sup>13</sup>O hope of Israel! O Lord!

All who forsake you shall be put to shame;  
those who turn away from you shall be recorded in the underworld,  
for they have forsaken the fountain of living water, the Lord.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 15 (*read responsively*)

D: Lord, who is welcome in your house?

Who can rest on your holy mountain?

**C: Those who walk with integrity  
and do only what is right,  
speaking the truth with courage.**

D: They never spread slander  
or abuse their friends  
or condemn their neighbors.

**C: They disdain the godless,  
but honor those who believe.  
Before God, they give their word  
and keep it at any cost.**

D: They neither lend for gain  
nor take bribes against the guiltless.

**C: These are the just:**

**they stand forever unshaken.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

E: Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

<sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 15:10)

**C: Alleluia. There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 11:37-54

*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>37</sup>While he was speaking, a Pharisee invited him to dine with him; so he went in and took his place at the table. <sup>38</sup>The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not first wash before dinner. <sup>39</sup>Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup>So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. <sup>42</sup>“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God; it is these you ought to have practiced, without neglecting the others. <sup>43</sup>Woe to you Pharisees! For you love to have the seat of honor in the synagogues and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces. <sup>44</sup>Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without realizing it.”

<sup>45</sup>One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us too.” <sup>46</sup>And he said, “Woe also to you lawyers! For

you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not lift a finger to ease them. <sup>47</sup>Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your ancestors killed. <sup>48</sup>So you are witnesses and approve of the deeds of your ancestors; for they killed them, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’ <sup>50</sup>so that this generation may be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be charged against this generation. <sup>52</sup>Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.” <sup>53</sup>When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile toward him and to cross-examine him about many things, <sup>54</sup>lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day How Firm a Foundation

*(For music see Hymn 796 in the Red Hymnal)*

1. **How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
2. **“Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”**
3. **“When through fi’ry trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**
4. **“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.”**

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 ‡

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.**



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 Arise, Your Light Has Come

*For music turn to Hymn 314 in the Red Hymnal*

1. **Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God  
which shines on you today.**
2. **Arise, your light has come!**

**Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captive's liberty,  
good tidings to the poor.**

**3. Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
bind up the broken hearted ones  
and comfort those who mourn.**

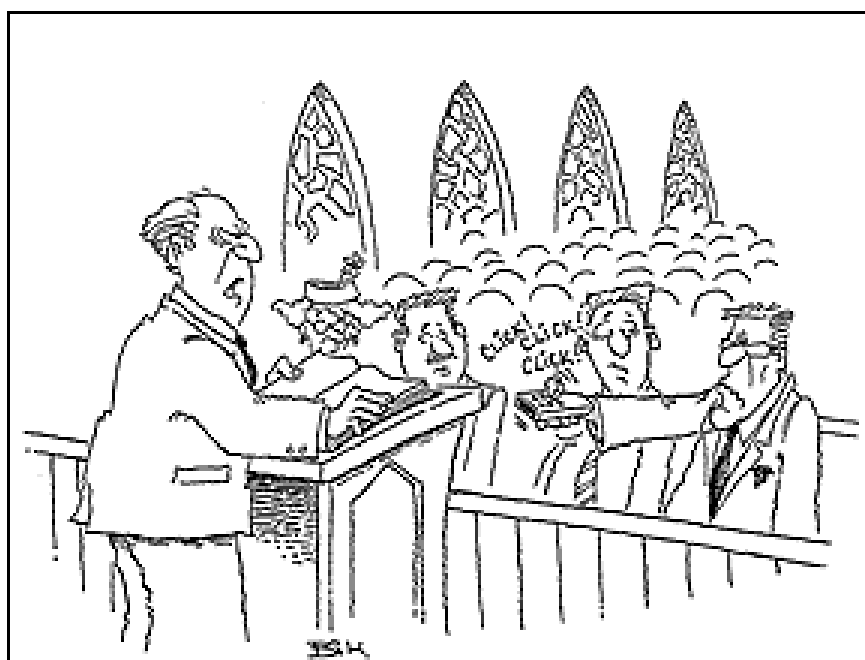
**4. Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God's pow'r will make us strong.**

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**Dismissal**

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**

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



"I'm sorry, Brother Markley, but I'm already fast-forwarding as fast as I can!"

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers Tom and Carol Urbanic  
Acolyte Creed White  
Counters Bill and Katy Stimmel  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 3**

Greeters and Ushers Gary Wood  
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Coffee Hour

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