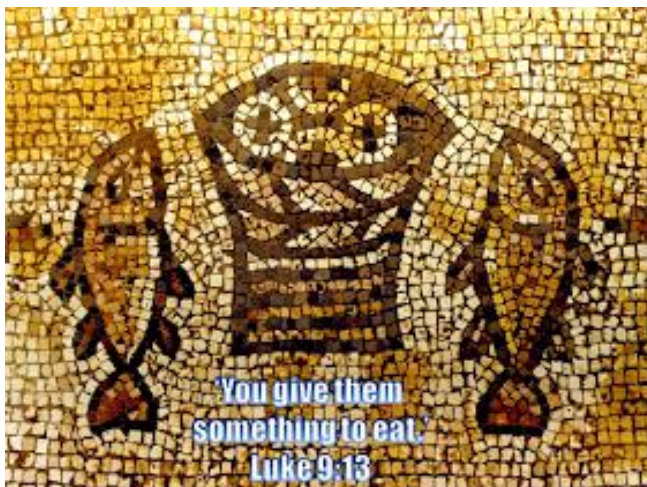




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*May 11, 2025*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Today we return to where we left off in Luke's gospel before Palm Sunday. Jesus sends his disciples out on a missionary trip. They are highly successful! The word about Jesus and the Kingdom of God is spreading and people are responding. With the journey over it is time for rest, but Jesus and the disciples find they cannot get rest. The crowds keep tracking them down. Why are the crowds following and how can Jesus meet the needs of people without them having to keep coming back for more?

*Welcome to worship today!*

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

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is available in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the name of the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the baptismal font or a bowl as we continue.*

P: Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn He Is Exalted

(For music turn to Hymn 14 in the Songbook binder)

1. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,**

**I will praise Him.**

**He is exalted, forever exalted**

**And I will praise His name!**

*Chorus*

**He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.**

**Heaven and earth**

**Rejoice in His holy name.**

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!**

2. **He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,**

**I will praise Him.**

**He is exalted, forever exalted**

**And I will praise His name!**

*Chorus 2 times*

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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 (Romans 10)

A: The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## † WORD †

### First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

B: Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Scripture Poetry Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (*read responsively*)

D: Gracious and merciful is the Lord,  
slow to anger, full of love.

**C: The Lord is good in every way,  
merciful to every creature.**

D: The Lord supports the fallen,  
raises those bowed down.

**C: The eyes of all look to you,  
you give them food in due time.**

D: You open wide your hand  
to feed all living things.

**C: The Lord is just in every way,  
loving in every deed.**

D: The Lord is near to those who call,

who cry out from their hearts.

**C: God grants them their desires,  
hears their cry and saves them.**

D: Those who love God are kept alive;  
the wicked, the Lord destroys.

**C: I will sing the Lord's praise,  
all flesh will bless God's Name,  
holy, both now and forever.**

Second Reading Romans 9:1-5

[Paul writes] I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

**C: Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but from every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 9:1-17

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, <sup>2</sup>and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. <sup>3</sup>He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. <sup>4</sup>Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. <sup>5</sup>Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>6</sup>They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

<sup>7</sup>Now Herod the ruler heard about all that had taken place, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, <sup>8</sup>by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the

ancient prophets had arisen. <sup>9</sup>Herod said, “John I beheaded; but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he tried to see him.

<sup>10</sup>On their return the apostles told Jesus all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup>When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured. <sup>12</sup>The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” <sup>13</sup>But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” <sup>14</sup>For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” <sup>15</sup>They did so and made them all sit down. <sup>16</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. <sup>17</sup>And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Rise Up, O Saints of God!

*(For music see Hymn 669 in the Red Hymnal)*

1. **Rise up, O saints of God!**  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
2. **Speak out, O saints of God!**  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
3. **Rise up, O saints of God!**  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.

4. Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.

5. Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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### 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.**

### 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 and Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

*You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.*

## 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.**

## 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.

*Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.*

*The prayer concludes:*

P: 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

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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
(For music see Hymn 807 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
“Hither by thy help I’ve come”;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand’ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be;  
let thy grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand’ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt. Music: J Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God’s Work. Our Hands.**



**"The good news is you'll stay here.  
The bad news is your luggage has  
gone to hell."**

GOD GRANT ME THE SERENITY  
TO ACCEPT THE THINGS  
I CANNOT CHANGE WITHOUT  
A REMOTE CONTROL.



### **Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	John and Linda Thompson
Acolyte	Elijah Young
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	

### **Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 18**

Greeters and Ushers	Sue Kaufmann
Acolyte	Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Emma Deibler
Communion Assistants	Linda Flood
Counters	Anne Stromstad and Michele Myers
Coffee Hour	

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