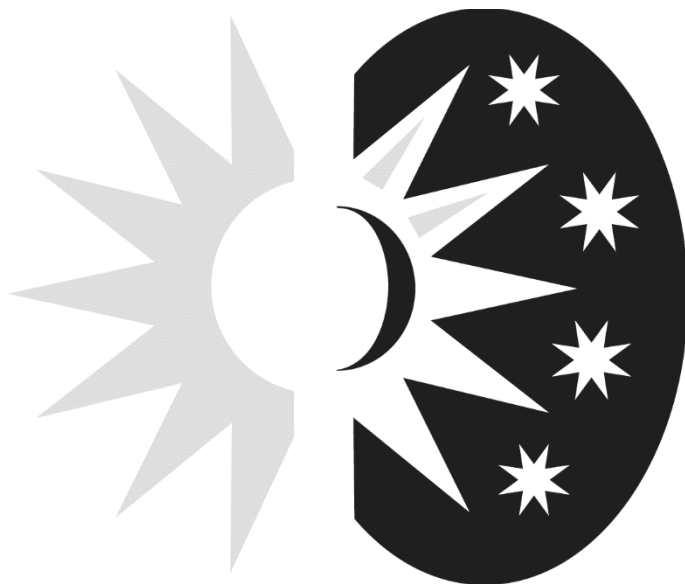




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*May 15, 2022*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Today's gospel takes place in Jerusalem the day before the Last Supper. People are marveling at the temple's grandeur. Jesus gives the sobering prophesy that it will be destroyed, as indeed it was. Jesus also talks about tumult and tribulation and the end of time. This apocalyptic language may seem foreign to the reality that we live in today. However, that does not mean it is a product of the ignorant past, nor that it is irrelevant to today. We want to consider it with care and realize what we can learn from 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 Everybody's Got Something to Offer  
(For music turn to Hymn 55 in the Songbook binder)

### *Refrain*

**Everybody's got something to offer;  
young and old the prince and the pauper.  
Everybody's got something to offer  
in the name of the Lord.**

**1. To the lost and the lowly ones  
the message it is clear;  
we have all got a gift to give  
our hands, our hearts, our tears. *Refrain***

**2. To the believers gathered here  
the message it is true;  
we have all got a gift to give  
in all we say and do. *Refrain***

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### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: In the waters of baptism,  
We have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was,  
who is, and who is to come.

*The worship leader stands by the baptismal font. Water is poured into it.*

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

**C: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gates of righteousness**

**and we pass safely through.**

**In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.**

**You nourish us and enclose us in safety.**

**You call us forth and send us out.**

**In lush and barren places you are with us.**

**You have become our salvation.**

P: Now breathe upon this water

and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,

Our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,

now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise* I Am the Resurrection and the Life

*(For music turn to Hymn 16 in the Songbook binder)*

*Chorus*

**I am the resurrection and the life**

**all who believe in Me will never die**

**I am the resurrection and the life**

**all who believe in Me will live a new life.**

**1. I have come to bring the truth**

**I have come to bring you life**

**if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

**2. In My word all men will come to know**

**it is love which makes the spirit grow**

**if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

**3. Keep in mind the things that I have said**

**remember Me in the breaking of the bread**

**if you believe then you shall live.**

*Chorus*

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*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your

goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## † WORD †

*First Reading* Jeremiah 7:1-7

B: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>Stand in the gate of the Lord's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all you people of Judah, you that enter these gates to worship the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Amend your ways and your doings, and let me dwell with you in this place. <sup>4</sup>Do not trust in these deceptive words: "This is the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD." <sup>5</sup>For if you truly amend your ways and your doings, if you truly act justly one with another, <sup>6</sup>if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own hurt, <sup>7</sup>then I will dwell with you in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your ancestors forever and ever.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 149 (read responsively)

D: Sing a new song, you faithful,  
praise God in the assembly.

**C: Israel, rejoice in your maker,  
Zion, in your king.  
Dance in the Lord's name,  
sounding harp and tambourine.**

D: The Lord delights  
in saving a helpless people.

**C: Revel in God's glory,  
join in clan in clan.**

D: Shout praise from your throat,  
sword flashing in hand

**C: to discipline nations  
and punish the wicked,**

D: to shackle their kings  
and chain their leaders,

and execute God's sentence.

**C: You faithful, this is your glory!  
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

E: [Paul writes] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**C: Alleluia. Encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. Alleluia**

Gospel Reading Luke 21:5-38

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." <sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for

these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”<sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls. <sup>20</sup>“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; <sup>24</sup>they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before

the Son of Man.”<sup>37</sup> Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.<sup>38</sup> And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

*After the reading:*

**P: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Give to Our God Immortal Praise  
(For music see Hymn 848 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Give to our God immortal praise!  
Mercy and truth are all his ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.**
2. **He sent his Son with pow'r to save  
from guilt and darkness and the grave.  
Wonders of grace to God belong;  
repeat his mercies in your song.**
3. **Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
the King of kings with glory crown.  
His mercies ever shall endure  
when lords and kings are known no more!**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: arr. John Hatton, d. 1793

#### Nicene Creed

**P: Let us confirm our faith with the Nicene Creed**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose**

again, in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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*

P: Let us pray: Living God,

**C: you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable kingdom,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has embodied the promise of eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in 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: Come, the Lord invites all people to the table.

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)*

**492** *Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (Red Hymnal)*

**494** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken (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

A: Let us pray: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

*Blessing*

P: God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn* Crown Him with Many Crowns  
(For music see Hymn 855 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.**
2. **Crown him the virgin's Son,  
the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won  
which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose,  
yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows,  
the babe of Bethlehem.**
3. **Crown him the Lord of love-  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes  
at mysteries so bright.**
4. **Crown him the Lord of life,**

who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3,5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st.4. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

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Acolyte	Owen Young
Altar Care	Mary Zuege
Communion Assistants	Nancy Shuler
Counters	Linda Flood and Sue Kaufmann

Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 22, 2022

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Coffee Hour	Confirmation Celebration

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