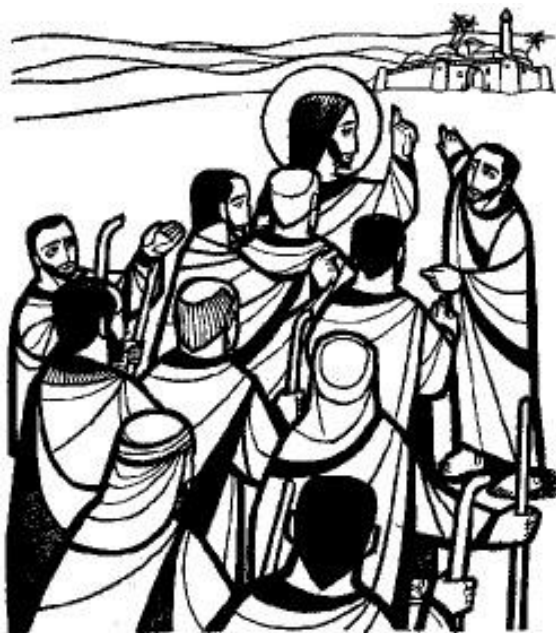




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 22, 2022*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

In today's gospel we read that Jesus has begun his final journey towards Jerusalem. Some want to follow him, but they have other commitments that will cause them to delay. Jesus seems hard hearted as he rejects their requests. It is not so much that what they want is invalid, it is that now is the time to act. Jesus has a singular focus of being in Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Nothing will delay or sidetrack him.

*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*

*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.**

*Gathering 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

*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...

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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 1 Kings 19:19-21

B: <sup>19</sup>So [Elijah] set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 19:8-15 (*read responsively*)

D: God's perfect law revives the soul.

God's stable rule guides the simple.

**C: God's just demands delight the heart.**

**God's clear commands sharpen vision.**

D: God's faultless decrees stand forever.

God's righteous judgments keep their truth.

**C: Their worth is more than gold,**

**the purest gold;**

**their taste richer than honey,**

**sweet from the comb.**

D: Keeping them makes me whole,

they bring me light;

**C: yet fault hides within us,  
forgive me mine.**

D: Keep my pride in check, break its grip;  
I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.

**C: Keep me, thought and word,  
in your good grace.  
Lord, you are my savior,  
you are my rock.**

Second Reading Philippians 3:12-16

E: <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. <sup>16</sup>Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (2 Corinthians 4:1)

**C: Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry,  
we do not lose heart.**

Gospel Reading Luke 9:51-62

*The gospel is announced:*

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

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me

go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”<sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

*After the reading:*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord

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

*Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day* Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

*(for music, please turn to Hymn 802 in the Red Hymnal)*

- 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us  
and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading,  
trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love,  
let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where you guide.**
- 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,  
and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
we shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
shall give way to mirth here after.  
Jesus, here I share your woe;  
help me there your joy to know.**
- 3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction,  
give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in**

**shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die,  
there to live with you on high.**

- 4. Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken,  
Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members;  
where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly,  
living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be;  
life eternal grant to me.**

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. Luthlean Book of Worship, alt. Music: Georg G. Boltze, 18<sup>th</sup> cent.

*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 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: 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 Cry of My Heart

(For music turn to Hymn 10 in the Songbook binder)

Refrain (2x)

**It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

**1. Teach me Your holy ways O Lord,**

**so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways O Lord  
and make me wholly devoted to you.**

*Refrain*

**It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

- 2. Open my eyes so I can see  
the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
and make it wholly devoted to You.**

*Refrain (2x)*

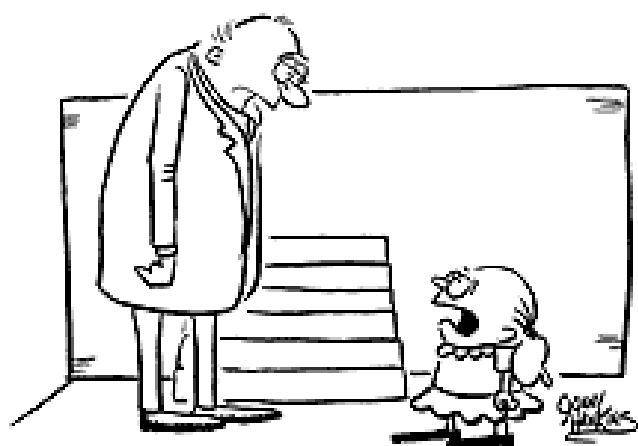
**It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.**

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*Dismissal*

**P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

BAPTISM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING POTLUCK TODAY!



"I'm afraid we're gonna have to wait an hour, Reverend. Mom says I can't go in the water right after a big meal."

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Bruce and Connie Stevenson  
Acolyte                     Brody Ireland  
Counters                    Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 29**

Greeters and Ushers     Mary and Greg Zuege  
Acolyte                     Creed White  
Counters                    John and Linda Thompson  
Coffee Hour

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