



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*April 7, 2019*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Zacchaeus is famous for being short, so short that when he hears Jesus will be traveling by he climbs a tree in order to get a glimpse of him over the crowd. To everyone's surprise Jesus spots this short man in a tree, and then Jesus invites himself into Zacchaeus' home. There's more going on in this story than meets the eye. There are important contrasts with another event that happened shortly before. Today we'll look at both accounts and see what they have to teach us.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

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

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed  
(For music see Hymn 337 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
and did my sov'reign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
for sinners such as I?**
2. **Was it for sins that I had done  
he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
and love beyond degree!**
3. **Well might the sun in darkness hide  
and shut its glories in  
when God, the mighty maker, died  
for his own creatures' sin.**
4. **Thus might I hide my blushing face  
while his dear cross appears,  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
and melt my eyes to tears.**
5. **But tears of grief cannot repay  
the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away;  
'tis all that I can do.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

## 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.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: forgive us.**

**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**

**We have spoken when we should have kept silent.**

P: We were silent when we should have said something.

**C: We acted when we knew better.**

P: We were still when we know we should have moved.

**C: For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, oh God.**

P: People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life – eternal life!

**C: Amen**

*Hymn of Praise* *Kyrie*

*For music turn to page 28 in the Blue Hymnal*

A: Kyrie eleison:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: Christe eleison:

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

A: Kyrie eleison:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Exodus 22:1

When someone steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, the thief shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. The thief shall make restitution, but if unable to do so, shall be sold for the theft.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 100 (*read responsively*)

A: Shout joy to the Lord, all earth,  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
enter God's presence with joy!

**C: Know that the Lord is God,  
our maker to whom we belong,  
our shepherd, and we the flock.**

A: Enter the temple gates,  
the courtyard with thanks and praise;  
give thanks and bless God's name.

**C: Indeed the Lord is good!  
God's love is forever,  
faithful from age to age.**

Second Reading James 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 19:10)

**C: The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.**

Gospel Reading Luke 18:15-19:10

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> chapters.

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

<sup>15</sup>People were bringing even infants to [Jesus] that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. <sup>16</sup>But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>17</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

<sup>18</sup>A certain ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup>He replied, "I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "There is still one thing lacking. Sell all that you own and distribute the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>23</sup>But when he heard this, he became sad; for he was very rich. <sup>24</sup>Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God." <sup>28</sup>Then Peter said, "Look, we have left our homes and followed you." <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup>who will not get back very much more in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."

<sup>31</sup>Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. <sup>33</sup>After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." <sup>34</sup>But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup>As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup>When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. <sup>37</sup>They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup>Then he shouted, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup>Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly,

“Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>40</sup> Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him,<sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me see again.”<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.”<sup>43</sup> Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

He entered Jericho and was passing through it.<sup>2</sup> A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.<sup>3</sup> He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.<sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.”<sup>6</sup> So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.<sup>7</sup> All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”<sup>8</sup> Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.”<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      Jesus Loves Me  
(For music turn to Hymn 595 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

*Refrain*

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**

2. **Jesus loves me! he who died**  
**heaven's gates to open wide;**  
**he will wash away my sin,**  
**let his little child come in. *Refrain***

3. **Jesus loves me! he will stay**  
**close beside me all the way;**  
**when at last I come to die,**  
**he will take me home on high. *Refrain***

Text: Anna B. Warner, Music: William Bradbury

### *Nicene Creed*

A: 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 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.*

† MEAL †

Offering and Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving 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

A: Let us pray: Generous God,

**C: you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. 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 Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

*(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.**

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. If you need gluten free wafers please ask the assistant distributing bread. You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

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

**334** *Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Red Hymnal)*

**50** *In Remembrance (Songbook Binder)*

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:

O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: God, who fills the creation with abundance,  
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,  
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,  
bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Amazing Love

*(For music see Hymn 62 in the Songbook binder)*

**1. My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;  
That I the guilty one may go free.**

*Refrain:*

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,  
The son of God, giv'n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.**

**2. And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;  
But O the blood he shed Flowed for me. Refrain**

**3. And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come wash your guilt away, live again. Refrain**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Burdie Gillern and Linda Flood
Acolyte	Viala Wagner
Altar Care	Sally Mansfield
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Bruce Bonke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	The Shulers - 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, April 14, 2019**

Greeters and Ushers	Jim and Karen Spawton
Acolyte	Hanna Stroup
Nursery Care	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	

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