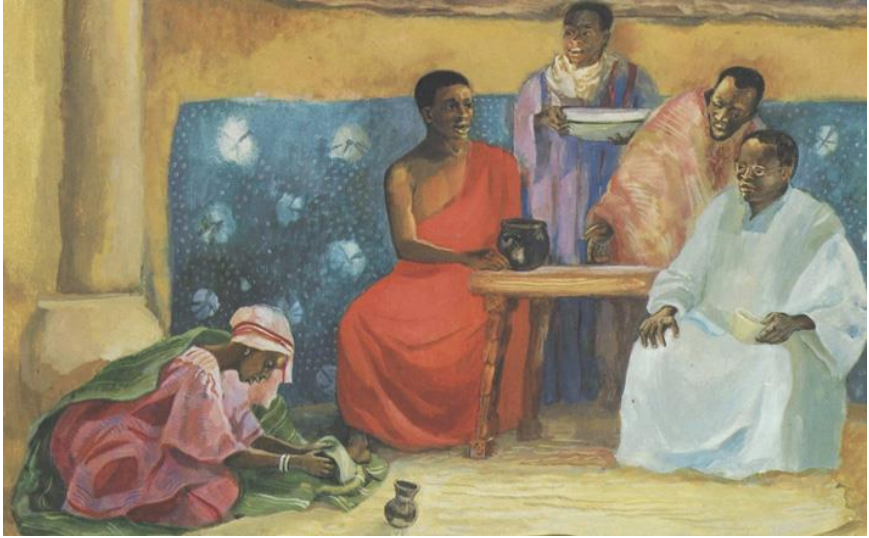




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *Luke 7:36-50*

*July 14, 2019*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

In today's gospel reading from Luke we'll meet two extremes. At one end will be a wealthy man with a city house who offers a banquet for other wealthy people. He invites Jesus too. At the other end we meet a woman who is simply called "a sinner". She comes to Jesus too, although she does not act in a proper way towards him. We know how these stories go well enough to know that Jesus will praise the poor woman and criticize the wealthy man. God sees things through very different eyes than the world. May we develop that same sight.

### *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

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,**

**and against the earth entrusted to our care.**

**We are worried and distracted by many things,  
and we fail to love you above all else.**

**We store up treasures for ourselves  
and turn away from our neighbors in need.**

**Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen**

Gathering Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
*(for music please turn to Hymn 733 in the Red Hymnal)*

**1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness!**

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**Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2. **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain**

3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bring hope for tomorrow,  
blessing all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain**

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Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

A: 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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Genesis 18:1-8

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be

brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 95:1-7 (*read responsively*)

A: Come, sing with joy to God,  
shout to our savior, our rock.

**C: Enter God’s presence with praise,  
enter with shouting and song.**

A: A great God is the Lord,  
over the gods like a king.

**C: God cradles the depths of the earth,  
holds fast the mountain peaks.**

A: God shaped the ocean and owns it,  
formed the earth by hand.

**C: Come, bow down and worship,  
kneel to the Lord our maker.**

**This is our God, our shepherd,  
we are the flock led with care.**

Second Reading Ephesians 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all

generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation* (Romans 5:8)

**C: Alleluia. God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* Luke 7:36-50

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. <sup>37</sup>And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup>She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup>Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him—that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup>Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." <sup>41</sup>"A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup>When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" <sup>43</sup>Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." <sup>44</sup>Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. <sup>45</sup>You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup>You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. <sup>47</sup>Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." <sup>48</sup>Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." <sup>49</sup>But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup>And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Washed in the Promise  
(for music see Hymn 86 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Chaos rages, tears run dry,  
painful laughter, a sea of selfish cries.  
Gifting waters on your head,  
words of welcome, you are born again.**

*Refrain* **You are washed in the promise,  
the cross of forgiveness,  
the mystery of grace.  
You are held in the hope  
and wrapped in the reach of the Savior's embrace.**

**2. The Spirit's pouring joy and light,  
understanding, liberty and sight. *Refrain***

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Apostles' Creed

A: 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 worship leader 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 leader 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

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

Offering & Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

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.**

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### *Offering Prayer*

A: Let us pray: Merciful God...

**C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set many blessings before us. Open our hands to receive them. Open our hearts to embrace them. Open our lives to live them. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Lord's Prayer*

A: 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: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and bound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of God be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen**

Sending Hymn Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love  
(For music turn to Hymn 708 in the Red Hymnal)

*Refrain* **Jesu, Jesu,  
fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.**

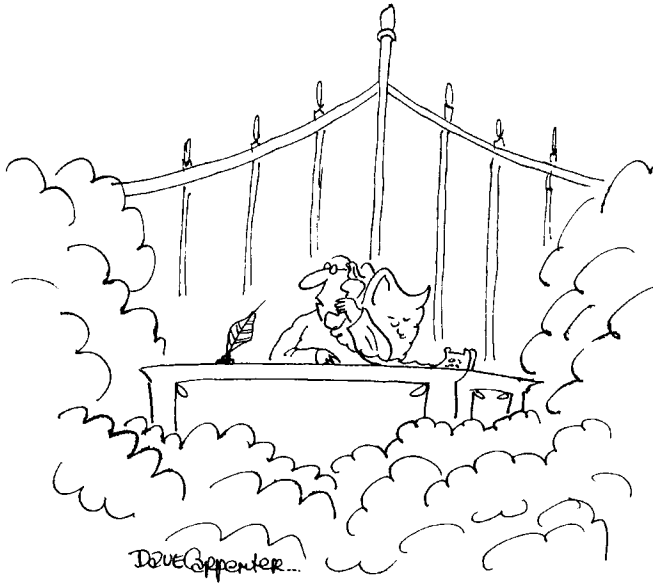
1. **Kneels at the feet of his friends  
silently washes their feet,  
master who acts as a slave to them.** *Refrain*
2. **Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race,  
neighbors are nearby and far away.** *Refrain*
3. **These are the ones we will serve,  
these are the ones we will love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.** *Refrain*
4. **Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
silently washing their feet:  
this is the way we will live with you.** *Refrain*

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



Dave Appender...

"Yes, He's in. He's always in!"

*"I volunteered you as a counselor for the junior high boys' overnight raft trip."*



**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Linda and Al Morley
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Nursery Care	Kristy Bullwinkle
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Mary Zuege

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 21, 2019**

Greeters and Ushers	Linda Flood and Burdie Gillern
Acolyte	Morgan Sackett
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	Beth Perdan and Bettina Kalish
Coffee Hour	

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