



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *Exodus 12:1-28 Passover*

*July 29, 2018*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Passover is the central religious holiday of the Jewish faith. It celebrates the way the angel of death passes over the homes of the Hebrews in the final plague against the Egyptians. The sign to pass over was lamb's blood spread upon the door posts of the house. The Egyptians, unaware of what was about to take place, did not spread blood on their door posts. The Hebrews are told that this will be the final plague and they will be released from bondage to slavery. They are to be packed and ready to travel. But before then, they are to have a special meal in remembrance of God's work.

*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 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life  
(For music turn to Hymn 816 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Come, my way, my truth, my life:**  
Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.
2. **Come, my light, my feast, my strength:**  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.
3. **Come, my joy, my love, my heart:**  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632; Music: R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

## Apostles' Greeting

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: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

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

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Kyrie Eleison

*"Kyrie Eleison" is Greek for "Lord have mercy."*

*(For music turn to Hymn 19 in the Songbook binder)*

*Refrain*

**Kyrie Eleison on our world and on our way.**

**Kyrie Eleison ev'ry day**

1. **For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
for the unity of all.**  
**For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
2. **That we may live out your impassioned response to the  
hungry and the poor.**  
**That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
3. **For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
for friends and family.**  
**For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**
4. **For your spirit to guide, that you center our lives  
in the water and the Word**  
**That you nourish our souls with your body and blood  
let us pray to the Lord! Let us pray to the Lord! Refrain**

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## † WORD †

### First Reading Exodus 12:1-28

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. <sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. <sup>15</sup>Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel. <sup>16</sup>On the first day you shall hold a solemn assembly, and on the seventh day a solemn assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what everyone must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. <sup>17</sup>You shall observe the festival of unleavened bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance. <sup>18</sup>In the first month, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day, you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>19</sup>For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; for whoever eats what is leavened shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether an alien or a native of the land. <sup>20</sup>You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your settlements you shall eat unleavened bread. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go, select lambs for your families, and slaughter the passover lamb. <sup>22</sup>Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood in the basin. None of you shall go outside the door of your house until morning. <sup>23</sup>For the Lord will pass through to strike down the Egyptians; when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass

over that door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you down. <sup>24</sup>You shall observe this rite as a perpetual ordinance for you and your children. <sup>25</sup>When you come to the land that the Lord will give you, as he has promised, you shall keep this observance. <sup>26</sup>And when your children ask you, ‘What do you mean by this observance?’ <sup>27</sup>you shall say, ‘It is the passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt, when he struck down the Egyptians but spared our houses.’<sup>28</sup> And the people bowed down and worshiped. <sup>28</sup>The Israelites went and did just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 114 (*read responsively*)

A: Israel marches out of Egypt,  
Jacob leaves an alien people.

**C: Judah becomes a holy place,  
Israel, God’s domain.**

A: The sea pulls back for them,  
the Jordan flees in retreat.

**C: Mountains jump like rams,  
hills like lambs in fear.**

A: Why shrink back, O sea?  
Jordan, why recoil?

**C: Why shudder, mountains, like rams?  
Why quiver, hills, like lambs?**

A: Tremble! earth, before the Lord,  
before the God of Jacob,

**C: who turns rock to water,  
flint to gushing streams.**

Gospel Acclamation (*Luke 22:19*)

**C: Alleluia. Jesus said, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Mark 14:12-25

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>12</sup>On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?” <sup>13</sup>So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, <sup>14</sup>and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The

Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>15</sup>He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." <sup>16</sup>So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. <sup>17</sup>When it was evening, he came with the twelve. <sup>18</sup>And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." <sup>19</sup>They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" <sup>20</sup>He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. <sup>21</sup>For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."  
<sup>22</sup>While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." <sup>23</sup>Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. <sup>24</sup>He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. <sup>25</sup>Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow  
(For music see Hymn 327 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim  
stepping fearless through the night.**
- 2. One the light of God's own presence  
on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
bright'ning all the path we tread.  
One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,**

one the hope of God inspires.

3. **One the strain that lips of thousands**

**lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun.  
One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love forevermore.**

4. **Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;**

**onward, with the cross our aid.  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle  
till we rest beneath its shade.  
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;  
soon the rending of the tomb!  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.**

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*Apostles' Creed*

A: Let us 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 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 †

Offering & 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

A: Let us pray: Merciful God,

**C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our 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, through our Savior Jesus of Nazareth; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with church of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and the church here in this place and all churches throughout the world, we praise your name and join 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.**

*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)*

**502** *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Red Hymnal)*

**54** *Lamb of God (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...

Jesus our Lord, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

† SENDING †

*Blessing*

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the word of the Lord, yeah  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored

These are the days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Say, behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant, David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are all white in Your world  
And we are the laborers that are in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Say, behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
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There's no God like Jehovah!  
There's no God like Jehovah!  
There's no God like Jehovah!  
There's no God like Jehovah! *(Repeated numerous times)*

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

**Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
Lift your voice, year of Jubilee  
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes**

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*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tim and Liz Brown
Acolyte	
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Cindy Swigart and Adele Garvey
Nursery Care	Kalena Boisseau
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Mary Stiles and Phyllis Henderson

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, August 5, 2018**

Greeters and Ushers	Sally Mansfield and Helen Crown
Acolyte	Hanna Stroup
Altar Care	Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Tim and Liz Brown
Nursery Care	Katy Stimmel
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	

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