



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



1st Sunday After Pentecost

June 16, 2019

10:30 Holy Communion

The religious leaders of Jesus' day didn't mind that Jesus spent so much time with "sinners." They would have been perfectly happy if Jesus had criticized them and condemned them for their bad behavior. The problem was that Jesus loved them despite their failings, and even enjoyed spending time with them! Notice though that while Jesus did enjoy them he also called them to repentance. Many of them did. Jesus called the religious leaders to repentance too, but in their conviction that they were already in the right they were unable to accept his words.

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 Holy, Holy, Holy
(For music turn to Hymn 413 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, atl. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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, 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

Hymn of Praise He Is Exalted

(For music turn to Hymn 14 in the Songbook binder)

1. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,

I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

Chorus

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth

Rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

2. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,

I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted

And I will praise His name!

Chorus 2 times

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in

the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

‡ WORD ‡

First Reading Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 75 (read responsively)

A: We praise you, God,
and give you thanks.
You are present to us
as we tell your wonders.

**C: “I, your God, choose the moment
to set things right.**

A: Though earth and its people tremble,
I secure its foundations.

**C: I say to the proud, stop boasting!
to the wicked, stop it!**

A: Stop promoting yourselves,
pitting yourselves against the Rock.”

**C: No help from east or west,
from desert or mountain,**

A: for God alone judges,
levels some, raises others.

**C: The Lord holds a foaming cup,
pours the wicked a heady wine;
they drain it to the dregs.**

A: But I sing praise forever,
make music for the God of Jacob,
**C: who breaks the power of the wicked
and strengthens the just.**

Second Reading 1 Samuel 21:1-6

David came to Nob to the priest Ahimelech. Ahimelech came trembling to meet David, and said to him, “Why are you alone, and no one with you?”² David said to the priest Ahimelech, “The king has charged me with a matter, and said to me, ‘No one must know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.’ I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place.³ Now then, what have you at hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here.”⁴ The priest answered David, “I have no ordinary bread at hand, only holy bread—provided that the young men have kept themselves from women.”⁵ David answered the priest, “Indeed women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition; the vessels of the young men are holy even when it is a common journey; how much more today will their vessels be holy?”⁶ So the priest gave him the holy bread; for there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the Lord, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

C: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Luke 5:27-6:16

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5th and 6th chapters.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

²⁷After this [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”²⁸ And he got up, left everything, and followed him.²⁹ Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house; and there was a large crowd of tax collectors and others sitting at the table with them.³⁰ The Pharisees and their scribes were complaining to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”³¹ Jesus answered, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; ³²I have come to call not the

righteous but sinners to repentance.”³³ Then they said to him, “John’s disciples, like the disciples of the Pharisees, frequently fast and pray, but your disciples eat and drink.”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “You cannot make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?”³⁵ The days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”³⁶ He also told them a parable: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and sews it on an old garment; otherwise the new will be torn, and the piece from the new will not match the old.”³⁷ And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed.”³⁸ But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.”³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine desires new wine, but says, ‘The old is good.’”

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them.² But some of the Pharisees said, “Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?”³ Jesus answered, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry?”⁴ He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?”⁵ Then he said to them, “The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath.”⁶ On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.⁷ The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him.⁸ Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, “Come and stand here.” He got up and stood there.⁹ Then Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?”¹⁰ After looking around at all of them, he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was restored.¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹² Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God.¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles:¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the

Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Will You Come and Follow Me

For music turn to Hymn 798 in the Red Hymnal

1. **“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**
2. **“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?”**
3. **“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**
4. **“Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: for the greening earth given for all,
for the talents we are given to share,
and for this bread and wine.**

**Transform us to be the body of Christ,
that, feasting on this food and drink,
our lives may reflect your generosity;
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)

685 Take My Life, That I May Be (Red Hymnal)

812 Faith of Our Fathers (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...

O God, in this communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table.

Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: 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 Spirit Song

(For music turn to Hymn 51 in the Songbook binder)

1. Oh let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole. *Refrain*

Refrain: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness
as your hearts are filled with joy.

**Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness;
give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. 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	Linda and John Thompson
Acolyte	Olivia DeLeon
Altar Care	Gary and Kim Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Bruce and Diane Boncke
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Bruce Boncke and Art Fields
Coffee Hour	Father's Day

Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 23, 2019

Greeters and Ushers	Tim and Liz Brown
Acolyte	Tierney White
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	Joy Lethbridge, Ella Schuller, Becky Nohe

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