



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Luke 6:17-49*

*June 23, 2019*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

The gospel reading for today may sound familiar, but you're probably used to hearing it from Matthew's gospel. There we call it the "Sermon on the Mount". Luke's version of this sermon is only one-third the length of Matthew's. It's similar in many ways but also different. We'll look at the whole sermon in our sermon today and see what it means for our own 21<sup>st</sup> Century lives.

### *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 Lord of All Hopefulness

*(For music turn to Hymn 765 in the Red Hymnal)*

- 1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

3. **Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hand swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

4. **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

Text: Ian Struther, 1901-1953; Music: Irish Traditional

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, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>For I am about to create new heavens  
and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered  
or come to mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.

<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it  
an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain,  
or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—  
and their descendants as well.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer,  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 126 (read responsively)

A: The Lord brings us back to Zion,  
we are like dreamers,  
laughing, dancing,  
with songs on our lips.

**C: Other nations say,  
“A new world of wonders!  
The Lord is with them.”**

A: Yes, God works wonders.  
Rejoice! Be glad!

**C: Lord, bring us back  
as water to thirsty land.**

A: Those sowing in tears  
reap, singing and laughing.

**C: They left weeping, weeping,  
casting the seed.  
They come back singing, singing,  
holding high the harvest.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 6:38)

**C: Alleluia. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together,  
running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will  
be the measure you get back. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 6:17-49

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>“Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup>“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>“But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>“Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

<sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. <sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.

<sup>43</sup>“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; <sup>44</sup>for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. <sup>45</sup>The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

<sup>46</sup>“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? <sup>47</sup>I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. <sup>48</sup>That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well

built. <sup>49</sup>But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Beauty for Brokenness (God of the Poor)

*(For music see Hymn 102 in the Songbook Binder)*

1. **Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in your suff'ring world,  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children,  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
Your kingdom increase.**
2. **Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills  
land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak  
voices to plead the cause,  
of those who can't speak.**

*Chorus* **God of the poor  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray,  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love  
from a spark to a flame.**

3. **Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear  
cities for sanctu'ry,  
freedoms to share  
peace to the killing fields,**

**scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.** *Chorus*

**4. Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams  
plundered and poisoned,  
our future our dreams  
Lord end our madness,  
carelessness, greed  
make us content with  
the things that we need.** *Chorus*

**5. Lighten our darkness,  
breath on this flame  
until your justice  
burns brightly again  
until the nations  
learn of your ways  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise.** *Chorus*

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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* In the Secret/Do Justice Medley  
(For music turn to Hymn 59 in the Songbook binder)

1. **In the secret, in the quiet place,  
In the stillness You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait  
Only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.**

*Refrain (1)* **I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.**

2. **I am reaching for the highest goal  
That I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing ev'ry hindrance aside,  
Out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.** *Refrain (1)*

3. **Racing around, chasing idols,  
unfulfilled, empty vessels.  
World on the edge, out of control,  
will we survive, God only knows.**

*Refrain (2):* **Do justice, love mercy,  
Walk humbly, with our God, with our God.**

4. **People broken, falling pieces,  
dignity lost, loving ceases.  
Hopeless eyes, lonely faces,  
Yearning hearts, hurting places.** *Refrain (2)*

3. **Deadly hunger, desp'rate crying,  
Wounded living, children dying.  
Nails in the flesh, piercing fear,  
Why can't we see Christ hanging here?** *Refrain (2), three times*

*Refrain (1)* **I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.**

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	Tierney White
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Coffee Hour	Joy Lethbridge, Ella Schuller, Becky Nohe

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 30, 2019**

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