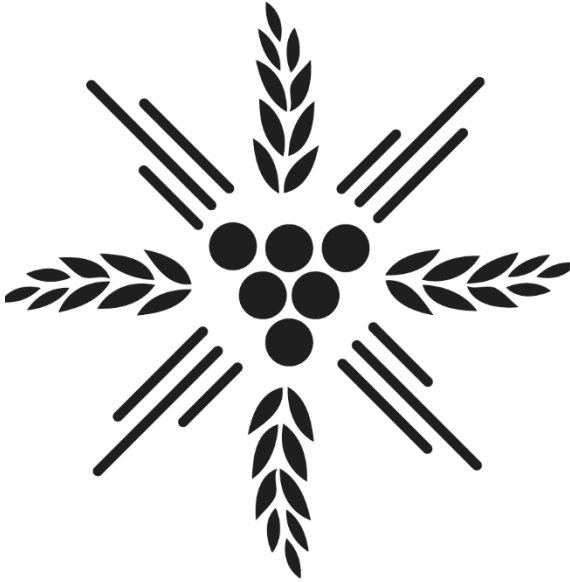




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 2, 2019

10:30 Holy Communion

The parable that we will read in today's gospel may sound familiar. But wait! Keep your ears open. We are used to hearing this from Matthew's gospel, and this comes from Luke. We'll discover there are parallels between the two, and in Luke some things mean the exact opposite of what they did in Matthew!

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 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant
(For music see Hymn 659 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**
2. **We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**
3. **I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**
4. **I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen the journey through.**
5. **Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.**

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*Presentation of Certificates to Students & Recognition of the teachers in
the Children's Sunday School*

Slide Show of the 2018-2019 School Year

Closing of the School Year

P: All things come to an end,
but the teaching of the Lord has no bounds.

C: Lead us in your truth, O God.

P: Everyone will stand in awe and declare God's works;
they will ponder what God has done.

C: Lead us in your truth, O God.

P: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

C: Lead us in your truth, O God.

P: Let us pray. O God, you have called your servants to ventures of
which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through
perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing
where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love
supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We close this academic year in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is
unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you
for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world a fit
habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-20

⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at
Ramah, ⁵and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in
your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other
nations." ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a
king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, ⁷and the Lord said to
Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for

they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 62:6-12 (*read responsively*)

A: Wait, my soul, silent for God,
for God alone, my hope,

**C: alone my rock, my safety,
my refuge: I stand secure.**

A: God is my glory and safety,
my stronghold, my haven.

**C: People, give your hearts to God,
trust always! God is our haven.**

A: Mortals are but a breath,
nothing more than a mirage;
set them on the scales,
they prove lighter than mist.

C: Avoid extortion and fraud,

**the hopes they breed are nothing;
and if you should grow rich,
place no trust in wealth.**

A: Time and again God said,
“Strength and love are mine to give.”

**C: The Lord repays us all
in light of what we do.**

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 62:9)

**C: Alleluia. Give your heart to God, trust always! God is our haven.
Alleluia**

Gospel Reading Luke 19:11-27

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹¹As they were listening to this, [Jesus] went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹²So he said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. ¹³He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, ‘Do business with these until I come back.’ ¹⁴But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to rule over us.’ ¹⁵When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. ¹⁶The first came forward and said, ‘Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.’ ¹⁷He said to him, ‘Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.’ ¹⁸Then the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your pound has made five pounds.’ ¹⁹He said to him, ‘And you, rule over five cities.’ ²⁰Then the other came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, ²¹for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ ²²He said to him, ‘I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.’ ²⁴He said to the bystanders, ‘Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.’ ²⁵(And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten pounds!’) ²⁶‘I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ²⁷But as for these

enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and slaughter them in my presence.’”

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day We Are an Offering
For music turn to Hymn 692 in the Red Hymnal

**We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands,
Lord use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have,
all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you,
we give to you.
We lift our voices,
we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering,
we are an offering.**

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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 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: Risen One,

C: as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has embodied the promise of eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in 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)

75 *Feed Us Now (Songbook Binder)*

9 *Communion Response (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...

Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: The blessing of the living God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you,
keep you from harm,
and fill you with courage.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Shout to the North
(For music turn to Hymn 31 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you are weak,
in your brokenness complete.**

Refrain

**Shout to the north and the south;
sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior of all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**2. Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love.**

Refrain

**3. We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.**

Refrain

**4. Rise up church with broken wings,
Fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.**

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	Rob and Laura Stroup
Acolyte	Mary Ehrlinger
Altar Care	Gary and Kim Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Rob Stroup and Gary Boisseau
Nursery Care	Bill and Katy Stimmel
Counters	Tim Brown and Bill Hagerman
Coffee Hour	Tricia Kolczynski

Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 9, 2019

Greeters and Ushers	Linda and Al Morley
Acolyte	Abbie Bullwinkle
Altar Care	Gary and Kim Boisseau
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Kristy Bullwinkle
Counters	Babette Huber and Linda Flood
Coffee Hour	Confirmation Reception – Church Council

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