



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Day of Pentecost*

*June 9, 2019*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Why do we do what we do? The answer is mixed. We do some things because they are fun. We do some things because we are afraid. We do some things because we are driven by compassion or empathy. And we do some things because we want to show dominance, or perhaps be hurtful. In today's gospel Jesus reminds us of God's grace and the healthy way it shapes what we do.

*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 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
(for music see Hymn 396 in the Red Hymnal)

*Refrain* **Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness  
calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
wind, wind on the sea.**

**1. You moved on the waters,  
you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing;  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

*Refrain*

**2. You swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand  
and you goaded your people  
with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.**

*Refrain*

**3. You sang in the stable,  
you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence  
when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

*Refrain*

**4. You call from tomorrow,  
you break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow  
all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,**

**With bold new decisions, your people arise.**

*Refrain*

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*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...

O God, every day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (*read responsively*)

A: God, how fertile your genius!

You shape each thing,  
you fill the world  
with what you do.

**C: I watch the sea, wide and deep,  
filled with fish, large and small,  
with ships that ply their trade,  
and your own toy, Leviathan.**

A: All look to you for food  
when they hunger;

**C: you provide it and they feed.  
your open your hand, they feast;  
you turn away, they fear.**

A: You steal their breath,  
they drop back into dust.

**C: breathe into them, they rise;  
the face of the earth comes alive!**

A: Let God's glory endure  
and the Lord delight in creating.

**C: One look from God, earth quivers;  
one touch, and mountains erupt.**

A: I will sing to my God,  
make music for the Lord  
as long as I live.

**C: Let my song give joy to God  
who is a joy to me.  
I will bless you, Lord!  
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

[Paul writes] The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a

stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

*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 14:1-14

*The gospel is announced:*

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>2</sup>Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" <sup>4</sup>But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to this.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will

be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*After the reading:*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day As We Gather at Your Table  
(For music see Hymn 522 in the Red Hymnal)

1. As we gather at your table,  
as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence;  
let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story  
till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Lord's vict'ry known.
2. Turn our worship into witness  
in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you,  
bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.
3. Gracious Spirit, help us summon  
other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome  
those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels

**to repeat the sounding joy.**

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## **✠ RITE OF CONFIRMATION ✠**

*Mary Ehrlinger, Nicholas Figler, Katharine Kurilovitch, Molly Perdan, Hanna Stroup, and Viala Wagner accomplished the requirements of the confirmation program and become adult members by making public affirmation of their baptisms. Please turn to the Affirmation of Baptism service on page 234 in the front of the Red Hymnal.*

### **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)*

**403** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (Red Hymnal)*

**405** *O Spirit of Life (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     Rock of Ages

(For music turn to Hymn 28 in the Songbook binder)

**There is no rock, there is no god like our God;  
no other name worthy of all our praise.**

**The rock of salvation that cannot be moved,  
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.**

**There is no rock, there is no god like ours. (Repeat)**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.**

**Rock of ages. Jesus is the rock.**

**There is no rock, there is no god like ours.**

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

### **Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 16, 2019**

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

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