



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA  
He saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid.... (John 6: 20)

## *The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*May 13, 2018*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

We are taught to be humble, but there are times to let our abilities show. In today's gospel reading we'll look at the fourth of Jesus' signs; walking on water. We'll discover that this display of Jesus' abilities brings comfort and peace to his disciples in a time of distress.

### *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

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Just as God's work of creation never ends,  
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.  
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life:  
for water to bathe in, and for water to drink,  
for the rain, the snow, and the water in the ground.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

P: We give you thanks, O God for the waters of this place:  
the Finger Lakes, the Genesee River, and Lake Ontario;  
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,  
for water that gives life to our planet.

**C: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of wonder.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
and for all who gather in this place;  
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,  
for children and grandchildren,  
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to  
whom we are bound.

**C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for water, for life, for grace, for  
forgiveness, for resurrection and for eternal life.

**C: We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.  
Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Shall We Gather at the River  
(For music turn to Hymn 423 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

*Refrain* Yes, we'll gather at the river,

**the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

2. **On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain***
3. **Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***
4. **Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; Music: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

*Greeting* (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.**

*Gathering Dialog* (Romans 10)

A: The word is near you,

**C: on your lips and in your heart.**

A: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

**C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

A: Faith comes from what is heard,

**C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 145:1-13 (*read responsively*)

A: I will exalt you, God my king,

forever bless your name.

**C: I will bless you every day,**

**forever praise your name.**

A: Great is the Lord, highly to be praised,

great beyond our reach.

**C: Age to age proclaims your works,**

**recounts your mighty deeds.**

A: I ponder your splendor and glory

and all your wonderful works.

**C: They reveal your fearful power,**

**I tell of your great deeds.**

**They recall your ample goodness,**

**joyfully sing your justice.**

A: Gracious and merciful is the Lord,

slow to anger, full of love.

**C: The Lord is good in every way,  
merciful to every creature.**

A: Let your works praise you, Lord,  
your faithful ones bless you.

**C: Let them proclaim your glorious reign,  
let them tell of your might.**

A: Let them make known to all  
your might and glorious reign.

**C: Your dominion lasts forever,  
your rule for all generations!**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 145:10)

**C: Alleluia. Let your works praise you, Lord, your faithful ones  
bless you. Alleluia**

Gospel Reading John 6:16-24

*The gospel is announced:*

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

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

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, [Jesus'] disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."<sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

<sup>22</sup>The next day the crowd that had stayed on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there. They also saw that Jesus had not got into the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Then some boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

*After the reading:*

**P:** The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Christ, Be Our Light

*(For music turn to Hymn 715 in the Red Hymnal)*

**1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.**

**Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.**

*Refrain* **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.**

**Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light!**

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.**

**Longing for hope, many despair.**

**Your word alone has pow'r to save us.**

**Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**3. Longing for food, many are hungry.**

**Longing for water, many still thirst.**

**Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.**

**Longing for warmth, many are cold.**

**Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**5. Many the gifts, many the people,**

**many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come. Refrain**

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957; Music: Bernadette Farrell

### 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 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

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 and 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:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and 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: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.  
Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn God of Wonders  
(For music turn to 82 in the Songbook binder)

**1. Lord of all creation  
Of the water, earth and sky  
The Heavens are your Tabernacle  
Glory To the Lord on high**

*Refrain:* **God of wonders  
Beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
The universe  
Declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy  
Lord of Heaven and Earth  
Lord of Heaven and Earth**

**2. Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
And when I stumble into darkness  
I will call your name by night**      *Refrain*

*Bridge* **Hallelujah (to the lord of heaven and earth)  
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Precious Lord,  
Reveal your heart to me  
Father hold me, hold me  
The universe declares your majesty  
You are holy, holy**      *Refrain*

*After Final Refrain:*

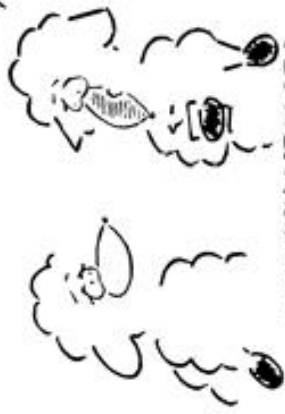
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Dismissal

**A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

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REGARD JOHN 6 AS "JESUS  
REPLACING MOSES"



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SENSE TO ME.



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DEAD?



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JOHN 6:1-21

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	John and Gay Card
Acolyte	Hanna Stroup
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Mother's Day – Men of the Church

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 20**

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Cassie Ross
Acolyte	Katya Kurilovitch
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	<i>Please sign up!</i>

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