



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 21, 2017*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Last week our Genesis reading left off with Adam, Eve and God together in community in the garden. But we know it doesn't last. What went wrong? What is the root of their (and our) wrongdoing? We'll find answers today; and we'll also find that the author of Genesis intended us to interpret this story in a way very different from what we are used to.

### *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 Amazing Love

(For music see Hymn 62 in the Songbook binder)

1. **My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;  
That I the guilty one may go free.**

*Refrain:*

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,  
The son of God, giv'n for me;  
My debt He pays and my death He dies,  
That I might live, that I might live.**

2. **And so, they watched Him die, despised, rejected;  
But O the blood he shed Flowed for me. *Refrain***
3. **And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;  
Come wash your guilt away, live again. *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.**

### 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.**

*Hymn of Praise* I Am the Resurrection and the Life  
(For music turn to Hymn 16 in the Songbook binder)

*Chorus*

**I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will never die  
I am the resurrection and the life  
all who believe in Me will live a new life.**

1. **I have come to bring the truth  
I have come to bring you life  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*
2. **In My word all men will come to know  
it is love which makes the spirit grow  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*
3. **Keep in mind the things that I have said  
remember Me in the breaking of the bread  
if you believe then you shall live.** *Chorus*

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*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and  
on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children,  
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 Genesis 3

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; <sup>5</sup>for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

<sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. <sup>8</sup>They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to the man he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you

return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

<sup>20</sup>The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

<sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God said, “See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—<sup>23</sup>therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken. <sup>24</sup>He drove out the man; and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim, and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 78:1-7 (read responsively)

A: Listen, my people,  
mark each word.  
I begin with a story,  
I speak of mysteries  
willing up from ancient depths,  
heard and known from our elders.

**C: We must not hide  
this story from our children  
but tell the mighty works  
and all the wonders of God.**

A: The Lord gave precepts to Jacob,  
instructions to Israel,  
that the people before us  
could teach their children.

**C: Let future generations learn  
and let them grow up  
to teach their young**

A: to trust in God,  
remembering great deeds,  
cherishing the law.

**C: Not like their ancestors,  
stubborn, bitter, wavering,  
unfaithful to God;**

A: not like the Ephraimites, archers who fled the battle,  
breaking their covenant,  
denying the Lord.

**C: They forgot all God had done,  
wonders revealed to them.**

Second Reading Romans 5:12-17

[Paul writes] Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—<sup>13</sup>sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Luke 4:8)

**C: Alleluia. "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Alleluia**

Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children’s Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day      Touch the Earth Lightly  
(For music see Hymn 739 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Touch the earth lightly,  
use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care:  
gift of great wonder,  
ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**
2. **We who endanger,  
who create hunger,  
agents of death for all creatures that live,  
we who would foster  
clouds of disaster-  
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**
3. **Let there be greening,  
birth from the burning,  
water that blesses, and air that is sweet,  
health in God’s garden,  
hope in God’s children,  
regeneration that peace will complete.**
4. **God of all living,  
God of all loving,  
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us,  
Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently, and making us one.**

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:

**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.**

*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. 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)*

**610** *O Christ the Healer, We Have Come (Red Hymnal)*

**611** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (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...

Life giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: 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 Help Us Oh Lord  
*(For music turn to Hymn 15 in the Songbook binder)*

1. **Help us, oh Lord to do what is right and wise.  
Help us to see our brother's needs that are in disguise.  
Help us, oh lord to feel the pain in our sister's eyes.**
2. **Teach us to live your Kingdom come here on earth.  
Open our lives to treat each person with equal worth.  
Remind us we're family; we're bound by baptismal birth.**
3. **We offer in joy what you first to us gave:  
Ourselves, our time, the very things that our hands have made.  
Receive them all now, this is our prayer in Jesus' name.**

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Gay and John Card
Acolyte	Kelsey Sackett
Altar Care	Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Tim and Liz Brown
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Kim Boisseau and Phyllis Henderson

Worship assistants for next Sunday, May 28, 2017

Greeters and Ushers	Liz and Tim Brown
Acolyte	Joe Wyman
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Don Mansfield and Tim Brown
Coffee Hour	Deb Gregory

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