



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*May 26, 2019*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

We do not live as individuals but are part of our communities and the society at large. We like to think that we live in ways that are fair and decent. But laws and systems exist that do not create fairness and decency. We might be doing something that is technically ethical and legal but is still harming others. In today's gospel Jesus confronts these systems and condemns them.

### *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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the following is read:*

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,  
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you:  
the Finger Lakes, the Genesee River, and Lake Ontario.  
All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.  
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal,  
flowing through the city of God.  
Here death is washed away forever.  
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy 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.**

### Gathering Hymn Take Our Lives

*(For music turn to Hymn 58 in the Songbook binder)*

- 1. You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,  
A holy nation, and we belong to You.  
You have called us chosen, a royal priesthood,  
A holy nation, and we belong to You.**

*Refrain:*

**Take our lives as a sacrifice  
Shine in us Your holy light.  
Purify our hearts' desire,  
Be to us a consuming fire.**

**2. You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,  
Our hearts cry “Father we belong to You.”  
You have shown us mercy, You have redeemed us,  
Our hearts cry “Father we belong to You.”**      *Refrain*

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*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...

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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* Leviticus 25:18-24

[The Lord said to Moses:] You shall observe my statutes and faithfully keep my ordinances, so that you may live on the land securely. <sup>19</sup>The

land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live on it securely. <sup>20</sup>Should you ask, What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we may not sow or gather in our crop? <sup>21</sup>I will order my blessing for you in the sixth year, so that it will yield a crop for three years. <sup>22</sup>When you sow in the eighth year, you will be eating from the old crop; until the ninth year, when its produce comes in, you shall eat the old.

<sup>23</sup>The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants. <sup>24</sup>Throughout the land that you hold, you shall provide for the redemption of the land.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 111 (*read responsively*)

A: Hallelujah!

With my whole heart  
I praise the Lord among the just.

**C: Great are God's works,  
a delight to explore.**

A: In splendor, in majesty,  
God's justice will stand.

**C: Who can forget God's wonders!  
a God, merciful and kind**

A: who nourished the faithful,  
upheld the covenant,

**C: and revealed mighty deeds,  
giving them the land of pagans.**

A: Faithful, just, and true  
are all God's decrees:

**C: each law in its place,  
valid forever.**

A: The Lord redeems the faithful,  
decrees a lasting covenant.  
Holy and awesome God's name!

**C: Fear of the Lord is wisdom's crown,  
wise are those who live by it.  
Praise the Lord forever!**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

[Paul writes:] But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;<sup>13</sup> esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers,

encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them.<sup>15</sup> See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (1 Thessalonians 5:24)*

**C: Alleluia. The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do this.  
Alleluia**

*Gospel Reading* Luke 20:45-12:4

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> chapters.

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

<sup>45</sup>In the hearing of all the people [Jesus] said to the disciples, <sup>46</sup>“Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets. <sup>47</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; <sup>2</sup>he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.<sup>3</sup>He said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; <sup>4</sup>for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

*Children’s Sermon*

*Sermon*

Hymn of the Day **Blest Are They**  
(for music, please turn to Hymn 728 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow;  
they shall be consoled.**

*Refrain*

**Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you, holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the kingdom of God!**

**2. Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst  
they shall have their fill.     *Refrain***

**3. Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart:  
they shall see God.             *Refrain***

**4. Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith;  
the glory of God is theirs.     *Refrain***

**5. Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;  
shine for all to see.             *Refrain***

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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 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

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: 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* You Are My All In All  
(For music turn to Hymn 53 in the Songbook binder)

**1. You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek;  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel;  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.**

*Refrain*

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.**

**2. Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again; I bless Your name.  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup.  
You are my all in all.      *Refrain***

**3. You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek;  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel;  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my all in all.      *Refrain***

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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





"Whoops, Pastor. Looks like now we have stained grass."

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Molly Perdan
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	Nancy Pape

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, June 2**

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

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