



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*August 11, 2024*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Proverbs 8 and 9 personify the quality of wisdom as “Woman Wisdom.” In worship we will explore this understanding of wisdom and see how it impacts our understanding of God.

### *Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are available on the usher's stand.

The Zoom feed for this service is shown in the nursery.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sins.  
*A moment of silence for reflection.*

P: God our provider,

**C: help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world  
in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God,  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen**

Gathering Hymn Rejoice for Christ Is King!

(For music see Hymn 430 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Rejoice, for Christ is king!**  
**Your Lord and king adore;**  
**rejoice, give thanks, and sing,**  
**and triumph evermore:**

*Refrain:* **Lift up your heart,**  
**lift up your voice;**  
**rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

2. **Our Savior Jesus reigns,**  
**the God of truth and love;**  
**when he had purged our stains,**  
**he took his seat above:** *Refrain*

3. **His kingdom cannot fail;**  
**he rules o'er earth and heav'n;**  
**the keys of death and hell**  
**are to our Jesus giv'n:** *Refrain*

4. **He sits at God's right hand**  
**till all his foes submit**  
**and bow to his command**  
**and fall beneath his feet:** *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt. Music: William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

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 (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,**  
**when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Proverbs 8:1-21

B: Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup>“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>5</sup>O simple ones, learn prudence;  
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

<sup>6</sup>Hear, for I will speak noble things,  
and from my lips will come what is right;

<sup>7</sup>for my mouth will utter truth;  
wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

<sup>8</sup>All the words of my mouth are righteous;  
there is nothing twisted or crooked in them.

<sup>9</sup>They are all straight to one who understands  
and right to those who find knowledge.

<sup>10</sup>Take my instruction instead of silver,  
and knowledge rather than choice gold;

<sup>11</sup>for wisdom is better than jewels,  
and all that you may desire cannot compare with her.

<sup>12</sup>I, wisdom, live with prudence,  
and I attain knowledge and discretion.

<sup>13</sup>The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.  
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil  
and perverted speech I hate.

<sup>14</sup>I have good advice and sound wisdom;  
I have insight, I have strength.

<sup>15</sup>By me kings reign,  
and rulers decree what is just;

<sup>16</sup>by me rulers rule,  
and nobles, all who govern rightly.

<sup>17</sup>I love those who love me,  
and those who seek me diligently find me.

<sup>18</sup>Riches and honor are with me,  
enduring wealth and prosperity.

<sup>19</sup>My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,  
and my yield than choice silver.

<sup>20</sup>I walk in the way of righteousness,  
along the paths of justice,

<sup>21</sup>endowing with wealth those who love me,  
and filling their treasuries.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Proverbs 8:22-36 (*read responsively*)

D: The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

**C: Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.**

D: When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

**C: Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—**

D: when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

**C: When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,**

D: when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

**C: when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,**

D: then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

**C: rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.**

D: And now, my children, listen to me:  
happy are those who keep my ways.

Hear instruction and be wise,  
and do not neglect it.

**C: Happy is the one who listens to me,  
watching daily at my gates,  
waiting beside my doors.**

D: For whoever finds me finds life  
and obtains favor from the LORD;

**C: but those who miss me injure themselves;  
all who hate me love death.”**

*Second Reading* Proverbs 9:1-6

E: Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,

<sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

<sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (Proverbs 9:10)*

**C: Alleluia. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the  
knowledge of the Holy One is insight. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* Matthew 11:25-30

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent  
and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your  
gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father;  
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the  
Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal  
him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy

burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*After the reading:*

P: The Gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Let All Things Now Living  
(For music see Hymn 881 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Let all things now living  
a song of thanksgiving  
to God the creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**
2. **God rules all the forces:  
the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We too should be voicing  
out love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise  
till all things now living  
unite in thanksgiving:  
“To God in the highest,  
hosanna and praise!”**

Response to the Word

P: In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C: We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

A: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

A: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

A: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*



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

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

† THANKSGIVING †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving

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.**

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: Blessed are you, O God,

**C: 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

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.**

† SENDING †

Blessing

P: The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn Before You, Lord, We Bow  
(For music see Hymn 893 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Before you, Lord, we bow,  
our God who reigns above  
and rules the world below  
with boundless pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,  
our hearts we raise, to you we sing!**

2. **May ev'ry mountain height,  
each vale and forest green,  
shine forth in wisdom's light  
and its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise  
and joy to raise a grateful song.**
3. **Earth, hear your maker's voice;  
your great redeemer own;  
believe, obey, rejoice,  
and worship God alone.  
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,  
and bow before the Crucified.**
4. **And when in pow'r he comes,  
oh, may then ev'ry land  
from all its rending tombs  
send forth a glorious band,  
a countless throng, with joy to sing  
to heav'n's high king salvation's song!**

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843, alt. Music: John Darwall, 1731-1789

*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Bruce and Connie Stevenson  
Acolyte                     Thomas Bullwinkle  
Counters                    Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, August 18**

Greeters and Ushers     Tom and Carol Urbanic  
Acolyte                     Alyssa Young  
Counters                    Mary and Greg Zuege  
Coffee Hour                Watermelon

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