



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 4, 2024*

*10:30 Holy Communion*

Proverbs is a collection of wisdom sayings from the ancient Hebrews. What was wisdom? Was it being smart? Was it being educated? Was it being experienced? All of these things could play a part in wisdom, but they knew that true wisdom meant living in accord with God's commands and with God's designs. From there everything else would fall into place.

### *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 available in the nursery.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

Gathering Hymn We All Are One in Mission  
(For music see Hymn 576 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.**
2. **We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.**
3. **Now let us be united,  
and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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## 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**

*Hymn of Praise* Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
(For music, turn to Hymn 836 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Joyful, joyful we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
2. **All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain**

**call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

©Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933; Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

*Prayer of the Day*

A: Let us pray...

O God of wisdom and strength, fill us with knowledge of you and sustain us through all things, that we may live in fullness of life, in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

*First Reading* Proverbs 10:1-8

B: The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise child makes a glad father,  
but a foolish child is a mother's grief.

<sup>2</sup>Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit,  
but righteousness delivers from death.

<sup>3</sup>The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry,  
but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.

<sup>4</sup>A slack hand causes poverty,  
but the hand of the diligent makes rich.

<sup>5</sup>A child who gathers in summer is prudent,  
but a child who sleeps in harvest brings shame.

<sup>6</sup>Blessings are on the head of the righteous,  
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

<sup>7</sup>The memory of the righteous is a blessing,  
but the name of the wicked will rot.

<sup>8</sup>The wise of heart will heed commandments,  
but a babbling fool will come to ruin.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Proverbs 10:9-26 (Read responsively. M- Men W- Women)

M: Whoever walks in integrity walks securely,  
but whoever follows perverse ways will be found out.

W: <sup>10</sup>Whoever winks the eye causes trouble,  
but the one who rebukes boldly makes peace.

M: <sup>11</sup>The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life,  
but the mouth of the wicked conceals violence.

W: <sup>12</sup>Hatred stirs up strife,  
but love covers all offenses.

M: <sup>13</sup>On the lips of one who has understanding wisdom is found,  
but a rod is for the back of one who lacks sense.

W: <sup>14</sup>The wise lay up knowledge,  
but the babbling of a fool brings ruin near.

M: <sup>15</sup>The wealth of the rich is their fortress;  
the poverty of the poor is their ruin.

W: <sup>16</sup>The wage of the righteous leads to life,  
the gain of the wicked to sin.

M: <sup>17</sup>Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life,  
but one who rejects a rebuke goes astray.

W: <sup>18</sup>Lying lips conceal hatred,  
and whoever utters slander is a fool.

M: <sup>19</sup>When words are many, transgression is not lacking,  
but the prudent are restrained in speech.

W: <sup>20</sup>The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;  
the mind of the wicked is of little worth.

M: <sup>21</sup>The lips of the righteous feed many,  
but fools die for lack of sense.

W: <sup>22</sup>The blessing of the Lord makes rich,  
and he adds no sorrow with it.

M: <sup>23</sup>Doing wrong is like sport to a fool,  
but wise conduct is pleasure to a person of understanding.

W: <sup>24</sup>What the wicked dread will come upon them,  
but the desire of the righteous will be granted.

M: <sup>25</sup>When the tempest passes, the wicked are no more,  
but the righteous are established forever.

W: <sup>26</sup>Like vinegar to the teeth, and smoke to the eyes,  
so are the lazy to their employers.

Second Reading Proverbs 10:27-32

D: The fear of the Lord prolongs life,  
but the years of the wicked will be short.

<sup>28</sup>The hope of the righteous ends in gladness,  
but the expectation of the wicked comes to nothing.

<sup>29</sup>The way of the Lord is a stronghold for the upright,  
but destruction for evildoers.

<sup>30</sup>The righteous will never be removed,  
but the wicked will not remain in the land.

<sup>31</sup>The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom,  
but the perverse tongue will be cut off.

<sup>32</sup>The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable,  
but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (John 6:58)

**C: Alleluia. Jesus said, “The one who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading John 6:51-58

*The gospel is announced:*

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

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

[Jesus said] I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Day by Day

(For music see Hymn 790 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**
  
2. **Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.**
  
3. **Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.**

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Apostles' Creed

P: 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 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 †

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

P: Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of Life,

**C: you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body and life for the world. 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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Distribution

*Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. We use wheat bread and wine for communion. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer instead of bread please tell the communion assistant. Also, if you prefer grape juice to wine, it is available pre-filled in the individual glasses. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:*

*Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)*

**793** *Be Thou My Vision (Red Hymnal)*

**434** *Jesus Shall Reign (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:

Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own love. In your name we pray.

**C: 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 This Is My Father's World  
(For music see Hymn 824 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in my thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**
3. **This is my Father's world;**

**oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!**

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901. Music: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Tom and Carol Urbanic
Acolyte	Alyssa Young
Altar Care	Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistant	Linda Flood
Counters	Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour	Bill and Katy Stimmel

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, August 11**

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

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