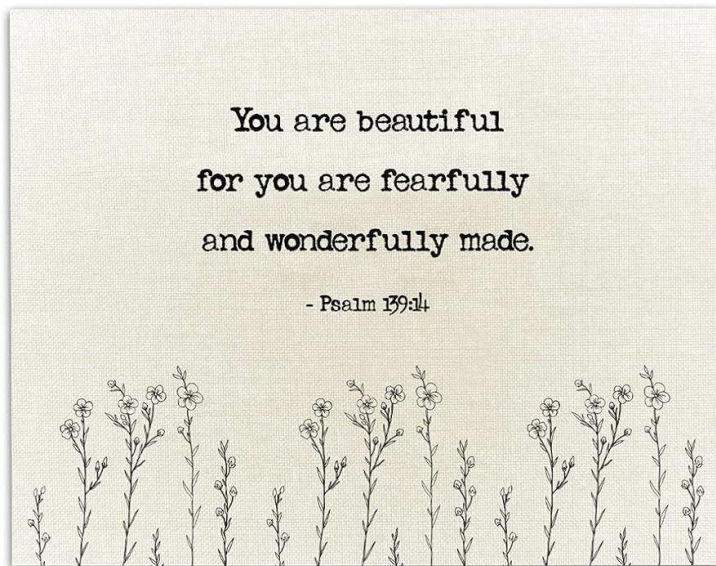




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

10:30 Holy Communion

For July our worship services are based on the Psalms. Today we look at one of the most famous – Psalm 139. It uses rich and beautiful imagery to describe a person and our relationship with God. It causes us to both fear and love God. And it inspires us to always be our best.

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 Give Me Jesus
(For music see Hymn 770 in the Red Hymnal)

1. In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2. Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

3. Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

4. Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

5. And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

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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 This Is the Feast
(For music see Page 140 in the Red Hymnal)

Refrain This is feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his. *Refrain***
- 3. Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain***

**4. For the Lamb
who was slain
has begun his reign, Alleluia. Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that can infect our hearts. Accompany us through struggles and confusion. Inspire us to honor the excellence you have created in us; so that every people and every nation may serve you in harmony; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Psalm 139:1-6

B: ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Psalm 139:7-12

D: ⁷Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

¹¹If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”

¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 139:13-18 (*Read responsively*)

E: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**C: ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

E: ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

C: ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

E: ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**C: ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Second Reading Psalm 139:19-24

F: ¹⁹O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—

²⁰those who speak of you maliciously,
and lift themselves up against you for evil!

²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

²²I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 8:12)

C: Alleluia. Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading John 5:19-24

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁹Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. ²⁰The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. ²¹Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes. ²²The Father judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Anyone who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgment, but has passed from death to life.

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
(For music turn to Hymn 732 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **“I was there to hear your borning cry,
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”**

2. **“When you heard the wonder of the Word**

**I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."**

**3. "In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise."**

**4. "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold."**

Text: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937; Music: John Ylvisaker, b. 1937

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)

459 *Wade in the Water (Red Hymnal)*

456 *Baptized in Water (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 Waterlife

(for music turn to Hymn 457 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Before I can remember, the covenant was sealed
with Father, Son and Spirit, in water was revealed.
The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word;
gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.**

Chorus **They were singing water life, beginning life,
water life, all my life, water life, Spirit life, water life.**

- 2. A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start:
Christ began the singing that swells within my heart.
His love became my calling, His life my ministry.
His name is my adoption into His family. *Chorus***
- 3. My hope and expectation for true community
begins with resurrection, His death and life in me.
His Spirit fills the body; His church through water sees
promise for tomorrow, His water life in me. *Chorus***

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers Phyllis Henderson
Acolyte Alyssa Young
Altar Care Gary Boisseau
Communion Assistant Rob Stroup
Counters Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Coffee Hour

Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 14

Greeters and Ushers Linda Flood
Acolyte Thomas Bullwinkle
Counters Michele Myers and Ann Stromstad
Coffee Hour

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