



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

*June 30, 2024*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

We've been reading from Job during the month of June. Today we reach the end – Chapter 42. It seems like a happy ending after all that Job has suffered. He gets back twice as much as he had before. However, we don't have to examine the text too closely to find lots of complications. In fact, more complications than there were before. Job is a very cleverly crafted book of the Bible. It teaches us many things and isn't afraid to be honest with us about suffering.

### *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 This Is My Song  
(For music see Hymn 887 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **This is my song. O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**
2. **My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**
3. **This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,  
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.  
O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;  
myself I give you, let your will be done.**

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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 (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, you have created us and all that exists. We depend upon you completely. Treat us with mercy and grace that we may enjoy the life you have given us, and protect us from all that would harm us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Job 41:1-6

B: Then Job answered the LORD:

<sup>2</sup>“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

<sup>3</sup>“Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?”

Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me,  
which I did not know.

<sup>4</sup>“Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me.”

<sup>5</sup>I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

<sup>6</sup>“therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 1 (read together)

D: If you would be blessed:  
never walk with the wicked,  
never stand with sinners,  
never sit among cynics,

**C: but delight in the Lord's teaching  
and study it night and day.**

D: You will stand like a tree  
planted by a stream,

**C: bearing fruit in season,  
its leaves never fading,  
its yield always plenty.**

D: Not so for the wicked,  
like chaff they are blown by the wind.

**C: They will not withstand judgment,  
nor assemble with the just.**

D: The Lord marks the way of the upright,

**C: but the corrupt walk to ruin.**

Second Reading Job 42:7-9

E: After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup>Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has done." <sup>9</sup>So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did what the LORD had told them; and the LORD accepted Job's prayer.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Third Reading Job 42:10-17

F:<sup>10</sup>And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. <sup>11</sup>Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. <sup>12</sup>The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more

than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. <sup>13</sup>He also had seven sons and three daughters. <sup>14</sup>He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. <sup>15</sup>In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. <sup>16</sup>After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. <sup>17</sup>And Job died, old and full of days.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon Noisy Offering

Interview with Job's Wife

Hymn of the Day Our Father, by Whose Name  
(For music see Hymn 640 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Our Father, by whose name  
all parenthood is known,  
in love divine you claim  
each fam'ly as your own.  
Bless mothers, fathers, guarding well,  
with constant love as sentinel,  
the homes in which your people dwell.**
2. **O Christ, yourself a child  
within an earthly home,  
with heart still undefiled  
to full adulthood come:  
our children bless in ev'ry place  
that they may all behold your face  
and, knowing you, may grow in grace.**
3. **O Holy Spirit, bind  
our hearts in unity  
and teach us how to find  
the love from self set free;  
in all our hearts such love increase  
that ev'ry home, by this release,  
may be the dwelling place of peace.**

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)*

Prayer of the Church “Make Me Simple,” from *Guerillas of Grace* by  
Ted Loder

B: O Ingenious God,  
I rejoice in your creation,  
and pray that your Spirit touch me so deeply  
that I will find a sense of self  
    which makes me glad to be who I am  
    and yet restless  
        at being anything less  
        than I can become.

Make me simple enough  
    not to be confused by disappointments,  
clear enough  
    not to mistake busyness for freedom,  
honest enough  
    not to expect truth to be painless,  
brave enough  
    not to sing all my songs in private,  
compassionate enough  
    to get in trouble,  
humble enough  
    to admit trouble and seek help,  
joyful enough  
    to celebrate all of it,  
        myself and others and you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.**

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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.**

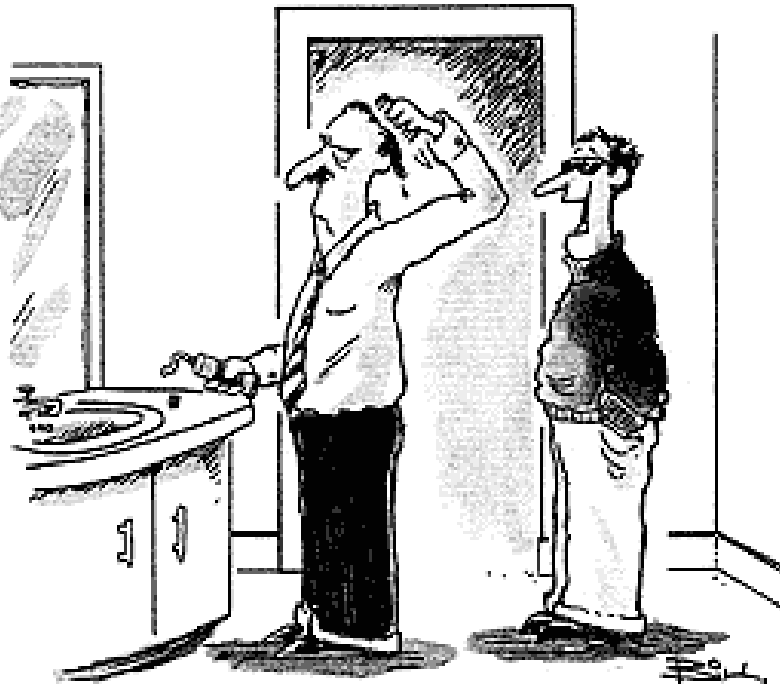
***Sending Hymn*** O Beautiful for Spacious Skies  
(For music see Hymn 888 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesty above the fruited plain:  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**
- 2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.**
- 3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.**

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859-1929. Music: Samuel A Ward, 1848-1903

***Dismissal***

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**



"Tell the truth, Dad. Combing your hair  
must be like Moses parting the  
Red Sea at low tide, huh?"

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Helen Crown  
Acolyte                     Thomas Bullwinkle  
Counters                    Mary and Greg Zuege  
Coffee Hour

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, July 7, 2024**

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Communion Assistant     Rob Stroup  
Counters                    Mary and Greg Zuege  
Coffee Hour

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