



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 1st Sunday After Pentecost*

*May 26, 2024*

*10:30 Service of the Word*

Jesus can do anything, right? Or at least he can do anything he wants to. But what happens when he tries to perform a miracle and it fails? There is only one scriptural reference where Jesus doesn't successfully perform a miracle, at least not at first. We'll read that story in our gospel today. Like all things in Mark's gospel, we learn something from what happens.

*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 Holy, Holy, Holy

(For music turn to Hymn 413 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou are holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!**  
**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, atl. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

B: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Scripture Poetry Psalm 29 (*read responsively*)

D: Give the Lord glory, you spirits!

Give glory! Honor God’s strength!

**C: Honor the name of the Lord!**

**Bow when the Lord comes,  
majestic and holy.**

D: God’s voice thunders  
above the massive seas;

powerful, splendid,

**C: God shatters the cedars,  
shatters the cedars of Lebanon.**

D: makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
Sirion like a wild ox.

**C: God's voice strikes fire,  
makes the desert shudder,  
Qadesh shudder in labor,  
deer writhe in labor.  
God strips the trees.**

D: All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord.  
For you rule the mighty waters,  
you rule over all for ever.

**C: Give strength to your people, Lord,  
and bless your people with peace.**

Second Reading Romans 8:12-17

E: So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (Isaiah 6:3)

**C: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, God's glory fills the whole earth. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Mark 8:14-26

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup>And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod." <sup>16</sup>They said to one another, "It is because we have no

bread.”<sup>17</sup> And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?”<sup>18</sup> Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember?”<sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.”<sup>20</sup> “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.”<sup>21</sup> Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”

<sup>22</sup>They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him and begged him to touch him.<sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Can you see anything?”<sup>24</sup> And the man looked up and said, “I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.”<sup>25</sup> Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.<sup>26</sup> Then he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even go into the village.”

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

### Children's Sermon

#### Sermon

Hymn of the Day Thy Holy Wings

*(For music see Hymn 613 in the Red Hymnal)*

- 1. Thy holy wings, O Savior,  
spread gently over me,  
and let me rest securely  
through good and ill in thee.  
Oh, be my strength and portion,  
my rock and hiding place,  
and let my ev'ry moment  
be lived within thy grace.**
- 2. Oh, let me nestle near thee,  
within thy downy breast  
where I will find sweet comfort  
and peace within thy nest.  
Oh, close thy wings around me**

**and keep me safely there,  
for I am but a newborn  
and need thy tender care.**

- 3. Oh, wash me in the waters  
of Noah's cleansing flood.  
Give me a willing spirit,  
a heart both clean and good.  
Oh, take into thy keeping  
thy children great and small,  
and while we sweetly slumber,  
enfold us one and all.**

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**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.**

**E:** Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.**

(Jude 20)

E: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

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

E: 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.**

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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 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

(For music see Hymn 890 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are  
stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
his truth is marching on.**

*Refrain* **Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.**

**2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat.  
Oh be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain***

**3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us die\* to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain***

\* As originally written. Many modern hymnals substitute "live."  
Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910. Music: North American, 19<sup>th</sup> century

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



# MEMORIAL DAY

NOT ABOUT A THREE DAY WEEKEND

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**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers      Rob Stroup  
Acolyte                      Alyssa Young  
Counters                     Bill and Katy Stimmel  
Coffee Hour

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

Greeters and Ushers      Tom and Carol Urbanic  
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Altar Care                    Linda Thompson  
Communion Assistant      Sally Mansfield  
Counters                     Bruce and Connie Stevenson  
Coffee Hour

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