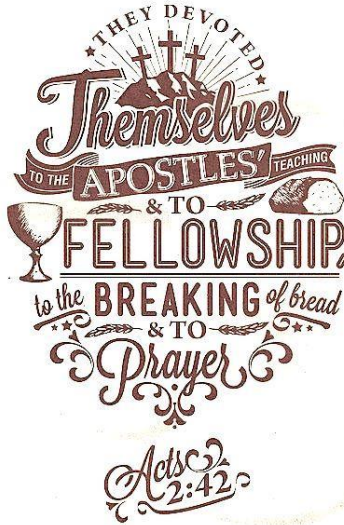




St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Acts 2:41-47

November 10, 2024

10:30 Service of the Word

This is the second Sunday of our stewardship drive about generosity. We'll learn from Acts 2 what the very first converts to Christianity did as they discovered God's generosity to them. Understanding God's generosity always helps us, regardless if things in society and the world around us go our way or not.

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,
our refuge,
our delight,
our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and frees us from our sin.

A moment of silence for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

**C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are unable to escape its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the way of Jesus. Amen.**

P: These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.

For his sake you are forgiven

and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn When Peace, Like a River
(for music, turn to Hymn 785 in the Red Hymnal)

**1. When peace, live a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

**It is well with my soul, it is well,
It is well with my soul.**

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come.

**Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain***

3. He lives--- oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;

**My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain***

4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

**The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

Text: Horatio Spafford, Music: Philip Bliss

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...

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

† WORD †

First Reading Acts 2:41-47

B: Those who welcomed [Peter's] message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴²[The new believers] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 23 (read together)

C: The Lord is my shepherd,

I need nothing more.

**You give me rest in green meadows,
setting me near calm water,
where you revive my spirit.**

**You guide me along sure paths,
you are true to your name.**

**Though I should walk
in death's dark valley,**

**I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me
as my foes look on.**

**You soothe my head with oil;
my cup is more than full.**

**Goodness and love will tend me
every day of my life.**

**I will dwell in house of the Lord
as long as I shall live.**

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:19-25

D: ¹⁹For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 10:14)

C: Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd, I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

After the reading:

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day All People That on Earth Do Dwell; Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(For music see Hymn 883 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
come ye before him and rejoice.**
2. **Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.**
3. **Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.**
4. **For why? The Lord our God is good;
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**
5. **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him, above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: William Kethe, d.c. 1594, vs. 1-4. Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 vs. 5. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

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)*

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 †

Gathering of Prayers and Offerings

You are invited to write a prayer concern on the small blank slip of paper in your worship bulletin. This slip will be collected by the ushers in the offering plates. The concerns raised will be prayed for later in the service.

Special Music

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.

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.

Issues raised by the congregation are prayed for.

The prayer concludes:

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: 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 Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,

bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Eternal Father Strong to Save
(For music see Hymn 756 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

2. **O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

3. **O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

4. **O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so-e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt. Music: John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

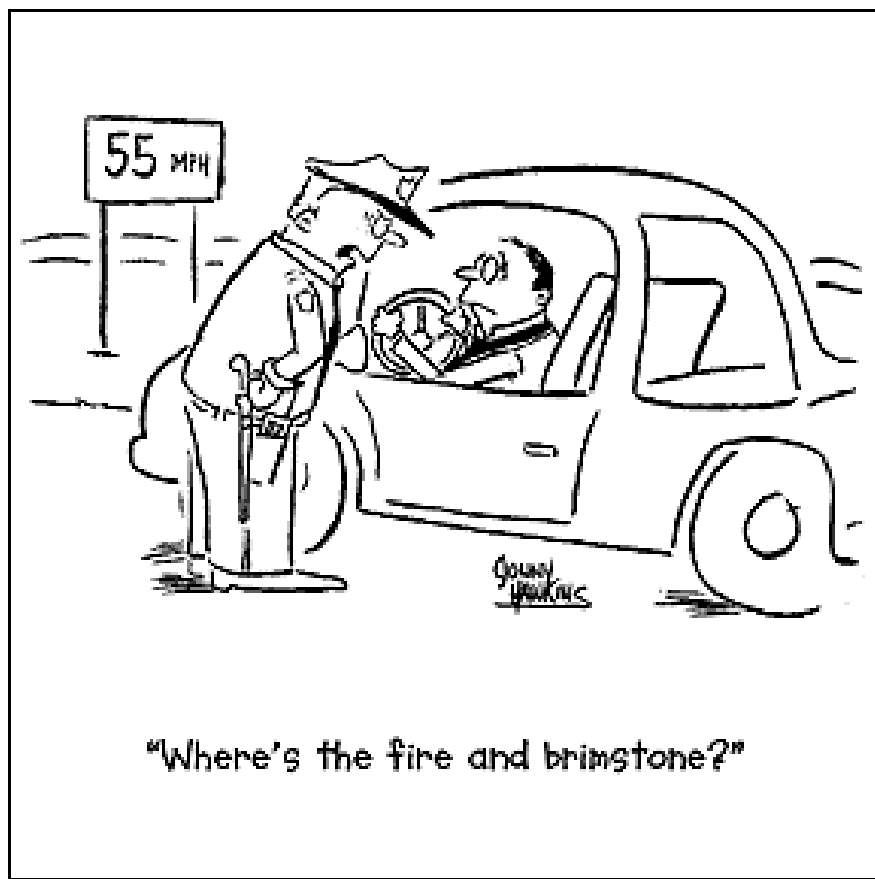
Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: God's Work. Our Hands.



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom,
remember...The Lord will never give
you more than you can handle."



"Where's the fire and brimstone?"

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers Phyllis Henderson
Acolyte Thomas Bullwinkle
Counters Mary and Greg Zuege
Coffee Hour

Worship assistants for next Sunday, November 17

Greeters and Ushers Linda Flood
Acolyte Thomas Bullwinkle
Altar Care Sue Kaufmann
Communion Assistant Greg Zuege
Counters Anne Stromstad and Michele Myers
Coffee Hour Nancy Shuler – 1st Communion

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