



*'Return to your home, and declare how much
God has done for you.'*

Luke 8:39

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 23th, 2013

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*We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church. We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning. Should you have no permanent church-home in this community, why not consider making this one your own? Please sign the guest book as you leave worship today or the attendance pad in the pew. You are most welcome here at St. John! Most elements of our service can be found in the bulletin, everything else is in the hymnal. Page refers to the numbered pages towards the front of the hymnal, hymns are bold and towards the back. Please rise when there is an *, congregational responses are in **bold**, and underlined elements of the service are found in the hymnal.*

HOLY COMMUNION
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This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

PRELUDE: *Adagio Cantabile (from Violin Sonata #7) - Ludwig van Beethoven*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
abounding in steadfast love toward us,
healing the sick and raising the dead,
showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Just and gracious God,
we come to you for healing and life.
Our sins hurt others and diminish us;
we confess them to you.
Our lives bear the scars of sin;
we bring these also to you.
Show us your mercy, O God.
Bind up our wounds,
forgive us our sins,
and free us to love,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

The apostle Paul assures us:
"When we were dead in our trespasses,
God made us alive together with Christ,
nailing the record of our sins to the cross."
Jesus says to you, + "Your sins are forgiven."
Be at peace, and tell everyone
how much God has done for you.
Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN #705: God of Grace and God of Glory**

***GREETING**

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,
grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

²I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,
 following their own devices;
³a people who provoke me
 to my face continually,
 sacrificing in gardens
 and offering incense on bricks;
⁴who sit inside tombs,
 and spend the night in secret places;
 who eat swine's flesh,
 with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
 do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
 These are a smoke in my nostrils,
 a fire that burns all day long.
⁶See, it is written before me:
 I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
 I will indeed repay into their laps
⁷their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
 says the LORD;
 because they offered incense on the mountains
 and reviled me on the hills,
 I will measure into their laps
 full payment for their actions.
⁸Thus says the LORD:
 As the wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, "Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,"
 so I will do for my servants' sake,
 and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
 and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall inherit it,
 and my servants shall settle there.\

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

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| <p>1. Oh praise the Lord, you that fear him,
 O Israel's offspring, stand in awe;
 All you who are of Jacob's line
 Give glory always to the Lord.</p> <p>2. The Lord does not despise the poor,
 But when they cry, he hears their plea;
 I will praise God and make my vows,
 I will perform them publicly.</p> <p>3. The poor shall eat and have their fill;
 Those who seek God shall give him praise;
 All nations shall turn to the Lord
 And bow before His throne always.</p> | <p>4. Kingship belongs to God the Lord,
 He rules the nations from his throne;
 All those who sleep within the earth
 Bow down to worship him alone.</p> <p>5. My soul shall live for him, my heirs
 Shall serve the Lord at his command,
 To people yet unborn make known
 The saving deeds of his right hand.</p> |
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Tune: *Old Hundredth*

From "A New Metrical Psalter" Christopher Webber

SECOND READING Galatians 3:23–29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 8:26–39**

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" — ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had

gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #673: *God, Whose Almighty Word

* APOSTLES CREED

**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 INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Let us pray for the church around the world, that in every place it may find its unity in Christ and live out the gospel in freedom and joy. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our home, the earth. Beautiful beyond words and yet everywhere threatened with destruction, let us pray for its health and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the peoples of the earth, that where there is discord and oppression, justice may be done and peace be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who suffer, that the sick may know God's healing, the tormented may know God's peace, and the

despairing may know God's hope, especially, Kathy, Jim, Raymond, George, Wanda Jean, Helen, Margaret, Francis & Grace, Kathryn, Ed, Fred & Jane, and David & Ellen. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this congregation, that in this place we may proclaim the gospel without fear, boldly declaring how much God has done for us. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let us give thanks to God for all the saints, whose lives proclaim God's faithfulness even beyond the grave. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN #650: *In Christ There Is No East or West*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

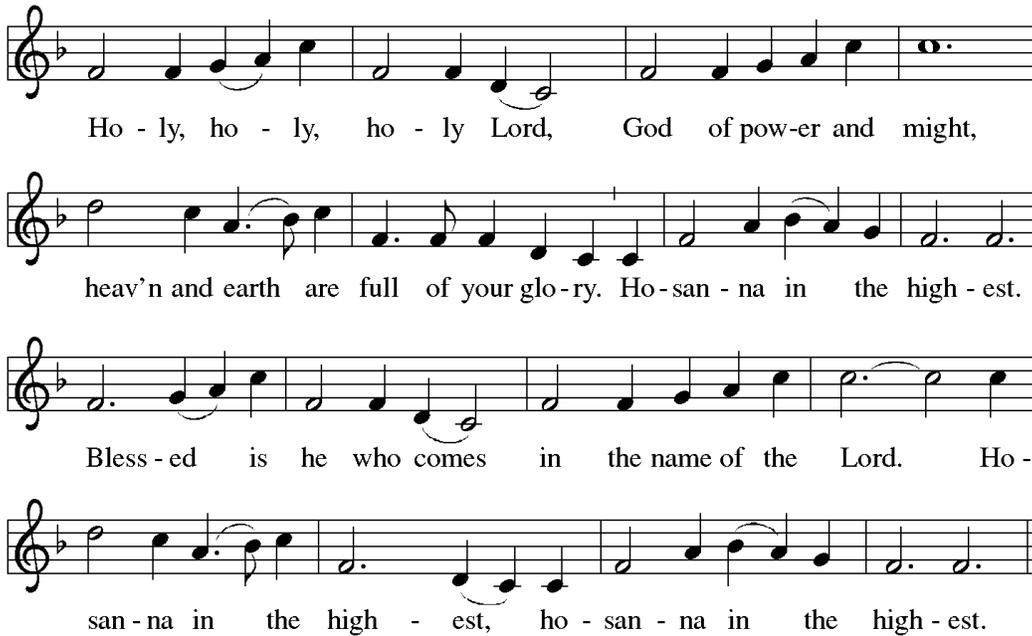
Let us pray,
 God of mercy and grace,
 the eyes of all wait upon you,
 and you open your hand in blessing.
 Fill us with good things at your table,
 that we may come to the help of all in need,
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

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 Christ;
 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 all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God,
 our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
 in the harmonious world of your creation,
 the plants and animals,
 the seas and stars
 were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
 you sent your Son to heal our ills
 and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was handed over,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet.
Welcome to the feast.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine of communion. Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. All are invited forward for communion or a blessing. The inner ring of individual cups has grape juice.

COMMUNION SONG

1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN #496: One Bread, One Body***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

O God, as a mother comforts her child,
 so you comfort your people,
 carrying us in your arms
 and satisfying us with this food and drink,
 the body and blood of Christ.
 Send us now as your disciples,
 announcing peace and proclaiming
 that the reign of God has come near;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor
 and + give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG #537: On Our Way Rejoicing**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on "Lobe den Herren" - Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

The flowers on the altar are given by Sally Foster in memory of her parents Cliff and Dorothy Foster.

Assisting Minister: Christine Dishong
Usher: Sally Foster
Counters: Sandy Hill & Christine Dishong

Communion Assistant: Clarence Strabel
Acolyte: Danielle Dishong

Attendance Last Week (wk 3 of June): 57

Attendance Last Year (wk 3 of June): 44

Budgeted Weekly Need: \$2,669.62 →
 (2013 Annual Budget of \$138,820 divided by 52 weeks)

Last Week's Giving: \$2,813.52 Earmarked \$915
Year to Date Receipts: \$78,194.57

YTD Budgeted Expenses: (the Treasurer was away this past week, so this info will be available again June 30th)

YTD Actual Expenses: (the Treasurer was away this past week, so this info will be available again June 30th)

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