



OUR SAVIOR'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

5th Sunday after Pentecost – June 24 & 27, 2021

WELCOME

We welcome everyone to worship this Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. Today's hymns, sermon and prayers emphasize God's boundless love and forgiveness and his desire for us to show Christian love and forgiveness to each other. May the Lord bless your worship!

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

SERVING GOD & US TODAY

- Minister – Pastor Mark Schlenner
- Organist – Joel Davidson
- Ushers – Rolain Scharbarth (Thurs), Dan Stelzer (Sunday)
(Next week – Tony Sulko, Bob Gresens)

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN – CW 491 *O Master of the Loving Heart*

- 1 O Master of the loving heart, The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you In thought and word and deed.**
- 2 Your days were full of kindly acts; Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.**
- 3 Your face was warm with sympathy; Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch Were comforted and healed.**
- 4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So joyous, free, and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere, Be drawn by us to you.**

Text: Calvin W. Laufer, 1874–1938, alt.

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson - Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said: ²Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words? ³Get ready for action like a man! Then I will ask you questions, and you will inform me. ⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you understand anything about it. ⁵Who determined its dimensions? I am sure you know. Who stretched out the surveying line over it? ⁶What supports its foundation? Who set its cornerstone in place, ⁷when the morning stars sang loud songs together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸Who locked up the sea behind doors when it burst out of the womb? ⁹When I clothed the sea with clouds, when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths, ¹⁰when I broke its power with my decree, when I locked it up behind barred, double doors, ¹¹I said, "You may come this far, but no farther. Here is the barrier for your proud waves."

Second Lesson - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

For the love of Christ compels us, because we came to this conclusion: One died for all; therefore, all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live would no longer live for themselves but for him, who died in their place and was raised again. ¹⁶As a result, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we knew Christ according to the flesh, we no longer know him that way. ¹⁷So then, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. The new has come! ¹⁸And all these things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to

himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And he has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, inasmuch as God is making an appeal through us. We urge you, on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him, who did not know sin, to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Verse of the Day – Galatians 4:6

M: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**These words are written that we may believe the Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Gospel Lesson – Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, "Let's go over to the other side." ³⁶ After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up. ³⁸ Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we are about to drown?" ³⁹ Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind stopped, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?" ⁴¹ They were filled with awe and said to one another, "Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!"

This is the gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN – CW 493 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

**1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But you alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.**

**2 How can your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?**

**3 In blazing light your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us; How great our debt to you!**

**4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.**

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SERMON – Matthew 18:21-25

Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. ²³ For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

"Jesus Warns Against Scorecard Forgiveness"

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

C: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of your glory.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN – CW 521 *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race,
And in each person help me view My kindred, loved, redeemed by you.

2 Break down the wall that would divide Your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue; Bind them to me and all to you.

3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.

4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
And should I be a victim, too, Help me forgive, rememb'ring you.

5 With your own love may I be filled And by your Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, whate'er I do, May be divinely touched by you.

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Blessing of all Communicants

M: May the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting. Be at peace. Your sins are forgiven. Amen.

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYERS & BLESSING

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – CW 499 *O God of Mercy, God of Might*

1 O God of mercy, God of might, In love and mercy infinite,
Teach us, as ever in your sight, To live our lives to you.

2 You sent your Son for all to die That fallen man might live thereby.
Oh, hear us, for to you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.

3 Teach us the lesson Jesus taught: To feel for those his blood has bought,
That ev'ry deed and word and thought May work a work for you.

4 All are redeemed, both far and wide, Since Jesus Christ for all has died;
Grant us the will, and grace provide, To love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care May we each other's burdens share;
May we, where help is needed, there Give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move All those who live to live in love
Till you receive in heav'n above All those who lived for you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, alt.

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sincere thanks to Pastor Mark Schlenner for leading our worship services this weekend.

For pastoral care

Please contact Pastor Glenn Seefeldt: 715-297-4222.

Meeting to Present 2021-22 Budget

All members, especially voters, are encouraged to attend a meeting today, June 27 at 10:00 AM to discuss the 2021-22 budget.

LWMS Rally Offerings

Ordinarily at convention each year we collect worship service offerings, which are given to the mission projects that were not selected by the voting members on the ballots. If you would like to support these missions, please place your gift in the offering plate labelled LWMS Missions or donate online by clicking the donation box on the convention website (www.lwms.org). The deadline for service offerings is July 1.

This Week's Opportunities for Growing in Christ		
Today (6/27)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Worship with Communion Voter's Meeting / Budget
Thursday	6:30 PM	Worship
Sunday 7/4	9:00 AM	Worship

Our Stewardship of God's Gifts: June 17 & 20, 2021

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Vision</u>	<u>Debt Red</u>	<u>Plate</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Bldg Maint</u>	<u>NLHS Op</u>	<u>NLHS Tuition Asst</u>
\$3,472.00	\$330.00	\$370.00	\$262.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	\$275.00	\$20.00

Attendance: Thursday & Sunday, June 17 & 20: 12 & 59, online – 24 Total = 95

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