

My burden is light

Matthew 11:30

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9:00 a.m.**

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July 5, 2020 Family Worship Service

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Five minutes before the service, the Pastor and Elder are praying for you.

As we prepare for worship, please be considerate of those around you who are praying and meditating on Scripture by turning off your cell phones as soon as you enter the sanctuary. May God bless your time of worship!

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome in the name of Jesus! Thank you for allowing us to serve you and your family this morning. We ask you to sign our guest register located in the foyer or fill out a guest card letting us know how we can serve you. If you have no church home, we invite you to make First Evangelical Lutheran your church home. Please get in touch with our Pastor for the next available new member class.

Pre-service Music

Greetings and Announcements: Pastor Steve Breitbarth

Opening song: GOOD GOOD FATHER

This is the day the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

We begin our worship service In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the LORD,
all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD,
He is God!

It is he who made us,
and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out the many sins that I am guilty of. Wash me thoroughly from my sinfulness, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my sins, and my sin is ever before me. There are too many times that I have not loved my neighbors as You have loved me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

The Lord God has heard your confession and plea for forgiveness. God's endless and undeserved love continues to flow to us by the power of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority the announce and forgive you all your sins ,in the Name of the Father and of the (t) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth ¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The Gospel Reading for the Day will be the Theme for today's Message and will be read at that time)

SERMON PRAISE SONG: FATHER OF LIGHTS

Stand

SERMON TEXT: HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the eleventh chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

☐ I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Be Seated

SERMON: "Come, Take, Learn"

Pastor Steve Breitbarth

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

Stand

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Pastor ends each Petition with "Lord have Mercy"
Congregational Response: "Hear Our Prayer"**

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

BENEDICTION:

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Love of God and Fellowship of the Holy Spirit remain with you always.

Amen.

Please Remain Standing

CLOSING HYMM: "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

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