

# Syttende Mai Community Worship Service

May 19, 2019



## Area Churches Together ACT Parish

**DeGraff/Murdock Area**

Bethesda Lutheran  
Buffalo Lake Lutheran

**Pennock Area**

Mamrelund Lutheran  
St. John's Lutheran

**Sunburg Area**

Hope Lutheran  
Monson Lake Lutheran

# Order of Service

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## Welcome

## Litany of Community Celebration and Solidarity

*May the Spirit of God prompt us to live, love and act in ways that more completely embraces the gift of each other.*

Pastor: God of Creation, let your light shine on all the inhabitants of this earth that we may know and celebrate that you have formed and created us in life-giving and life-receiving oneness and harmony;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of creation.***

Pastor: God of Grace, grant us the gift of inward joy and the serenity that comes from being in relationship with you and your creation;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of grace.***

Pastor: God of Life, open our eyes that we may see the handiwork of your hands and good things in unexpected places that inspire us to celebrate our lives and the sacred ties of kindred, friendship, and love;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of life.***

Pastor: God of Love, fill our hearts with light and grace and hope that cast out the spirits of fear, anxiety, and division and inspire in each of us a spirit of community, compassion, and selflessness;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of love.***

Pastor: God of Justice, endow each of us with a spirit that recognizes the worth, dignity, and equality of all human beings and inspires us to always stand on the side of the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of justice.***

Pastor: God of Peace, prompt us always to pursue community and reconciliation as we affirm one another in our different religious, cultural, and social beliefs and expressions;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with the gift of peace.***

Pastor: God of mercy, rescue and restore your creation from neglect, violence, and persecution and bring healing and wholeness wherever there is pain and darkness;

***ALL: Loving God, hear our prayer and bless us with the gift of mercy.***

Pastor: God of Hope, bless us with brave hearts and steady nerves as we speak truth to power and challenge the scourge of hatred, prejudice, and discrimination, and give us the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience;

*All: Almighty God, hear our prayer and bless us with your gift of hope. May we seek always to be united as one family under God committed to being reconciled and standing together in the belief that love and compassion have greater power than hatred and division. In all of your many and holy names we pray.*

*Amen.*

## Gathering Hymn

ELW 853 When Morning Gilds the Skies

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup>But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup>When they

heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Special Music

"Mansion Over the Hilltop"

Doug Glesne

## Gospel

John 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Message

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 848 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

## Baptism

*Henry Jon Bloedel*

ELW pg. 227

## Prayers of Intercession

## Offering

## Offertory

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

## 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

Announcements

Sending Hymn

ELW 733 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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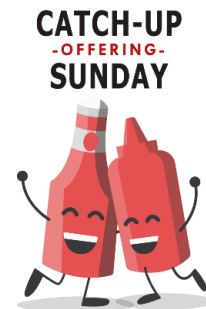
## **Remember in Prayer**

Lisa Carlson, Kelly Rodenberg, Beverly Johnson, Mary Jane Stredde,  
Eunice Sanders, Douglas Glesne, Shirley Rand, Walter Anderson, Eldon Brackenbury

## **Let's Catch Up from Winter**

We are having a "Catch Up Sunday." No, we did not say Ketchup, like you put on your hot dog or hamburger. This catch-up is a special offering for the winter worship services that were lost to bad weather or low attendance because of cold, ice or snow.

Summer is finally coming, but like many congregations we are feeling the loss of offerings from a difficult winter. That means ministries we support are suffering. You can help! *Today, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday we'll be having "Catch Up Sunday."* You are asked to pray about your offering for **Catch Up Sunday**. We invite you to help us receive or exceed an average Sunday offering in this special appeal. Your offerings make ministry happen in Jesus' name! Thanks for giving generously!



## **Today, Sunday, May 19**

7:30am – Breakfast at Hope

9:30am - Joint services for Hope & Monson Lake will be held at Hope. This is a non-denominational service for the annual Syttende Mai celebration in Sunburg.

10:30am - Coffee at Hope

11am-1:30pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Syttende Mai Quilt Show at Hope

3:30pm – 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sunburg Syttende Mai Grand Day Parade

## **Monday, May 20**

7pm - The City of Sunburg was recently awarded a \$8,000.00 grant from the Willmar Area Community Foundation "to develop programs that support community engagement and healthy development for all ages using the Sunburg Community Center." There will be a meeting at the Sunburg Community Center to discuss this grant and all the activities planned for youth and adults. We need everyone's input as we plan these exciting, fun activities for all ages. Please join us at the meeting to learn more.  
Thanks, Nancy Feldman, Sunburg City Clerk

## **Tuesday, May 21**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope

## **Sunday, May 26 – Joint Sunday Services**

8:15am – ACT Parish worship at Monson Lake

10am – ACT Parish worship at Hope

## **Tuesday, May 28**

9:30am – Coffee & Conversation at Bethesda

1pm - Coffee & Conversation at Hope