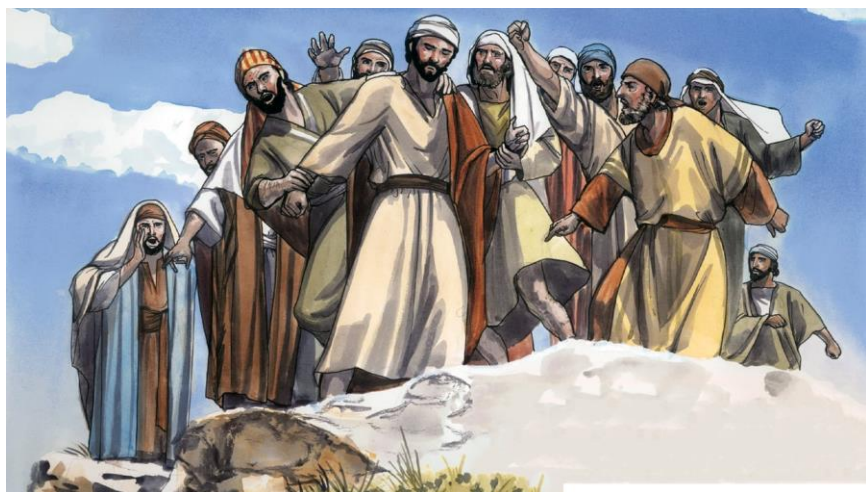




# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *Jesus Preaches in Nazareth*

*January 23, 2022 10:30 Service of the Word*

Jesus begins his public ministry in earnest after his testing by the devil in the wilderness. One of Jesus' first stops is his home town of Nazareth. At first they love to have Jesus back with them. His fame has been spreading. But then when he starts to teach what God is up to their feelings turn to rage. In a foreshadowing of the crucifixion they actually try to kill Jesus by throwing him off a cliff. We the readers start to see how God's mission will be met with a mixed response.

*Welcome to worship today!*

Please observe social distancing and remain conscious of the need to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In this bulletin is an insert that will be used to determine today's attendance. It will also help to identify who was here if contact tracing is necessary. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate.

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Apostles' Greeting

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.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who creates us,  
redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation.**

**Amen.**

P: Rejoice in this good news:  
In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Rock of Ages  
(For music turn to Hymn 28 in the Songbook binder)

**There is no rock, there is no god like our God;  
no other name worthy of all our praise.  
The rock of salvation that cannot be moved,  
He's proven himself to be faithful and true.  
There is no rock, there is no god like ours. (Repeat)**

**Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.  
Rock of ages, Jesus is the rock.  
Rock of ages. Jesus is the rock.  
There is no rock, there is no god like ours.**

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Gathering Dialog (John 1)

P: In the beginning was the Word,  
**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**  
P: In the Word was life,  
**C: and the life was the light of all people.**  
P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**C: and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...  
Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-6

B: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and release to the prisoners;  
<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup>to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
<sup>4</sup>They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
<sup>5</sup>Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
foreigners shall till your land and dress your vines;  
<sup>6</sup>but you shall be called priests of the LORD,  
you shall be named ministers of our God;  
you shall enjoy the wealth of the nations,  
and in their riches you shall glory.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 71:1-6 (*read responsively*)

D: Lord, you are my shelter,  
do not fail me.

**C: You always do right;  
deliver me, rescue me,  
hear me and save me.**

D: Be my rock and haven,  
to whom I can always turn;  
be my tower of strength,  
keep me safe.

**C: The ruthless and wicked trap me;  
reach out to free me.**

D: You are my hope, O Lord,  
from the days of my youth.

**C: I have relied on you since birth,  
my strength from my mother's womb;  
I will praise you always.**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-10

E: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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Gospel Acclamation (Jeremiah 1:7,8)

**C: Alleluia. You shall go to all whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-30

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him

and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

### Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### Hymn of the Day Help Us Oh Lord

*(For music turn to Hymn 15 in the Songbook binder)*

- 1. Help us, oh Lord to do what is right and wise.  
Help us to see our brother's needs that are in disguise.  
Help us, oh lord to feel the pain in our sister's eyes.**
- 2. Teach us to live your Kingdom come here on earth.  
Open our lives to treat each person with equal worth.  
Remind us we're family; we're bound by baptismal birth.**
- 3. We offer in joy what you first to us gave:  
Ourselves, our time, the very things that our hands have made.  
Receive them all now, this is our prayer in Jesus' name.**

Apostles' Creed

P: We confirm our faith with the Apostles' Creed

**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.**

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.

*The pastor will begin the prayer with a petition and then invites the congregation to add additional petitions and thanksgivings. Please conclude your petition with: Lord in your mercy,*

*The congregation will respond: **Hear our prayer.***

*The pastor concludes the prayer:*

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

**C: Amen.**

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.*

Special Music

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### 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: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you,  
and who calls you by name,  
bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**C: Amen.**



Sending Hymn Sent Forth by God's Blessing  
(For music see Hymn 547 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended,  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom  
and answer your call.**
  
2. **With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face –  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ  
and his name that we bear.**

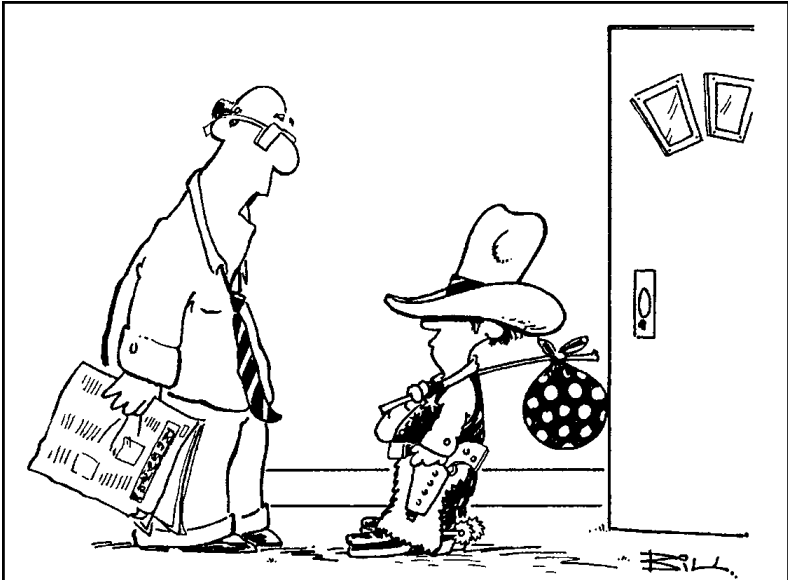
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Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** God's work. Our hands.



“Well, Son, being a ‘High Sheriff for the Lord’ is an admirable desire, but your mother and I strongly feel that you need a few more years of preparation here at home first.”



**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Gary Wood
Acolyte	Jonathan Buch
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during the pandemic</i>
Counters	Babette Huber and Burdie Gillern
Coffee Hour	Annual Congregational Meeting - Lunch

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, January 30**

Greeters and Ushers	Bruce and Connie Stevenson
Acolyte	Brody Ireland
Altar Care	No communion
Communion Assistants	No communion
Nursery Care	<i>not offered during pandemic</i>
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	

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