



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



## *The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost*

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

Today we move to the latter portions of 1 Timothy. We encounter more practical advice for the early church. The same thing applies with these verses that applied before. We need to understand these words in their cultural context. Some of them we will agree with. Some we will disagree with. And underneath it all is a genuine desire to spread the gospel of God's love to the world.

*Welcome to worship today!*

If you are visiting with us we invite you to sign the Guest Book in the back of the sanctuary.

† GATHERING †

Prelude and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

**C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this  
world as Jesus does.

*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

P: Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,  
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

Gathering Hymn *Wade in the Water*

*(For music see Hymn 459 in the Red Hymnal)*

*Refrain* **Wade in the water,**

**wade in the water, children,**

**wade in the water,**

**God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**1. See that host all dressed in white,**

**God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.**

**the leader looks like the Israelite.**

God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

2. See that band all dressed in red,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
looks like the band that Moses led.  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

3. Look over yonder, what do I see?  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

4. If you don't believe I've been redeemed,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
just follow me down the Jordan stream.  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water. *Refrain*

Text and Music: African American spiritual

Greeting (2 Corinthians 13:13)

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.**

Gathering Dialog (Deuteronomy 26, 11, 8)

A: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

**C: a people holy to the Lord our God.**

A: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

**C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**

A: One does not live by bread alone,

**C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† WORD †

*First Reading* Proverbs 3:1-12

B: My child, do not forget my teaching,  
but let your heart keep my commandments;

<sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life

and abundant welfare they will give you. <sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and  
faithfulness forsake you;

bind them around your neck,

write them on the tablet of your heart.

<sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good repute

in the sight of God and of people. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart,  
and do not rely on your own insight.

<sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him,

and he will make straight your paths.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be wise in your own eyes;

fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.

<sup>8</sup>It will be a healing for your flesh

and a refreshment for your body. <sup>9</sup>Honor the LORD with your substance  
and with the first fruits of all your produce;

<sup>10</sup>then your barns will be filled with plenty,

and your vats will be bursting with wine. <sup>11</sup>My child, do not despise  
the LORD's discipline

or be weary of his reproof,

<sup>12</sup>for the LORD reproves the one he loves,

as a father the son in whom he delights.

*After the reading the reader may say: The Word of the Lord*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Scripture Poetry* Psalm 119:105-112 (*read responsively*)

D: Your word is a lamp for my steps,  
a light for my path.

**C: I have sworn firmly  
to uphold your just rulings.**

D: I have suffered so much,  
give me the life you promise.

**C: Receive, Lord, all that I say,  
and teach me your wisdom.**

D: Though danger stalks,  
I will never forget your law.

**C: Though the wicked set traps,  
I will not stray from you.**

D: Your laws are my heritage,  
the joy of my heart for ever.

**C: I am determined to obey  
for a lasting reward.**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 5-6:2

E: Do not speak harshly to an older man, but speak to him as to a father, to younger men as brothers, <sup>2</sup>to older women as mothers, to younger women as sisters—with absolute purity.

<sup>3</sup>Honor widows who are really widows. <sup>4</sup>If a widow has children or grandchildren, they should first learn their religious duty to their own family and make some repayment to their parents; for this is pleasing in God's sight. <sup>5</sup>The real widow, left alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day; <sup>6</sup>but the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. <sup>7</sup>Give these commands as well, so that they may be above reproach. <sup>8</sup>And whoever does not provide for relatives, and especially for family members, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <sup>9</sup>Let a widow be put on the list if she is not less than sixty years old and has been married only once; <sup>10</sup>she must be well attested for her good works, as one who has brought up children, shown hospitality, washed the saints' feet, helped the afflicted, and devoted herself to doing good in every way. <sup>11</sup>But refuse to put younger widows on the list; for when their sensual desires alienate them from Christ, they want to marry, <sup>12</sup>and so they incur condemnation for having violated their first pledge. <sup>13</sup>Besides that, they learn to be idle, gadding about from house to house; and they are not merely idle, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not say. <sup>14</sup>So I would have younger widows marry, bear children, and manage their households, so as to give the adversary no occasion to revile us. <sup>15</sup>For some have already turned away to follow Satan. <sup>16</sup>If any believing woman has relatives who are really widows, let her assist them; let the church not be burdened, so that it can assist those who are real widows.

<sup>17</sup>Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching; <sup>18</sup>for the scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain," and, "The laborer deserves to be paid." <sup>19</sup>Never accept any accusation against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>20</sup>As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest also may stand in fear. <sup>21</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of the elect angels, I warn you to keep these instructions without prejudice, doing nothing on the basis of partiality. <sup>22</sup>Do not ordain anyone hastily,

and do not participate in the sins of others; keep yourself pure. <sup>23</sup>No longer drink only water, but take a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent ailments. <sup>24</sup>The sins of some people are conspicuous and precede them to judgment, while the sins of others follow them there. <sup>25</sup>So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden.

Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be blasphemed. <sup>2</sup>Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful to them on the ground that they are members of the church; rather they must serve them all the more, since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved. Teach and urge these duties.

*After the reading the reader may say:* The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation* (1 Timothy 5:25)

**C: Alleluia. So also good works are conspicuous; and even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden. Alleluia.**

*Gospel Reading* John 14:18-24

*The gospel is announced:*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples] "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

*After the reading:*

P: The gospel of the Lord

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

*Video Sermon* "Food" from the *Animate* Video Series

*Hymn of the Day* Around You, O Lord Jesus  
(For music see Hymn 468 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
your own you gather still  
to share the feast you give us  
with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly,  
“Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take drink, this is my blood!”**
  
2. **We hear your invitation,  
and heed, O Lord, your call;  
your word of consolation  
is spoken here to all.  
It draws us to your loving heart;  
it brings to us your blessing,  
which never will depart.**
  
3. **We are your own forever;  
until our final breath  
we will be true and never-  
in joy, in grief, in death-  
depart from you, for you are still  
among your people dwelling,  
as you have said you will.**

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Music: H. Thomisson, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569

*Response to the Word*

**E:** In Christ you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**C:** We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

**E:** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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.**

E: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

**C: pray in the Holy Spirit.** *(Jude 20)*

E: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.** *(Jude 21)*

E: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: Everything old has passed away;  
behold, everything has become new!** *(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

### 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.*



† THANKSGIVING †

Special Music

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil

*For music turn to Hymn 713 in the Blue Hymnal*

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your Word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard,  
break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost,  
lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

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Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray:

**C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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 gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the Holy Trinity, one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

*Sending Hymn* Lift Every Voice and Sing  
(For music see Hymn 841 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listn'ing skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.**
2. **Stony the road we trod, bitter the chast'ning rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our parents sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the  
slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**
3. **God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,**

**true to our God, true to our native land.**

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938 Music: J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

*Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: God's Work. Our Hands.**

**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers     Linda Flood  
Acolyte                     Creed White  
Counters                    Helen Crown  
Coffee Hour

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

Greeters and Ushers     Tom and Carol Urbanic  
Acolyte                     Thomas Bullwinkle  
Altar Care                 Mary Zuege  
Communion Assistant     Greg Zuege  
Counters                    John and Linda Thompson  
Coffee Hour                Pie Sunday

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