



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



Jesus' First Missionaries

January 19, 2020

10:30 Holy Communion

In today's gospel we hear Jesus' words of advice to his disciples as he sends them out on their first missionary journey. They are heading out with the amazing news of God's love. This is good news! People will greet them with open arms, right? Maybe not. Maybe this missionary work won't be so easy. On this same weekend that we celebrate advancements in Civil Rights in our own country we discover that goodness, fairness, and equality are not welcomed by all.

Welcome to worship today!

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

Nursery care is available during the service. Please see one of the ushers if you need more information.

† GATHERING †

Announcements

Trinity Organ Rededication

P: Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God as we seek God's blessing as we rededicate this organ for the glory and praise of God.

(Remarks from Jim Spawton, who oversaw the project, and Caroline Robinson, guest organist.)

P: Sing with joy to God our strength

C: and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

P: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

C: praise God with strings and pipe.

P: We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.

You alone do great wonders, and by your wisdom you have made the heavens and the earth. You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children, to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song. In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints. Your Spirit is the breath of music and song.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this organ which today returns to service of your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it. By your Holy Spirit, let the Trinity Organ enliven the proclamation of your word to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prelude *Prelude in D Major* (BWV 532), J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 Hymn When Long Before Time

(The Singer and the Song)

(For music see Hymn 861 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **When long before time and the worlds were begun,
when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
and all was deep silence and night reigned supreme,
and even our Maker had only a dream-**
2. **The silence was broken when God sang the Song,
and light pierced the darkness and rhythm began,
and with its first birth-cries creation was born,
and creaturely voices sang praise to the morn.**
3. **The sounds of the creatures were one with their Lord's,
their harmonies sweet and befitting the Word;
the Singer was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
the choir of the creatures re-echoed it long.**
4. **Though down through the ages the Song disappeared,
its harmonies broken and almost unheard,
the Singer comes to us to sing it again,
our God-is-with-us in the world now as then.**
5. **The Light has returned as it came once before,
the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.**
6. **To you God the singer, our voices we raise,
to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
be glory forever, through life and through death.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

C: Amen.

P: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

(A moment of silence for reflection)

P: God who searches and knows us,

**C: you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved of God,

you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from
God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus the Christ. Receive
the promise of baptism: You are God's child; your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

C: Amen

Hymn of Praise Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

(For music, turn to Hymn 836 in the Red Hymnal)

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.**

- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!**

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ WORD ‡

Children's Sermon

First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Proverbs 11:23-30 (*read responsively*)

A: The desire of the righteous ends only in good;
the expectation of the wicked in wrath.

**C: Some give freely, yet grow all the richer;
others withhold what is due, and only suffer want.**

A: A generous person will be enriched,
and one who gives water will get water.

**C: The people curse those who hold back grain,
but a blessing is on the head of those who sell it.**

A: Whoever diligently seeks good seeks favor,
but evil comes to the one who searches for it.

**C: Those who trust in their riches will wither,
but the righteous will flourish like green leaves.**

A: Those who trouble their households will inherit wind,
and the fool will be servant to the wise.

**C: The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
but violence takes lives away.**

Second Reading Matthew 9:35-11:1

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹²As you enter

the house, greet it. ¹³If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²²and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. ³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will

lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Rise Up, O Saints of God!
(For music see Hymn 669 in the Red Hymnal)

1. **Rise up, O saints of God!**
From vain ambitions turn;
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts
with nobler zeal might burn.
2. **Speak out, O saints of God!**
Despair engulfs earth’s frame;
as heirs of God’s baptismal grace,
the word of hope proclaim.
3. **Rise up, O saints of God!**
The kingdom’s task embrace;
redress sin’s cruel consequence;
give justice larger place.
4. **Give heed, O saints of God!**
Creation cries in pain;
stretch forth your hand of healing now,
with love the weak sustain.
5. **Commit your hearts to seek**
the paths which Christ has trod;
and, quickened by the Spirit’s pow’r,
rise up, O saints of God!

Apostles' Creed

A: 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.

† MEAL †

Offering and Offertory *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (from Eleven Chorale Preludes, Opp. 122) - Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)
Based on the tune and text found in ELW 488: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Hymn of Thanksgiving *As the offering is brought forward the congregation sings:*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

For music turn to Hymn 182 in the Red Hymnal

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that we sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes of the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

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Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of wonder,

C: you formed us in our mother's womb, and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine. We place them on your table, together with our lives and all that you have made. Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit. We wait for your mercy, we long for your peace; we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ, our banquet of life. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

(Isaiah 6:3 - spoken)

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was handed over our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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.**

Communion Distribution

Welcome to the Lord's Supper! All who are baptized are invited to receive communion. You will receive bread from the communion assistant. If you would prefer a gluten free wafer please ask the communion assistant distributing the bread.) You may receive wine from either the common cup or in an individual glass. If you would like to receive in a glass please pick one up from the tray as you approach the altar rail. White grape juice is available in the individual glasses for those who do not wish to take wine. As we commune together everyone is invited to sing the following hymns:

Lamb of God (Page 39 of the Blue Hymnal)

779 *Amazing Grace (Red Hymnal)*

592 *Just as I Am (Red Hymnal)*

Communion Blessing *After all have communed the pastor will say:*

P: The body and the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING ‡

Blessing

P: May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

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

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

Postlude *Sonata No. 4 in B-flat major*: I. Allegro con brio - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The Trinity Organ

Specifications:

Holtkamp Organ Company, Cleveland Ohio

Opus/Job Number: 1921

Year: 1975

Type of Work: New Organ, Trinity Lutheran, East Rochester, NY

Manuals: 2

Ranks: 5

Stops: 4 (per manual)

Number of Pipes: 317

Action: Electropneumatic

Air Pressure: 2 ¾ inches

Tonal Composition:

Manual 1

8' Quintadena

4' Flute

2' Principal

1 1/3' Larigot

Manual 2

8' Flute

4' Principal

4' Quintadena

Cymbal (Mixture)

Pedal

16' Quintadena

8' Flute

4' Principal

4' Quintadena

For more information:

<http://www.holtkamporgan.com/Chart/Default.aspx>

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Thank you to Caroline Robinson, music director of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Pittsford for being the guest organist to rededicate the instrument.



Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Kim and Gary Boisseau
Acolyte	Tierney White
Altar Care	Liz Brown
Communion Assistants	Ivan and Nancy Shuler
Nursery Care	Judy VanDeVelde
Counters	Sue Kaufmann and Linda Flood
Coffee Hour	The Bonckes

Worship assistants for next Sunday, January 26

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Cassie Ross
Acolyte	Morgan Sackett
Nursery Care	Beth Perdan
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Annual Meeting – Sub Sale

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