



# St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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## *Matthew 10 – Missionary Words*

*January 22, 2017 10:30 Service of the Word*

Why have faith? Is it to get you through the rough times in life? Is it so you go to heaven rather than hell? Today we read the “Missionary Discourse” that Jesus gives his twelve disciples. This is a set of instructions about how to spread faith. We discover that the real purpose of faith is not to serve our own needs, but instead to meet the needs of others. May we feel certain in the faith God is inspiring in us so that we can put that faith to use in God’s 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.

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

# † GATHERING †

## Prelude and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.  
*(A moment of silence for reflection)*

P: Loving God,

**C: we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times:  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen**

### Gathering Hymn Lead Me to the Rock

*(For music turn to Hymn 20 in the Songbook binder)*

**1. When my heart is overwhelmed,  
Hear my cry,  
Give heed to my prayer,  
And my eyes are dim with tears,  
O Father, make them clear;  
From the ends of all the earth,  
When my heart is fainting,  
Let me know that You have heard,  
Lead me into safety.**

*Chorus (Repeat Chorus at end)*

**And lead me to the Rock,  
The Rock that is higher,  
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.  
Lead me to the Rock,  
The Rock that is higher,  
Higher than I.**

**2. You, O Lord have been for me  
A refuge from my enemies.  
Let me live within your strength,  
In the shelter of Your wings;  
From the ends of all the earth,  
When my heart is fainting,  
Let me know that You have heard,  
Lead me into safety. *Chorus***

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*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 (John 1)*

A: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

A: In the Word was life,

**C: and the life was the light of all people.**

A: 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...

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 †

### First Reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup>Consider 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. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in 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

<sup>35</sup>Then 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. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is

plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore 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. <sup>2</sup>These 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; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup>but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup>Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. <sup>9</sup>Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup>no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup>Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup>“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup>Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; <sup>18</sup>and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup>When 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; <sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup>Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; <sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When 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. <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it 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! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be

uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For 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; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever 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; <sup>42</sup>and 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.**

### *Children’s Sermon*

#### *Sermon*

Hymn of the Day Will You Let Me Be Your Servant  
(For music see Hymn 659 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen the journey through.
5. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

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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

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us share that peace with one another.

*The congregation may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

✠ THANKSGIVING ✠

Offering

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

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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Thanksgiving Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**C: receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

A: 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: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sending 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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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT.

THE BAD NEWS IS

WE HAVE WHAT JESUS

GOT, COMING TO US.

( YEAH, PRETTY MUCH. )



AND THE GOOD NEWS IS

WE HAVE WHAT JESUS

GOT, COMING TO US.

( YEAH, THAT'S IT. )



**GREAT! I'M  
GLAD WE GOT  
THAT CLEARED UP.**



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**Worship assistants TODAY:**

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Cassie Ross
Acolyte	Ally Buch
Nursery Care	Lynne Minkel
Counters	Tom Kurilovitch and Helen Crown
Coffee Hour	Annual Meeting – Sub Sale

**Worship assistants for next Sunday, January 29**

Greeters and Ushers	Jack and Pat Hortop
Acolyte	Sarah Brownlee
Altar Care	Beth Perdan
Communion Assistants	Ethan and Lynne Minkel
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Sue Kaufmann and Linda Flood
Coffee Hour	Pat Hortop

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