



St. John's Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



The Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

10:30 Service of the Word

Jesus is on his journey to Jerusalem but he keeps expanding his ministry. In today's gospel we'll read about Jesus sending seventy followers out to towns he still plans to visit. These early missionaries returned later with joy about how well they were received. It would be nice if all our efforts at sharing the gospel were so well received, but we fear they will not be. May the joy of our Lord's love inspire us to share the good news in our every word and deed.

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

Gathering Dialog (Excerpts from the prayer "Catch Me in My Scurrying" in Guerillas of Grace by Ted Loder, copyright 1981 Augsburg Fortress)

P: Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,
and hold me in this Lenten season:

**C: hold my spirit to the beacon of your grace
and grant me light enough to walk boldly,
to feel passionately,
to love aggressively;**

P: grant me peace enough to want more,
to work for more
and to submit to nothing less,
and to fear only you...
only you!

**C: Bequeath me not becalmed seas,
slack sails and premature benedictions,
but breathe into me a torrent,
storm enough to make within myself
and from myself,
something...
something new,
something saving,
something true,
a gladness of heart,
a pitch for a song in the storm,
a word of praise lived,
a gratitude shared,
a cross dared,
a joy received.**

P: Catch me in my mindless scurrying, Lord,
C: and hold me in this Lenten season.

Gathering Hymn Lord I Lift Your Name on High
(For music turn to Hymn 23 in the Songbook binder)

1. **Lord I lift your name on high;
Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave up to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high!**
2. **Show us all your ways, oh Lord;
Teach us all your paths, oh Lord.
You're the source of love and light;
Source of wisdom and of might.
Create a clean heart in me; renew my soul.
Cast me not away from you, Support, console.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
Lord I love to sing your praise.
Lord I lift your name on high!**
3. **Lord I lift your name on high;
Lord I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave up to the sky,
Lord I lift your name on high!**

Text and music: Rick Founds; additional lyrics: Bev Nohe Deichman; copyright 1989 Maranatha Praise, Inc.; CCLI #2005258

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray...

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

First Reading Isaiah 52:6-10

⁶Therefore my people shall know my name; therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak; here am I.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Poetry Psalm 108: 1-7 (*Read responsively*)

A: I have decided, God,
I will sing of your glory,
will sing of your praise.

**C: Awake, my harp and lyre,
so I can wake up the dawn.**

A: I will lift my voice,
sing of you, Lord, to all nations.

**C: For your love fills the heavens,
your unfailing love, the sky.**

A O God, rise high above the heavens!
Spread your glory across the earth!

**C: Deliver those you love,
use your strength to rescue me.**

Second Reading Romans 10:11-17

¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” ¹⁶But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation (Romans 10:17)

C: Faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Gospel Reading Luke 10:1-23

The gospel is announced:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town. ¹³‘Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you

had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But at the judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. ¹⁵And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” ²¹At that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.” ²³Then turning to the disciples, Jesus said to them privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!

After the reading:

P: The gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Beneath the Cross of Jesus
(For music see Hymn 338 in the Red Hymnal)

1. Beneath the cross of Jesus

**I long to take my stand;
the shadow of a mighty rock
within a weary land,
a home within a wilderness,
a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat
and burdens of the day.**

**2. Upon the cross of Jesus,
my eye at times can see
the very dying form of one
who suffered there for me.
And from my contrite heart, with tears,
two wonders I confess:
the wonder of his glorious love
and my unworthiness.**

**3. I take, O cross, your shadow
for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by,
to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame,
my glory all, the cross.**

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869. Music: Frederic C. Maker, 1844-1927

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.**

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.

Gracious God,

C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

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: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn Messiah

(for music, please turn to Hymn 61 in the Songbook)

1. **Someone's shouting from the desert.**
Someone's shouting from the sea.
Someone's shouting from the mountain.
Someone's shouting from the valley.

Chorus

Messiah, come and be our King.
Messiah, come and be our King..

2. **Someone's shouting from the city.**
I am young, I am cold.
Someone's shouting from the country.
I am lonely, I am old.

Chorus

3. **Someone's shouting I am broken.**
Someone's shouting make me whole.
Someone's shouting come and change me.
Someone's shouting save my soul.

Chorus

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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



Campbell.

"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

Worship assistants TODAY:

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Bettina Kalish
Acolyte	Molly Perdan
Nursery Care	Laura Stroup
Counters	John and Linda Thompson
Coffee Hour	

Worship assistants for next Sunday, March 31, 2019

Greeters and Ushers	Mike and Cassie Ross
Acolyte	Katya Kurilovitch
Altar Care	Linda Thompson
Communion Assistants	Nancy and Ivan Shuler
Nursery Care	Kristi Bullwinkle
Counters	Tim Brown and Bill Hagerman
Coffee Hour	Linda Thompson

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