

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE
SENT BY OUR GOD & SAVIOR: A SERIES FOR LENT

April 6th, 2022

12:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.



Week 5: Sent Out With Prayer

AS WE GATHER

P: This Lent we focus in on the mission of Jesus, our Savior. The mission, given from his father, to leave the throne of God and be born among us to save us. As he healed, as he taught, as he proclaimed the kingdom of God, he called disciples and followers saying, "Follow me." That following is not easy. As he called us, as he loves us, Christ also sends us. He sends us out like sheep among wolves. He tells us to be as shrewd as serpents but as innocent as doves. In other words, be aware of the world around you, but be above reproach. We often fail to do this, all of this. We fail at following, and we fail to hear his instructions to "Go, and as you are going make disciples of all nations." That's why this lent we see the Cross as the Mission of God and the purpose of our Savior. Jesus is sent to live and die so we might have life. He serves us in his death and resurrection and he wants us to serve others too. He sends us out as well, to die to ourselves and our own sinful desires, and live for the sake of proclaiming the Gospel. As we focus this Lent, on Christ calling and ours, may we see that we have been called, that we are loved, and that we are Sent Out by our God and Savior.

Prelude: “Prayer from Otello” -G. Verdi

Welcome:

The Opening Prayer:

P: Heavenly Father, your son once prayed saying, “My prayer for all of them is that they will be one.... Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me.” O God, we are one with you because You have made us one with you. Yet we struggle with our unity, we let the things of this world divide us and, in that division, we fail to draw others to you. Teach us still to pray that we may be one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. Fill us with Your love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in the one Spirit which helps us make you present in the world, and witness to the ultimate reality that is Your love.

C: Amen.

Theme Verse:

P: Jesus once told the disciples, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Mark 1:17). As we go on our Lenten Journey, we follow Jesus as he sends us just as the Father sent him.

C: Jesus also prayed for his disciples saying, “I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth. I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you,

that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”

The Opening Hymn:

Hymn: #772, St. 1-3, “In Holy Conversation”

- 1 In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.
- 2 These holy conversations Begin in child-like ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.
- 3 As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev’ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

The Opening Litany

- P: As Your Followers Jesus, you call us to Follow you, and go out into the deep.
- C: Yet Like Jonah we run, like Job we question, like Thomas we doubt, and like Adam and Eve we don’t always choose to follow you.**
- P: Because to follow you in faith is more dangerous and yet also more compelling; It’s our faith in you that tells us to carry the cross, to embrace death
- C: Faith tells us to lay down our interests for the sake of others;**
- P: And yet you pray for us, Lord Jesus, that we may be one the way you, the Father, and the spirit are one.
- C: guide us by your spirit to not let our earthly divisions divide**

us from our joint mission and ministry to make You alive in our community.

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord Jesus, you call us and you send us out. But like Abram there is nothing special about us, Like Isaiah we realize we are sinful, and like Peter we don't believe we deserve to be in your presence and we struggle to serve each other and the world, the way you serve us.

C: And yet you call us, and you send us. You call us into a world that desperately still needs to hear of your Love for us all. You send us into the world to serve it, just as you were sent into the world, to live among us, to carry our sin and most of all to die in our place. Thank you for taking our sin to the cross, and help us as you send us to live a life that reflects your love to the world.

P: God sends you and calls you regardless of your past, regardless of your sin, regardless of the fact that you might not feel worthy. He calls you out and takes us into a deeper relationship with him. He sends because he was sent. Sent to you and sent for you. Sent to die, and sent to rise. Sent to forgive us and sent to prepare a place for us. And because Jesus has been sent for you and for your sake and mine, He died for all our sins. Because of the sacrifice of His son, and out of love for us, God forgives us of all our sins in the name of the Father, the † Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Absolution:

Hymn: #703, St. 1 & 3, "How Can I Thank You, Lord"

**1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.**

**3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exultation
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.
My sins are washed away; For this I thank You, Lord.
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

16 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ² And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he

is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 91

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P: I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

C: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

P: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

C: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

P: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

C: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

P: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

C: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

P: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

C: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

P: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot

against a stone.

C: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

P: "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

C: When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

P: With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

C: Glory be to the Father, and to the † Son, and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

2 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lenten Verse

C: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

17 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶ "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word,

and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come

to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn Of The Day:

Hymn: #913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in, and in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light
divine, Around and in us brightly shine, to joy and gladness
wake us That we may be Truly living, to You giving Prayer
unceasing And in love be still increasing.**
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow’r, that in our hearts from
this good hour as fire it may be glowing, That in true
Christian unity We faithful witnesses may be, Your glory ever
showing. Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching; Let our
preaching and our labor Praise You, Lord, and serve our
neighbor.**
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in
doubt and strife, In us be strongly burning That we be faithful
unto death And live in love and holy faith, From You true
wisdom learning. Your grace and peace on us shower;
By Your power Christ confessing, let us see our Savior’s
blessing.**

Sermon:

“Sent Out As He Prays”

“John 17:1-26”

Offertory: #806 (Give Thanks with a grateful heart?)

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

Prayers:

P: Merciful God, help us to turn away from things that do not lead to life – from attitudes and actions that get in the way of our relationship with You and distract us from hearing Your voice and doing Your will. As Jesus Prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

C: That we may all be one, just as you, Father, Son, and Spirit are one.

P: Open our eyes and ears to Your presence and Your call. Give us courage to take up our cross and follow where You lead, even if the path is uncertain or leads in unexpected directions. Take our lives, and use us to Your glory. As Jesus Prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

C: That we may all be one, just as you, Father, Son, and Spirit are one.

P: Though we strive to live lives that honor you, Lord, we know that we so often fail. Sometimes we fail by sheer disobedience. Sometimes we fail by ignorance and unthinking inaction. But sometimes we fail by our own misguided efforts to do what is careful and wise and right. Forgive our many failures, especially our failure to love and to serve without restraint. Teach us to learn to live and to love without the need always first to evaluate,

calculate, and measure. Teach us to give ourselves without limit to you and to the work you give us to do. As Jesus Prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

C: That we may all be one, just as you, Father, Son, and Spirit are one.

P: There are those around us, Lord God, who need us and need You. You place us in the midst of neighbors and friends and coworkers who need our gifts of love. Give us courage to serve them by our actions and by our words so that they may also come to know the sweet and wonderful reality of your love. We pray in particular for those we name before you in our silent prayers [silence for personal petitions]. Give each of these people the comfort of your mercy and the assurance of your grace, and use us to serve them well. As Jesus Prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

C: That we may all be one, just as you, Father, Son, and Spirit are one.

P: Lord God, your good creation has been marred by the evil of sin. We see and hear and smell the sorrow and the decay all around us. Give us renewed zeal for the work you give us to do in fighting evil, resisting decay, and restoring what is broken. As Jesus Prayed, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,"

C: That we may all be one, just as you, Father, Son, and Spirit are one.

P: As you send us Lord, give us again your perfect grace and peace. By Your strength enable us to accomplish all that you give us to do. We pray in your holy name.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.**

The Benediction:

P: Out of his great love for his creation, the Father sent his Son to die in our place and create a way for us to be with God forever. Now, the Holy Spirit brings the grace of that sacrifice to you and through you works to bring it to others. Go with God's grace and peace as we follow Jesus to the places where he already is, our homes, our communities and in our world. In the name of the father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn:

Hymn: #769, St. 1-3 "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

- 1 Eternal Spirit of the living Christ, I know not how to ask or
what to say; I only know my need, as deep as life,
And only You can teach me how to pray.**
- 2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; Help me to see
Your purpose and Your will—Where I have failed, what I have
done amiss; Held in forgiving love, let me be still.**
- 3 Come with the strength I lack, bring vision clear
Of human need; O give me eyes to see
Fulfillment of my life in love outpoured,
My life in You, O Christ; Your love in me.**

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HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday: 12:00 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Saturday: Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Saturday: 5 p.m.

Easter Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast: at 9:00 a.m.