

Better Together: Into the World
Joining Jesus In Our Everyday Lives

October 17, 2021

As We Gather

The church is better together, but not for the purpose of becoming an inward-focused club. We are better together not just for the sake of our own growth. We are better together for the world, for sake of the people beloved by Jesus who do not yet know Him as Savior. In John 17:21, Jesus prayed for all His followers, including us today, *“that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”*

We are called to be missionaries, joining Jesus on His mission on the mission field in which He has placed us. What does this mean as we seek to join Jesus on His mission in our lives each day?

Welcome

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In” LSB 913

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.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for self-examination on our need for the cross of Christ

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. (John 20:19-23)

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church or God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Christ High-Ascended Now in Glory Seated” LSB 840

1 Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,
Throned and exalted, victory completed,
Death's dread dominion finally defeated,
We are His witnesses.

4 Christ in His splendor, all dominion
gaining,
Christ with His people evermore remaining,
Christ to all ages gloriously reigning,
We are His witnesses.

2 Christ from the Father ev'ry power
possessing,
Who on His chosen lifted hands in blessing,
Sends forth His servants, still in faith
confessing,
We are His witnesses.

5 As at His parting, joy shall banish
grieving,
Faith in His presence strengthen our
believing;
Filled with His Spirit, love and pow'r
receiving,
We are His witnesses.

3 Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,
We are His witnesses.

Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen**

Readings

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-3

¹The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ²“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-16

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

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Thanks be to God!

Alleluia

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:4

³⁵ Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

10 Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You O Christ!

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the live chat.

Thanksgivings

Pastor: O Lord, we praise You.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Petitions

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

St. John’s People and Families

James, Rita, Brian, Hagen, Trenton, & Kaylani Bresee
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 Ron & Judith Irwin
 Tony, Leslie, Colin, & Erin Nicholson
 Brad, Anna, Matthew, & Melissa Seiter
 George, Amanda, & Charlotte Bevan
 Audrey Nagle & Zoe Ewig
 Alexander, Lauren, & Felix Hesser
 Kevin, Sheree, Collyns, & Kinley Moorhead
 Jennifer Giese, Jeremy Threat, & Anneke Threat

Offering

The Service of Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . .

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 Words of Institution

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: Amen.

Communion

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

People: Amen. *(Take and drink)*

Communion Songs

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" LSB 641

Refrain:	Is not the cup we bless and share
You satisfy the hungry heart,	The blood of Christ, outpoured?
With gift of finest wheat.	Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Come give to us, O saving Lord,	Our oneness in the Lord?
The bread of life to eat.	[Refrain]

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,	The myst'ry of Your presence, Lord,
They know and heed his voice;	No mortal tongue can tell:
So when You call Your fam'ly, Lord,	Whom all the world cannot contain
We follow and rejoice.	Comes in our hearts to dwell.
[Refrain]	[Refrain]

With joyful lips we sing to You	You give Yourself to us, O Lord;
Our praise and gratitude,	Then selfless let us be,
That You should count us worthy, Lord,	To serve each other in Your name
To share this heav'nly food.	In truth and charity.
[Refrain]	[Refrain]

“What Is This Bread” LSB 629

1 What is this bread?
Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break,
This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

2 What is this wine?
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace
Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

4 Yet is God here?
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul
He makes us whole—
Christ truly present in this meal.
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

3 So who am I,
That I should live and He should die
Under the rod?

5 Is this for me?
I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe
That I receive
His very body and His blood
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

People: Amen.

Prayer

Benediction

“Life High the Cross” LSB 837

Refrain:
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who
died. [Refrain]

1 Come, Christians, follow where our
Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.
[Refrain]

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.
[Refrain]

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks
combine. [Refrain]

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and
hell. [Refrain]

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

Offering

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You may also mail your offering to St. John’s (3521 Linda Vista, Napa, CA 94558)



Memory Verse for This Week

³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.”
Matthew 9:37-38

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 Kevin, Sheree, Collyns, & Kinley Moorhead
 Jennifer Giese, Jeremy Threat, & Anneke Threat

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Readers	Sarah Knutson, Matthew Wahlers
Communion Assistants	Joel Wahlers, Gerry Schneider, Rebecca Vitkus
Sound Technician	Chris Newman
Streaming Technicians	Martin Meissenhalter, Joshua Wright, Joel Wahlers
Worship Preparation Team	Bob & Doris Klein, Betsy Gewirz
Usher	Missy Loban
Projection Technician	Brian Schoenfeld
Organist	Erin Blackwood