

Better Together: Into the World
“Joining Jesus on His Mission”

October 10, 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 follow our **“Better Together”** series these next three weeks by focusing on how Jesus has called us together to join Him on His mission. We are not only better together with each other, we are also better together with those in our families, neighborhoods, and beyond who have yet to come to faith in Jesus.

Welcome

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord” LSB 830

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.

4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Invocation

Confession and Absolution

“All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises”

Chorus

You lived You died	You took
You said in three days	You take our sins away O God
You would rise	You give
You did You're alive	You gave Your life away for us
You rule You reign	You came down
You said You're coming back again	You saved us through the cross
I know that You will	Our hearts are changed
And all the earth will sing Your praises	Because of Your great love
All the earth will sing Your praises	

Prayer

Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, you islands;
hear this, you distant nations:
Before I was born the LORD called me;
from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.
² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me into a polished arrow
and concealed me in his quiver.
³ He said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”
⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand,
and my reward is with my God.”
⁵ And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—
⁶ he says:
“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”
⁷ This is what the LORD says—
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:

“Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Acts 16:6-15

⁶ Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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

Apostles' Creed

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.

Children's Message

Sermon

“Joining Jesus on His Mission”

Musical Offering

“Go Ye Into All the World!” *by Don Besig and Nancy Price*
Sanctuary Choir

Go ye into all the world!

Go ye into all the world with joy and preach My gospel of peace.

These were the words of the Master to all the friends He gathered together:
Know that mM love is everlasting. Go forth and keep My commandments forever.

Go ye into all the world!

Go ye into all the world with joy and preach My gospel of peace.

Go with the power I give you, and make disciples of ev'ry nation.
Know that I always will be with you from this day forth to the end of the ages.

Go ye into all the world!

Go ye into all the world with joy and preach My gospel of peace.

Offering

Prayers

Please add your prayer requests to the 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 to Pray for This Week

Gary & Connie Brayton

Linda Diviak

Hoag & Lois Husted

Caitlin Newton

Charles & Elaine Scott

Silvio, Natalie, & Giovannoni Bettinelli

Eric & Zoe Ewig

Grant, Natalie, & Hayes Hemingway

Jason, Angelica, & Isabella Moore

Justin, Amber, & Marvin Tews

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.

Benediction

"Lead Us Out"

Lead us up

We want to know You better

Lead us up

Fill our hearts and make us more like You

Lead us up

Ever growing closer

Oh lead us up into You, Lord

Lead us in

We want to love like You do

Lead us in

Make of us one body in Your love

Lead us in

Loving one another

Oh lead us in Your Love, O Lord **Chorus**

Chorus

Lead us up, lead us in, lead us out into Your world

Lead us now and we'll follow You today

Lead us onward by Your grace, until we see Your face

Lead us out into Your world

Lead us out

We want to be a blessing

Lead us out into the world You gave Your life to save

Lead us out to tell them all about You

Oh lead us out into Your world **Chorus**

Offering

<http://stjohnslutheran.net/give/>

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Memory Verse for This Week

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8



Serving in Worship Today

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