

JESUS SENT
OUT THE
TWELVE
DISCIPLES

Matthew 10



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Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class: 11:30 AM

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We are Jesus' hands, feet, and voice.

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love.

Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, what act of kindness and compassion can you show towards someone who is ill?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his

presence with singing" (Psalm 100:1-2). "I've Got

the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in My Heart” is a popular Christian song written in the 1920’s and still stirs memories and joy in the hearts of many. Take a moment to make a joyful noise to the Lord and sing this well-known song.



IT IS GREAT TO HAVE YOU IN WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

Here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we believe in the teachings of the Bible as taught by Jesus and the apostles and strive to live our lives in accord with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are all fellow sinners who live together in the mercy and grace of Jesus. Jesus is the heart and center of all that we say and do as we serve Him and live in Christian love with one another.

If you would like to learn more about this church, or are looking for a church family, please talk to our pastor or one of the elders. They would be happy to talk with you! Regardless of whether you join or not, we welcome you and your family to worship with us any time! We want to know who you are, so please provide your contact information in the Friendship Book as it is passed during the Offertory. If you are visiting, honor us by signing the Guest Register in the Narthex.

If you have a prayer request, please fill out a Blue Prayer Card from the pew rack and usher will be collecting them.

Thank you. Come visit us again sometime soon and may the Lord richly bless you!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026

PRELUDE

✠ **ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION

827 HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
 “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
 Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
 Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
 “Here am I, send me, send me”?

2 Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God's Word so richly yields.

3 For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.

Then the souls His grace has garnered
Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

(Please rise)

+ CONFESSIOIN AND ABSOLUTION +
INVOCATION

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

CAmen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

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

CBut if we confess our sins, God, who is
faithful and just, will forgive our sins and
cleans us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-
examination.)*

CONFESSIOIN OF SINS

LSB 151

PLet us then confess our sins to God our Father.

☩ 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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 100

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C **Serve the LORD with gladness!**
Come into his presence with singing!

P Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Please rise)

KYRIE

LSB 152

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 of 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.

♪ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ♪

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;

**Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 19:2–8*

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians,

and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:6–15

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore,

we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Death in Adam, Life in Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

☪ Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

♪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE ♪

LSB 156

☪ Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35—10:20

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

☪ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Few

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers

are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

The Twelve Apostles

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold nor silver nor copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, nor two

tunics nor sandals nor a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

Persecution Will Come

¹⁶“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN

571 GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

(Please rise)

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessèd Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

(Please be seated)

SERMON

. . . Pastor Karl

(Please rise)

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord, in Your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

♪OFFERTORY RESPONSE♪

**805 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL
BLESSINGS FLOW**

(Please rise)

- △ **1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

♪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 debts,**

**as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

CLOSING HYMN

727 ON EAGLES' WINGS

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!" **Refrain**

ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;

Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4 For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



SERVING IN THE LORD'S HOUSE TODAY

Preacher: Rev. Karl P. Glander

Organist: Holly Bell

Flutist: Nancy Rybak

Bells: Debbie Jackow

The Sound System: Jeff Kirsch

Elder: Klaus Naumann

Altar Guild: Emmy Larson, Betty Willis

Ushers: Annette Brocious, Chris Jackow

Reader: Greg Murray

Signup Sheets in the Fellowship Hall. This is your chance to get involved in worship.

Our Response to God's Love

Worship Service – 40

Adult Bible Class – 19

Celebrating birthdays this week: 6/17: Terri Gerlach

Celebrating anniversaries this week: 6/18: Pat & Rollin Duckwitz (44 yrs)



INDOOR SUMMER PICNIC

Everyone is invited to stay today after the service for Our annual Church Picnic. We invite our VBS children and their families to join the members of Bethlehem in an indoor family picnic to get to know each other and view some of the wonderful pictures of the children during their week of **TROPICAL TREK!!!** Please stay!! Enjoy the food and the pictures!!

NO ADULT SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY and SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Pastor Glander leads a Bible study in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 service and Sunday school for the children is in the classroom. Will resume next Sunday June 21st.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:30 A.M. This gathering offers an opportunity to study God's Word together in the Fellowship Hall.

A huge **THANK YOU** to our incredible VBS volunteers! You made this week unforgettable. Your time and patience shined Jesus' light directly into the hearts of these children. We are eternally grateful for your servant hearts!

For Behind-the-Scenes Helpers (Decor, Snacks, Tech): Even though you might not have been in the central spotlight, your hard work was the backbone of this entire week. Thank you for sacrificing your time to build, prep, and serve so faithfully. We couldn't have done it without you!

For Crew & Classroom Leaders: Thank you for walking alongside the kids every step of the way this week. Your patience, high energy, and love for Jesus made a massive impact on your crew. Thank you for making VBS a safe, joyful place to learn about God.

Denver Ades
Ayla Angel
Holly Bell
Ginny Glander
Pastor Karl Glander

Irie Hidalgo
Nala Hidalgo
Lori Jensen
Linda Kirsch
Mickie Naumann

Raul Puga
Paul Rugenstein
Nancy Rybak
Sharon Schafer

Mary Tobeck
Tim Tobeck
Betty Willis
Charlotte Wofford

CHILDREN IN ATTENDANCE

Jasmyn Castellanos
Kashton Diaz
James Garcia
Nova McIlwain
Chico Powell
Benjamin Smith
Harlan Jr. Spurgin
Saylor Sullen
Addie Weaver
Ellie Weaver
Calum Wofford

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Sylas, Holly, Rose, Diane Pfaff, Denny,
Christopher Miller, Mike Taylor, Anonymously,
Eduard, Efrilyn, Royce and Rena, Sharon Schafer,
Debra Alley, Mariah Hamor, James and his family,
LuAnne, Pam and Paul, Dennis, Theresa L, Carol
and Sam, Brittany and Cedric, Sharon Schafer's
family, Kelli, Denny, Pat, Rose, Katie, Cody
Martin, Amy, Peggy, Haven, Cassie, Buckingham
Exceptional School, Cheryl Miller, John, Will,
Addison, Beth, Diane, Sara, Susan, Pam, Betty,
Ron, Jim, Carolyn Barnes, Tyler Wilke, Gary
Cooper, Gary, Betty, Jon and Joyce, Alica, Betty,
Chris Tobeck, Keith Tobeck, Andy, Peggy, Jack,
Karen and Doug, Jim, Ron, Helen, Happiness for
my family, For all God's creation for all mistreated
animals, Larry and Linda, Helen, Sandi, Peggy,
Tim Carlton, Roberta Lasocki Carlton, Ron Perry,
Les Dreischerf, Cannon, Debbie Steele, Levi,
Dominick Junior, Abigail and family, Amy and
family, Terri, Thersea L., Scot, Melinda, Nick,
Rose, Don, Carl, James and his family, John and
Judy Wittenberg, And those in our hearts

For Those Who have recently lost loved ones:
The family and friends of Marla Clausen, The family and friends of Larry Rosine, The family and friends of Edna, The family and friends of Dorothy Riddle, The family and friends of little Maeve

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who can't attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

Pam, Edison and Karen Johnson, Chester and Linda Rust

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

Son-in-law (being deployed for a year in the Coast Guard), Smiths (missionaries)

Dear Lord, we come to You today with heavy hearts, as we lift up those who are in need of prayer. We ask that You would bring healing and restoration to their body, mind, and spirit Amen.