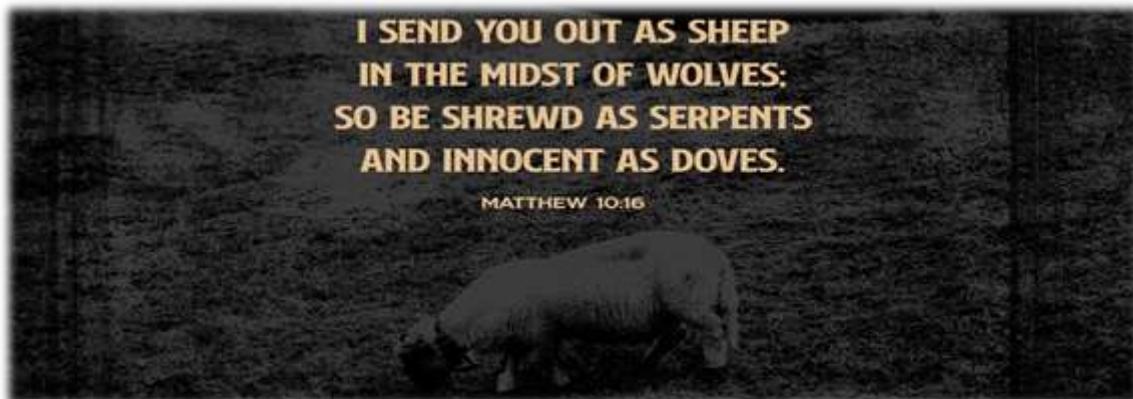


BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

SENT BY OUR GOD & SAVIOR: A SERIES FOR LENT

March 30th, 2022

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



Week 4: Sent into a Tough World

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: “Little Prelude in C Minor” -Cesar Franck

Welcome:

The Opening Prayer:

P: Heavenly Father, sometimes we feel like we are facing an uphill battle when we declare your word, Yet Jesus urged his apostles to persevere in the face of the persecution and trials He knew that they would encounter and told them to still announce the good news. He assured them that they need not worry or fear for the power of the Spirit would be speaking through them. Lord send forth your Holy Spirit when I feel weighed down by struggles and persecutions in my life. Help me to trust in the power of your Spirit, the very life of God within me which guides me into the ways of truth and love. In Jesus name we pray,

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 told his disciples, “you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When 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. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”

The Opening Hymn:

Hymn: LSB #828, St. 1-5, "We Are Called to Stand Together"
(Sung to TUNE REGENT SQUARE #367)

- 1 We are called to stand together With the saints of ages past,
With the patriarchs and prophets In the faith they once held
fast; Promises and hopes they treasured Now we find fulfilled
at last!**
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles Journeyed with Him side
by side, Heard His teaching, felt His power, Saw the way He
lived and died; Then the news of resurrection They delivered
far and wide.**
- 3 Through the intervening ages Round the world the Gospel
spread: Faithful heralds took the message, Guided where the
Spirit led; So the body grew in stature, Serving Christ, the
living head.**
- 4 Now in many tongues and cultures Songs of celebration ring;
Millions who confess our Savior Honor Him as Lord and King
And, for courage, grace and guidance Ev'ry day their prayers
they bring.**
- 5 To each coming generation Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
Till the time when time is ended, Till the Savior comes again—
Till the saints are all united Under Christ's eternal reign!**

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: You tell us that following you won't be easy, but even when we don't know what to say, your spirit will give us the words.

C: Help us to trust that your spirit will give us the words when we speak about our faith in you, to those who oppose us, but also to family, friends, coworkers and all others you put us in contact with.

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: LSB #843, St. 1-4, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace To live the words we say.**
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bitterness depart?**
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!**
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls And bid resentment
cease; Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will
spread Your peace.**

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-16

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink

water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 50:1-23

P: The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

C: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

P: Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

C: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

P: “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

C: The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge!

P: “Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

C: Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

P: I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds.

C: For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

P: I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is

mine.

C: "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

P: Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?

C: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High,

P: and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

C: But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant on your lips?

P: For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

C: If you see a thief, you are pleased with him, and you keep company with adulterers.

P: "You give your mouth free rein for evil, and your tongue frames deceit.

C: You sit and speak against your brother; you slander your own mother's son.

P: These things you have done, and I have been silent; you thought that I was one like yourself. But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before you.

C: "Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I tear you apart, and there be none to deliver!

P: The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

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: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. **2** But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. **5** For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **6** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. **8** We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; **9** persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **10** always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. **11** For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. **12** So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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: Matt 10:16-28

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When 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. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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: LSB 735, St. 1-4 “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above, For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

Sermon: The Spirit speaking through you. Matthew 10:16-28

Offertory: LSB #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 the Spirit gives us words

C: Help us to lift up the needs of our community and family, as we boldly proclaim you.

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 the Spirit gives us words

C: Help us to lift up the needs of our community and family, as we boldly proclaim you.

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 the Spirit gives us words

C: Help us to lift up the needs of our community and family, as we boldly proclaim you.

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 the Spirit gives us words

C: Help us to lift up the needs of our community and family, as we boldly proclaim you.

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 the Spirit gives us words

C: Help us to lift up the needs of our community and family, as we boldly proclaim you.

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:

**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.
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: LSB #831, St. 1, 4 & 5, “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard

- 1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard News of a Lord who loved and came; Nor known His reconciling word, Nor learned to trust a Savior’s name?**
- 4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart To this poor cold self-centered soul; Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart, And make a world for Christ my goal.**
- 5 Spirit of love, within us move: Spirit of truth, in pow’r come down! So shall they hear and find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.**

Postlude: “Little Prelude in E Minor” -J.S. Bach

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