

Marks of Discipleship

October 18, 2020



St. John's

Lutheran Church

Week Six: Our Call to Relationship with the Spirit

- Leading:** Pastor Dave Efflandt
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Musicians: Olivia Smith, Vocalist
Justin Sabelko, Violin
Gloria Gilbertson, Accompanist
Reader: Tim Tjosaas

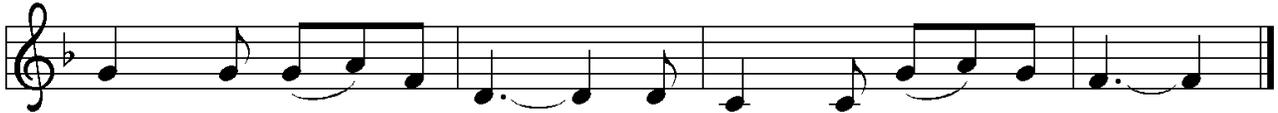
OPENING SONG: "I Come With Joy" Vocalist: Olivia Smith



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. Amen. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: God of compassion and grace, in your steadfast love accompany us all the days of our life. As you ever work to restore and renew your people, overcome bitterness with your joy, hatred with your love, brokenness with your life; and give us hope through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Hebrews 13:1-4

L: The first reading is from Hebrews, the thirteenth chapter.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 6:1-4

L: The second reading is from Ephesians, the sixth chapter.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother — this is the first commandment with a promise: so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

The Third Reading: 1 Peter 3:15b-16

L: The Third reading is from First Peter, the third chapter.

Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

The Fourth Reading: Romans 10:14-15

L: The Fourth reading is from Romans, the tenth chapter.

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

SERMON: Deacon Amanda Sabelko Nurturing Relationships

SECOND SONG

“There is a Redeemer”

Vocalist: Olivia Smith

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
O for sinners slain

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended

into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, we thank you for the welcome you give us all in the gift of baptism. Pour out your Spirit on all your children, and daily give them the forgiveness and direction that they need. We give thanks today for the baptism of Hunter. Continue to strengthen the faith life of his parents, sponsors, and of this community. Help us all trust in your goodness and faithfulness, and to reach out with love and kindness to the world with your overflowing justice and grace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you (*especially*). We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship: Sunday at 9AM via Facebook; 10AM via Zoom

→ Virtual Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays and Following Wednesdays

Wednesday at 6:30 PM via Facebook

Bible Studies

Marks of Discipleship Studies: Tuesdays at 11 AM and Thursdays at 6 PM via Zoom

Women of Faith: Thursdays at 9:30 AM via Zoom

Bible and Brew: 7 PM Thursday Evenings

“Love Big” by Rozella Haydee White. Saturdays at 10 AM via Zoom, begins

10/24/2020

Pastor Curtis Johnson Arrangements: Lead pastor at SJK 1961-1997

Private Funeral on Wed, 10/21 at 11 AM at Czaplewski funeral home in Kasson

- Live-stream information for the service found on our Facebook or at Czaplewski
- Others are invited to join the funeral procession after the service

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep. The Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor,

✝ and give you His peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: “To Be Your Presence” Vocalist: Olivia Smith



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - jice,

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

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