



AUGUST 2013 DEVOTION

Go! Tell!

Leader: We gather in the name of our Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And the Word says: For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me (Matt. 25:31-41).

Group: We collect mites for missions. We send gifts from our hearts to people in need. We support missionaries around the world. These things are done to share the love of our Lord.

Leader: And the Word says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matt. 28: 19-20).

Group: That is such a difficult command! It is easier to collect gifts and send others to be missionaries. I cannot go to all nations. I am not a teacher.

Leader: But the Word also says: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. . . . And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matt. 28:18, 20b).

Group: So we are being sent ... to everyone. That means those near me also. And God promises to be with me, so I am not alone. We know we are quenched because He gives us living water.

Leader: And the Word says: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him (Ex. 15:2).

Group: The Lord is my Savior. The Lord is with me. The Lord loves me and gives me strength. How can I not go and tell someone He is also their Lord and Savior?

ALL PRAY: DEAR LORD, I SOMETIMES FORGET YOU KNOW MY WEAKNESSES, AND YET YOU MADE ME YOUR CHILD. YOU ARE MY STRENGTH AND MY SALVATION. HELP ME TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OTHERS THROUGH MITES AND GIFTS FROM MY HEART. HELP ME ALSO TO HAVE STRENGTH – YOUR STRENGTH – SO I CAN TELL THE GOOD NEWS THAT YOU LOVE US. YOU DIED FOR OUR SALVATION. AND YOU CARE FOR US EVERY DAY. THANK YOU, LORD! I PRAY IN YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Close by singing “Jesus Loves Me” (Lutheran Service Book 588).