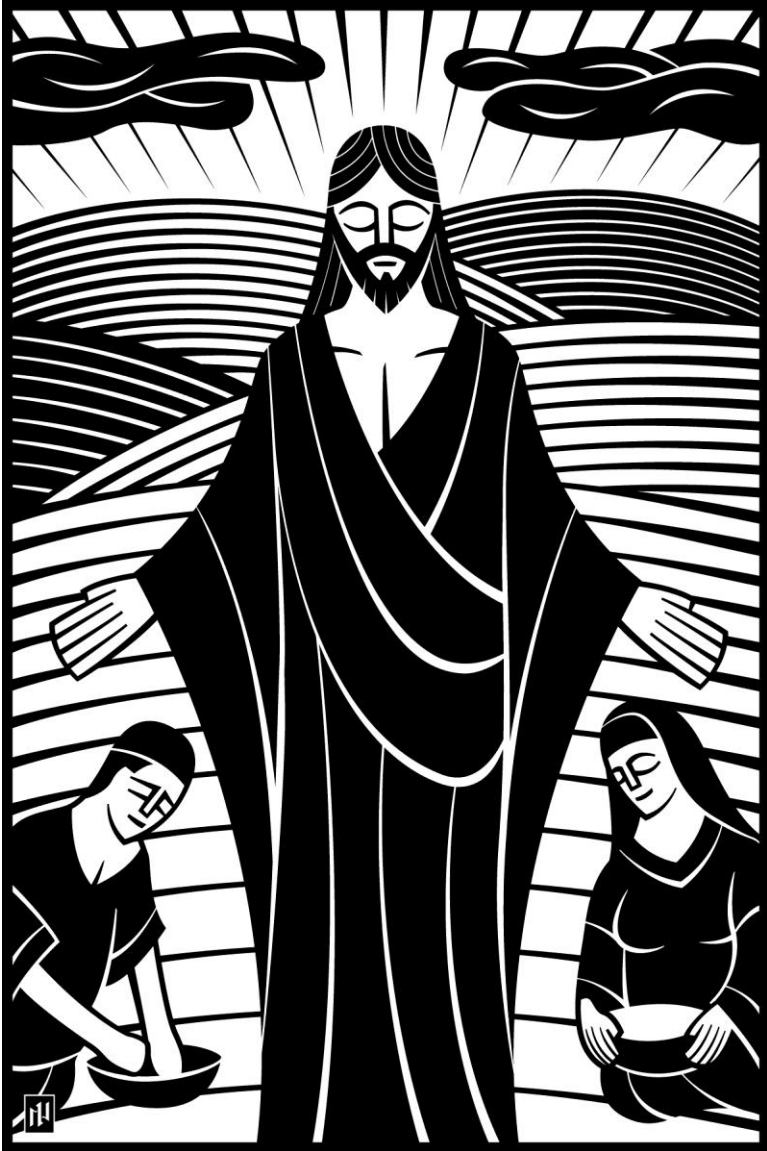


*Christ's Church proclaims
the good news of his forgiveness*



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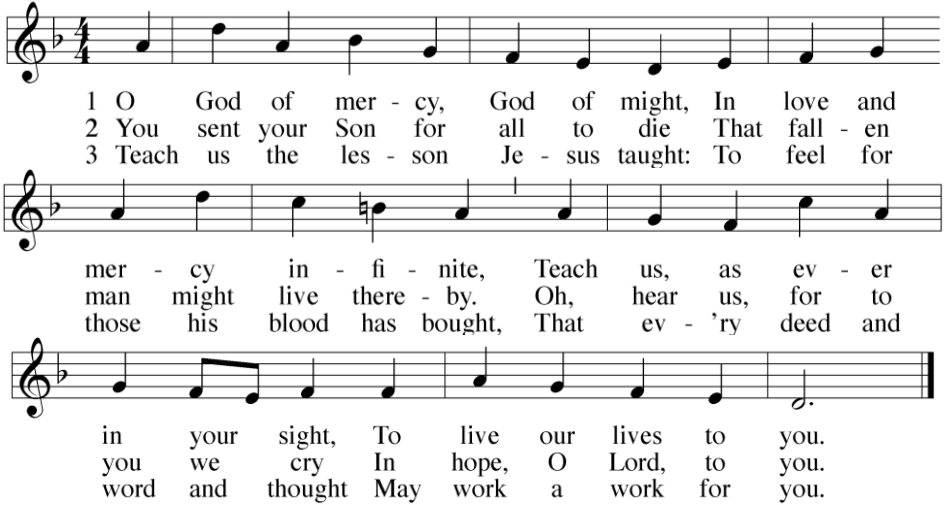
Mission Festival Sunday – July 12th, 2020

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a powerful God who uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus.

OPENING HYMN #499 (vv.1-3)

O God of Mercy, God of Might



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
2 You sent your Son for all to die That fall - en
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: To feel for
mer - cy in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
man might live there - by. Oh, hear us, for to
those his blood has bought, That ev - 'ry deed and
in your sight, To live our lives to you.
you we cry In hope, O Lord, to you.
word and thought May work a work for you.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father

C: whose glory is declared by the heavens,

M: and of the Son (+)

C: who calls us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth,

M: and of the Holy Spirit

C: who empowers us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: Gracious Lord, we come before you now confessing our sins. Through your Word you have revealed to us again and again the unsearchable riches of Christ,

C: but again and again we have failed to recognize how richly we have been blessed.

M: We have often failed to fully appreciate all you have done for us in Christ, and therefore we have failed to share the message of your love and grace with others as we should.

C: Forgive us for the dullness of our faith and love for you.

M: So often we have overlooked the needs of those who live near us and have shown so little concern for those who are far away.

C: There is always so much more we could do to bring others the Good News of their Savior, Jesus Christ.

M: Gracious Lord, we confess that we are in dire need of your Spirit's help.

C: We need a heart that loves you more, a faith that trusts you more, a life that reflects more clearly the vast riches of your love.

A moment of silence for self-reflection and confession.

M: After his resurrection, Jesus breathed on his disciples and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

The Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake has forgiven you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, You have called us from many races and tongues to be witnesses of the Good News of Your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

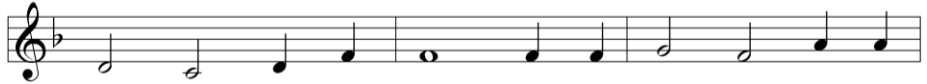
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #353

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
 strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

FIRST READING

Number 27:15-23

¹⁵Moses spoke to the LORD, ¹⁶“May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the community, ¹⁷who will go out before them and come in before them, who will lead them out and bring them in, so that the community of the LORD will not be like sheep without a shepherd.” ¹⁸The LORD said to Moses, “Take

Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and place your hand on him. ¹⁹Have him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. You will commission him in their sight. ²⁰You will give some of your authority to him so that the entire Israelite community will listen to him. ²¹He will stand before Eleazar the priest, who will inquire for him before the LORD with the decision of the Urim. He and all the Israelites with him, the entire community, will go out at his command and come in at his command." ²²Moses did just as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand in front of Eleazar the priest and the entire community. ²³He placed his hands on him and commissioned him, just as the LORD spoke through Moses.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 96

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Psalm tone



Sing to the LORD, praise his name;*
proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations,*
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;*
tremble before him, all the earth.

Refrain

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;*
let the sea resound, and all that is in it;

let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.*
Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;

for he comes to judge the world in righteousness*
and the peoples in his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

¹⁶May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good work and word. ^{3:1}Finally, brothers, pray for us so that the word of the Lord may spread quickly and be glorified just as it was among you. ²Pray also that we may be rescued from evil and wicked people. For not everyone has faith. ³Still, the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and protect you from the Evil One. ⁴We also have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we are telling you. ⁵May the Lord continue to direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's patient endurance.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

M: Alleluia. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest."

HYMN #576

Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word



1 Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the
 2 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, Who for -
 4 Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n Now to
 5 Up! The rip - 'ning fields you see. Might - y



king - dom of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his
 world and keeps it still, How his on - ly
 ev - er does re - move By his ho - ly
 guide us on to heav'n, Strong and ho - ly,
 shall the har - vest be, But the reap - ers



breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
 Son he gave All from sin and death to save.
 sac - ri - fice All the guilt that on us lies.
 just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
 still are few; Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, grant anew,
 Joy and strength to work for you,
 Till the gath'ring nations all
 See your light and heed your call.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

OFFERING

Our offerings are an expression of thankfulness for what our Savior has done for us, and a way of supporting the spread of the gospel through the Church's work.

*You can place your offering in the plate in the church entryway
Or you can give electronically by scanning this code
that will take you to our secure giving site.*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Almighty God, whose Son died on the cross to redeem all the people of the earth,

C: open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is plentiful but the workers are few.

M: Open our hearts to a sincere concern for the souls of those who will be lost without you.

C: Open our wallets to support the preaching of your Word in all the earth, and hear our prayer for your help and blessing.

M: Look with compassion on the millions of people who are still sitting in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death – both those near at hand and those far away.

C: Wherever your consecrated workers are proclaiming your message of salvation support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.

M: O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we also might be active in sharing your Word with others.

C: Help us personally to speak your message of salvation to others and help us overcome our fear of witnessing to your holy name.

M: Bless our Wisconsin Synod and our ministerial education schools to prepare pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who see themselves as missionaries.

C: Touch the hearts of many young people with a deep love for you. Move many of them to commit their lives to a career in the public ministry.

M: On this Mission Festival we pray that you bless your missions, as you have promised.

C: Let the workers be sent out, supported, and sustained. Let the communion of saints grow and expand in all the earth, and use each and every one of us in this blessed harvest.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions for the successful sharing of your Word in all the world.

Silent prayer.

M: These things we ask in Jesus' name, as we also pray:

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 and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The blessing of almighty God – the Father, the Son (+) and the Holy Spirit – be with you and uphold you forever.

C: Amen.



1 Lord of the liv - ing har - vest That rip - ens
 2 As la - b'ers in your vine - yard, Lord, give us
 3 Be with us, God the Fa - ther; Be with us,



o'er the plain, Where an - gels soon will gath - er
 work to do, Con - tent to bear the bur - den
 God the Son And God the Ho - ly Spir - it,



Their sheaves of gold - en grain, Ac - cept our hands to
 Of wea - ry days for you, To ask no oth - er
 Most bless - ed Three in One. Make us your faith - ful



la - bor, Our hearts to trust and love, And be with
 wa - ges When you will call us home Than to have
 ser - vants You right - ly to a - dore, And fill us



us to has - ten Your king - dom from a - bove.
 shared the la - bor That makes your king - dom come.
 with your bless - ing Both now and ev - er - more.

Announcements

Serving Us This Week (July 12th - 18th)
Cleaners: Linn, Joecks, Jesson, Hutchinson

Serving Us Next Week (July 19th - 25th)
Cleaners: Giese, Pruitt, Sonntag

THANK YOU

We thank Pastor Jon Werre for sharing God's Word with us this morning, informing us of the work of the Gospel across our synod, and encouraging us to reach the lost right here and across the world. Pastor Werre serves at Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD and is also our Dakota-Montana District Mission Board Chairman.

REFRESHMENTS

After the service this morning, we will have light refreshments outside in the courtyard (weather permitting). If you'd like to stick around, ask Pastor Werre some questions or visit with your brothers and sisters, feel free to do so.

SHINE ELECTIONS

We will continue to have elections for our SHINE officers this weekend. We'd ask the ladies to fill out a ballot and return them to Becky Gullixson.

PASTOR SONNTAG

Pastor Sonntag will be back in town tomorrow. If you need anything, please feel free to call or email.

SUPPORTING STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO MINISTRY

You can help support students along their path to serving in the ministry. Tuition and education expenses can be a big hurdle. The WELS Endowment for Student Financial Assistance provides tuition help to students at all four ministerial education schools: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Visit wels.net/foundation to learn how you can contribute to the education of our future WELS pastor and teachers.

Special Instructions for Worship

- Wash hands / Use hand sanitizer stations often
- Sit with your family and sit at least 6 feet from another family unit
- Please do not sit in pews that have been “roped off” or places that have been “taped off”
- Congregate Outside or spread out in the entryway
- Try to fill church from front to back and outside to inside to keep people from having to walk past others
- Please take home your worship folder or throw it away at the end of the service
- Have each person grab bulletin from pile, print off at home or download and use personal device (phone/tablet)
- If you are going to follow along on phone, please make sure the ringer is off
- We **highly encourage people to wear masks** or bandanas over their face if they are comfortable doing so.
- Offerings plates will not be passed but you can donate online or place in offering basket on way in/out
- Pastor will not shake your hands but will greet you in a place where we can be at least 6 feet away.
- Clorox wipe down all pews and high use surfaces after each service
- We will have the **Lord’s Supper NEXT weekend**. We will follow the new procedures to minimize contact and adhere to social distancing.
- Please dismiss (leave the church) from the back to front so people don’t have to walk past each other.
- **We will continue offering both 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM worship services until further notice.**
- Check your email often to see updates, devotions, and other resources.