

MISSION OBSERVANCE
And Every Tongue Confess



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AS WE GATHER

In his letter to the Christians in the city of Philippi, Paul spoke of the exalted Lord Jesus Christ. He wrote that, having completed His saving work, Jesus was to be worshiped by all people. So worthy is the Christ that "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). The work of missionaries, which is to include all of God's redeemed people, is ultimately to bring glory to God. That glorifying is heard in our praises and shown in our deeds that reflect our Lord's boundless love and bring others into the circle of His grace.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN

"Listen, God Is Calling"

LSB #833

Refrain
Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

That He came to save us — And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, — Led by Your Word.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

People: **the world and those who dwell therein,**

Leader: for He has founded it upon the seas,

People: **and established it upon the rivers.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

People: **and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.**

Leader: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

People: **they sing praises to Your name.**

PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You have given us the great command to be Your people who go out in Your name with Your saving Word. Make us aware of Your blessed commission to us as we live our lives to Your glory. Grant faith and courage to Your people, and direct our ways so that we bring a clear witness to Your blessed will and Your loving plan for all humanity. Order our days and our deeds in Your peace, and make us ambassadors of Your grace. This we ask through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
Seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo-ry I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is-fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



Refrain
I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

People: **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

Pastor: I say to the LORD, You are my God;

People: **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O LORD!**

Pastor: With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD.

People: **For the LORD is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.**

Pastor: As people gathered around God's Word, we confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and admit that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. As people called to walk in His ways and to share God's love, let us take refuge in His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, and saying, "God be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being." In repentance, let us confess our sins unto our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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. To them who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: Amen.

† WORD †

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *(God promises salvation for His people.)*

Isaiah 62:1-7

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *(Faith comes from hearing.)*

Romans 10:11-17

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

People: **May God be gracious to us and bless us; and make His face to shine upon us, that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**

HOLY GOSPEL (*Jesus commissions His disciples as His witnesses.*)

Luke 24:44–53

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MISSION SEQUENCE

Pastor: Our mission together is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed. That calling is reflected in the next hymn, "We Are Called to Stand Together," a text written by contemporary British hymnist Martin Leckebusch. The first stanza reminds us that as we carry out our Gospel mission, we are united with God's people from centuries ago. We sing stanza 1.

HYMN "*We Are Called to Stand Together*"

LSB #828 v. 1

Pastor: The word "apostle" indicates that an individual has been sent out with a special mission. Among the very first apostles of Christ was the disciple Thomas who, according to long-standing tradition, took the good news of salvation all the way to India. Centuries later, the first Lutheran missionaries to India were Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg and Heinrich Pluetschau, sent in 1705 by Danish King Frederick IV to Tranquebar on the southeast coast of India. Remembering these pioneers of the faith, we sing stanza 2.

HYMN "*We Are Called to Stand Together*"

LSB #828 v. 2

Pastor: The fact that the message of Christ was brought to the ancestors of many members of today's Lutheran churches can be attributed to St. Boniface. Known as the apostle to Germany, Boniface was born in 680 in Devonshire, England. Originally named Wynfrith, he made an initial missionary journey to the northern coast of Germany in the year 716. Three years later, he went to the German heartland territories of Bavaria and Thuringia and created a structure for the establishment of churches in the German lands. He is gratefully remembered as a faithful herald of the Gospel. Together we sing stanza 3.

HYMN "*We Are Called to Stand Together*"

LSB #828 v. 3

Pastor: Another missionary to northern lands remembered in the names of many churches, societies, and educational institutions is St. Ansgar. Born in France in 801, Ansgar followed the call to mission northward to Scandinavia in 826. He built the first Christian church in Sweden in 829 and was consecrated archbishop of Hamburg in 831, from which he continued his outreach to the Scandinavian countries. Remembering the missionaries of centuries past such as Ansgar, whose efforts brought entire nations to confess that Jesus is Lord, we sing stanza 4.

HYMN "*We Are Called to Stand Together*"

LSB #828 v. 4

Pastor: Many missionaries were active in bringing the gospel to English-speaking lands. St. Augustine (or Austin) of Canterbury led a group of forty monks from Rome across the English Channel to Britain in the year 597. They were well-received by the local pagan King Ethelbert and in time established a church center in the area of Kent. As a missionary bishop in Ireland, St. Patrick brought the Gospel message to the Irish people. Originally from a Roman settlement in England, Patrick devoted much of his life to sharing the Gospel in Ireland throughout the first half of the fifth century. His life of witness was a blessing in his generation and long beyond that time. Remembering our call to stand together with the missionaries of each century, we sing the final stanza.

SERMON HYMN "We Are Called to Stand Together"

LSB #828 v. 5

SERMON "Who me?...a missionary?"

Pastor Rex Rinne, Preacher
Sermon Text: Matthew 28:19-20

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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.

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB #805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, almighty God, that Your rule is without end and that Your power extends over all the earth. We bless You for making us and knowing us and caring for us and calling us in this life to be united to You as Your people on earth. We rejoice in all that You have done for us and find strength in the assurance that at every turn You are with us. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him, the universe was made. In Him, we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: Therefore, gracious God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and dead on the day You have appointed. Send Your Holy Spirit among us that we be Your people and serve You in all blessedness. With grateful hearts, we beseech You to hear us, to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and to teach us to pray as our Lord has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

People: **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.**

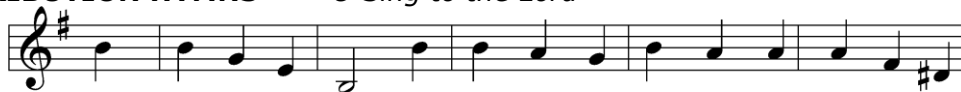
PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also you.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *O Sing to the Lord*

LSB #808



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And
God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

Lamb of God

LSB #550

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and we humbly ask You so to assist us by Your grace that, strengthened for service and for witness, we live each day in thankfulness to You and share the Gospel message of salvation in Christ alone throughout our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB #850

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -

hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB #828

1 We are called to stand to - geth - er With the saints of
 2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
 3 Through the in - ter - ven - ing a - ges Round the world the
 4 Now in man - y tongues and cul - tures Songs of cel - e -
 5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -

a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
 side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
 Gos - pel spread: Faith - ful her - als took the mes - sage,
 bra - tion ring; Mil - lions who con - fess our Sav - ior,
 suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,

In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
 Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
 Guid - ed where the Spir - it led; So the bod - y
 Hon - or Him as Lord and King And, for cour - age,
 Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are

hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
 res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
 grew in stat - ure, Serv - ing Christ, the liv - ing head.
 grace and guid - ance Ev - 'ry day their prayers they bring.
 all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

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Thank you to all who helped with the service today, your help is always appreciated.