



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
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Jesus Christ
above all



Philippians 2:9

Service of Sending

Worship

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name | Philippians 2:9 (ESV).

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 25, 2017



† WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS †

PRAYER OF PERSONAL PREPARATION

Lord, through Baptism you have called me by name — by Your own name, Jesus, Christ Above All — to be about the work of your kingdom, to share the Good News that you have set us free from sin, so that we may rise again on the last day to sing praises to you before your throne forever. Help me individually and help this LWML convention corporately to keep the image of that day firmly fixed in our minds, when a great multitude will gather with us before your throne from every nation, tribe, people, and language. Help us to look forward to that celebration and to be diligent to intentionally seek out those whom you would have there with us, that we may share Your words of Truth with each of them. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, use me to bring Your transforming Truth into the lives of people who do not yet know You! In the precious name of Jesus, Christ Above All, I pray. Amen.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: **Amen!**

Pastor: Through the Gospel, the Holy Spirit has called us out of the darkness of unbelief and transformed us into God's holy people. He has adopted us into His family. He has made us a royal priesthood, a holy nation.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. He has enlightened us with His gifts, sanctified and kept us in the true faith in His Son, Jesus, Christ Above All.**

Pastor: He has loved the entire world and sent His Son to be its Savior. We praise Him for His saving work!

People: **He still shows mercy to those who call on His name. We praise Him for His mercy!**

Pastor: As members of His Church, He daily and richly forgives all of our sins.

People: **We praise God for His forgiveness through His Son, Jesus, Christ Above All, who has freed us from death and uses us to proclaim this same forgiveness to all people!**

Pastor: We have been called to be God's very own people. We hunger to grow in faith and confidence to go into our families, communities, and the world as eager witnesses.

People: **Praise God for transforming us into His ambassadors, making us ready and eager to share with others the reason for the Hope that is in us!**

OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O Lord, we confess to You and to each other that we have wronged You by our thoughts, words and deeds.

(A brief silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Today we especially confess our self-centeredness in our Christian faith.

All: We have so often received the precious Gospel of God's love in Jesus Christ, but we have kept it to ourselves. We have failed to share it with those who still live in bondage to sin. Lord, we have been too indifferent, too busy, and too intimidated when You have brought other people to us who have spiritual needs: members of our families, our neighbors, our friends, fellow workers and those who live in our communities. Forgive us, Lord, for being unconcerned about those who do not have the assurance of Truth, forgiveness, and eternal life with You. Forgive us for not sharing the abundant resources you have given us to accomplish Your mission to the ends of the earth. Be merciful to us, for we have kept our faith to ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and restore us to a joyful life of courageous faith and ministry. Through us, speak Your words of comfort and hope and victory into all the corners of this world! Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit, who gives us a new life and a new mission, along with His own words and His own power, as a testimony to others. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit., May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory

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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.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 67

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,

People: that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Pastor: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

People: Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

Pastor: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

All: 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.

† GOD'S WORD †

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:1-10 | *A Living Stone and a Holy People*

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷ So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-12 | *A Great Multitude from Every Nation*

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20 | *The Great Commission*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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“I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin,
My hand will save.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?”

“I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?”

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR MISSION

Pastor: O Lord, we ask You to transform us by Your Word. As God's people, give us a vision for Your mission that will impact the whole world, every people, and all nations.

RESPONSE HYMN VERSE

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827 v. 1

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I Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?"



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?"

Pastor: Help us, O Lord, to overcome our rebellious ways, our lack of urgency to reach the lost, and our lack of zeal to proclaim your Name faithfully to all people of all generations. Help us to understand the precious gift of liberty that you have given to us and to share that gift with others.

RESPONSE HYMN VERSE
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827 v. 2

- 2 Some take up His task in morning,
 To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
 Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
 Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
 That God's Word so richly yields.

Pastor: Especially Lord, keep us faithful to your Great Commission. You have not asked us to do more than you did for us. Lord, your feet that came running to us are beautiful! Lord, you humbled yourself to wash the feet of your disciples. You gave us the example to wash the feet of others. Lord, help us to move beyond our comfort zone. Let our feet run swiftly with Your life-giving water and message that all may know and praise your Holy name, Jesus, Christ Above All!

RESPONSE HYMN VERSE
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827 v. 3

- 3 For as rain and snow from heaven
 Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
 Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
 Words of life and joy and peace—
Never void to Him returning,
 Bearing fruit with great increase.

Pastor: Lord, give us today and every day an understanding of our oneness with our fellow believers in Christ throughout the world, and strengthen our common commitment as the whole body of Christ. We especially lift up to you, Lord, all those named before your altar and quietly in our hearts this day. We make these requests known to You, asking You to answer them according to Your will. Finally, we lift up our prayers, our gifts, our voices, and our lives as a sweet offering to You, Lord, for Your mission to the ends of the earth. In the name of the Father, T Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

RESPONSE HYMN VERSE
Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling

LSB 827 v. 4

- 4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming
 Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
 He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
 Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered
 Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

DEDICATION OF LWML GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Psalm 23

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;

All: We believe in the goodness of God.
We believe God hears and responds to our needs.
We believe God responds to all people everywhere.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul.

All: We are grateful that we've been blessed with enough water.
But we know that many do not have enough.
Not enough water, not enough food, not enough peace.

Pastor: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

All: Too many people do not see God's righteousness.
Too many people watch violence, taste hunger, and feel fear.
Too many people cry from the unspeakable horror of war.

Pastor: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

All: To become involved is risky. Pain is often contagious.
Our hearts may be broken and our lives may be threatened.
Yet we hear God calling and we can no longer hide.

Pastor: Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil, my cup overflows.

All: Our steps may be small and timid.
We may read a book, write a letter, or make a gift.
But each tiny step is blessed by God and multiplies.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

All: Jesus Christ Above All is more relentless than war.
Jesus Christ Above All is more pervasive than hatred.
Jesus Christ Above All is more insistent than despair.

Pastor: And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

All: We dedicate these Gifts from the Heart.

Pastor: *(List of items being donated is read.)*

All: We give them with our love to:

Pastor: Albuquerque Christian Children (Privately funded foster care that emphasizes Christianity.)
 Care Net (Works with unplanned pregnancies. Pro-life!)
 Lutheran World Relief (Focuses on international disaster relief and recovery.)
 Ysleta Lutheran Mission (Provides ministry and human care on both sides of the border.)
All: and to the glory of God the Father, God the † Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen!

DEDICATION HYMN

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

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1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear



hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,



Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and



wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your



crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go in His peace and carry His light to the world. Have courage, witness the Gospel to everyone; bring God in Jesus, Christ Above All, to others. Support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit to ignite your heart with the fiery, passionate love that Jesus, Christ Above All, has for all nations. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the † Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you forever!

People: Amen.

SONG OF SENDING

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Worship & Praise 148

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We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

Chorus

We are marching, marching,

We are marching,

We are marching in the light of

The light of God.

We are marching, marching,

We are marching,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God...

We are praying in the light of God...

We are singing in the light of God...

SENDING

Pastor: As the Father sent the Son into the world to save us, so Jesus sends us into the world with His Good News.
Are you ready to go? Are you ready to serve Him?

People: **Yes.**

Pastor: Then go forth to serve with joy, knowing Jesus, Christ Above All, is your refuge and your strength.

People: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

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