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Service of Sending Worship



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1–2).

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Call To Worship

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C** 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.

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.
- C** **Amen.**

818 In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad-ness A-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow-ers, Not of
sun-shine of my heart. By Thee are giv-en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless-es In worst dis-
heav-en, Thou the true Re-deem-er art. Our souls Thou
tress-es; He can change them with a breath. Where-fore the
wak-est, Our bonds Thou break-est; Who trusts Thee sure-ly Has built ses-
to-ry Tell of His glo-ry With hearts and voic-es; All heav'n re-
cure-ly; He stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
joic-es In Him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for
pin-ing To see Thy shin-ing, Dy-ing or liv-ing
glad-ness, Tri-umph o'er sad-ness, Love Him and praise Him
To Thee are cleav-ing; Naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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Psalm 149

- P** ¹Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
C his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- P** ²Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
C let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- P** ³Let them praise his name with dancing,
C making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- P** ⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
C he adorns the humble with salvation.
- P** ⁵Let the godly exult in glory;
C let them sing for joy on their beds.

- P** ⁶Let the high praises of God be in their throats
- C** **and two-edged swords in their hands,**
- P** ⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
- C** **and punishments on the peoples,**
- P** ⁸to bind their kings with chains
- C** **and their nobles with fetters of iron,**
- P** ⁹to execute on them the judgment written!
- C** **This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹*In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:*

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*

⁴*And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”*

⁶*Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”*

⁸*And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”*

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:1–8

¹*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*

⁶*For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.*

⁷*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*

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Holy Gospel

Mark 6:7–12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁷*And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever*


you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”
¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

828 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 - alds 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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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

C 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

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.

830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu-man race
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work-ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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Dedication Of LWML Gifts From The Heart

L All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

C They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power; to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

P Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations (Psalm 145:10–13).

L Today we come before the Lord with these Gifts from the Heart. We are called upon to bear fruit in keeping with the faith that we have been given.

C As people who are “Running the Race... Looking to Jesus,” we come with these Gifts from the Heart to be used to the glory of God and for the good of those who receive them.

- L** As we give these Gifts from the Heart to Assurance for Life Ministry, we remember that the Lord calls upon us to support the gift of all life, including the unborn infants who are often unwanted in the world today.
- C** *Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute. Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy (Proverbs 31:8–9).*
- L** Scripture tells us that the Lord knows and love these unborn children, even as He knows and loves the children who have been born into this world.
- C** *Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them (Psalm 139:16).*
- L** As we give these eyeglasses through Gifts from the Heart to MOST Ministries, we do so with the knowledge that they will assist people in developing nations around the world to be able to see clearly and to read the Word of God.
- C** *The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous (Psalm 146:8).*
- L** We give these gift cards that have come through Gifts of the Heart to the Food Banks at Concordia Seminaries in Fort Wayne, Indiana and St. Louis, Missouri.
- C** *(The Lord said,) Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 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 (Matthew 25:34–36a).*
- L** Rejoicing in the Lord, we have brought these Gifts of the Heart for service to the Lord. We pray that He will use them for the good of all who will receive these gifts.

(At this time, the gifts that were given may be read to the Convention attendees.)

- L** Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, through the power of Your Word and Sacraments, we continue to “Run the Race ... Looking to Jesus.” As we do so, we gladly give these gifts today to Assurance for Life Ministry, MOST Ministries, and the Food Banks of Concordia Seminaries, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and St. Louis, Missouri, that they might assist those who are in need, helping them in the midst of their daily struggles in life. May the ones that receive these gifts also hear the good news of salvation found in Jesus’ death and resurrection. We pray that we, one day, will stand together before Your throne as those who have “Run the Race ... Looking to Jesus.” We pray this in the name of Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Amen.
- C** *Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness! (Psalm 150:1–2)*

848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

LSB 848

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.

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Benediction

- L** The Lord bless you as you continue “Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus.”
 The Holy Spirit strengthen you as you continue to serve the Lord in gladness,
 reaching out to all who are in need of hearing the Gospel. The blessing of the
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you each and every day.
- C** Amen.

831 "How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard

LSB 831



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard
 2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,
 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,
 4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part
 5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;
 Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,
 Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,
 To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;
 Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,
 Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;
 Tell - ing of One who died for all,
 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?
 Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.
 To bring a lost world home a - gain?
 And make a world for Christ my goal.
 Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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Sending

P 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?

C Yes.

P Then go forth to serve with joy, "Running the Race... Looking to Jesus" in all that you do.

C Amen.

POSTLUDE

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