

We Worship our Lord
We Are Family...Empowering Mission Through Sending
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Divine Worship, Setting I
Sunday, August 10, 2025, 9:00am

Our God is a sending God because He's a loving God, and the love of God is as broad as all humanity. Therefore, the Church that confesses God is also a sending Church, engaged in the mission of Jesus throughout the earth.

Prelude

#685, *Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

**1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**

**2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.

**Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,**

Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion

That would lead us into sin;

**And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.**

**Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.**

4 Let us also live with Jesus.

**He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.**

Jesus, You are now our head.

**We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.**

**Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.**

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth isn't in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, I confess that I am by nature sinful and unclean. I have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved You with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as myself. I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways 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 Jesus, 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.

P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving,

C: make melody to our God on the lyre!

P: He covers the heavens with clouds, He prepares rain for the earth,

C: He makes grass grow on the hills.

P: He gives to the beasts their food,

C: and to the young ravens that cry.

P: His delight isn't in the strength of the horse,

C: nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,

P: but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,

C: in those who hope in His steadfast love.

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray.

C: Almighty and merciful God, it's by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen

Children's Time

Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, Fear not, Abram, I am your shield, your reward shall be very great. But Abram said, O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my

household will be my heir. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, This man shall not be your heir, your very own son shall be your heir. And He brought him outside and said, Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them. Then He said to him, So shall your offspring be. And he believed the Lord, and He counted it to him as righteousness. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hebrews 11:1–16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having

acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C: Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel and Sermon Text according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter, verses 16-20,

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#835, *On Galilee's High Mountain*

1 On Galilee's high mountain

Christ gave the great command

In words of strength and promise

Which all can understand:

"All pow'r to Me is given

To do what I shall choose;

**Therefore I send My children,
Their witness I will use.”**

**2 The Lord who, born of Mary,
Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened,
For us was crucified—
This Lord, our living brother,
In pow’r at God’s right hand,
Has chosen us to carry
His truth to ev’ry land.**

**3 His strength within my weakness
Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power
Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me,
With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken,
With grace made eloquent.**

**4 And not alone to nations
In faraway retreats,
But ev’rywhere I broadcast
His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches,
However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus,
Who served and saved us all.**

**5 That ev’ryone He chooses,
For reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling
To live His love alone.
His presence always leads us
Till time no more shall be;**

**Christ's strength, His love, His comfort
Give us His victory.**



**6 Lord, gather all Your children,
Wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven
To live eternally
With You, our loving Father,
And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us
The joy to persevere.**

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The Sermon *We Are Family...Empowered Mission Through Sending*

P: Please rise as we confess our faith,

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.

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer**

P: ...as Jesus taught us,

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom comes, 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.

P: There are just 4 hymns in our Lutheran Service Book that include the word summer in their texts. It's fitting, as the summer season draws to its close, to sing through each of these hymns. We will be singing one of each week for the remaining 4 weeks in August as we travel through the Season of Pentecost. The earliest written of the 4 summer songs is **Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices**, which appeared in a German Lutheran hymnal in 1704. The hymn was originally written in 15 verses by Pastor Johann Mentzer, who lived from 1658 to 1734 and served Lutheran congregations in eastern Germany. Pastor Mentzer had a full perspective of God's creation and in this hymn exults, *You forest leaves so green and tender that dance for joy in summer air... You live to show God's praise alone. Join me to make His glory known.* Our hymn of praise may have just our own voice rather than a thousand, but its object of worship remains the same, our faithful God, who delights in our praises!

#811, *Oh. That I Had A Thousand Voices*

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices

**To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.**

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted,

**Arise, keep silence now no more;
Put forth the strength that God has granted!
Your noblest work is to adore.
O soul and body, join to raise
With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.**

3 You forest leaves so green and tender

**That dance for joy in summer air,
You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,
You live to show God's praise alone.
Join me to make His glory known.**

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,

**That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,
Help me to sing God's praises high.
My utmost pow'rs can never quite
Declare the wonders of His might.**

5 Creator, humbly I implore You

**To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.**

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God's Benediction

#711, Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

**1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.**

**3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.**

**4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,**

**With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.**
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The Postlude