



### **AS WE GATHER**

National Lutheran Schools Week (NLSW) is the opportunity to celebrate with 1,885 schools nationwide and to give thanks for the gift of Lutheran schools to students, families and communities. The theme this year is “In All Things” and is inspired by Colossians 1:17–20: “He [Jesus] is before all things, and in him all things hold together . . . making peace by the blood of His cross.” This timeless theme empowers Lutheran schools to praise and share Christ in the sanctuary, classroom, STEM lab, choir room, playground, gym, athletic field, faculty lounge, office and every place where God’s children and their leaders gather.

### **PRELUDE**

*Father Welcomes – Andrea Campbell*  
*Children of the Heavenly Father – Carter Redmond*

### **PRESENTATION OF ACCREDITATION**

*Kathleen Fretthold, Eastern District Education Executive*

### **INVOCATION**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*Make Us One - sung by St. John Students*

As we gather together in Your Son,  
Let us know the joy of being one!  
Let the time we share in this place  
Be a time of love and friendship in your grace.  
By your Spirit help us be one in peace and unity.  
Bless us here as we gather in Your Son.  
Give us joy, grant us peace, make us one!

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### **IN ALL THINGS LITANY**

- A** In all things  
**C** Christ be praised  
**A** Give thanks to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords  
**C** Christ be praised  
**A** By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth  
**C** Christ be praised  
**A** Though fully God, Jesus became one of us, to take away our sin  
**C** Christ be praised  
**A** Out of love, Jesus, made peace through His death and resurrection.  
**C** Christ be praised  
**A** In all things  
**C** Christ be praised



### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*There is a Redeemer - sung by St. John Students*

1. There is a Redeemer: Jesus God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
  
*Refrain:* Thank you, O my Father, for giving us Your Son  
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.
2. Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, all for sinners slain. *Refrain*
3. When I stand in glory, I will see His face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place. *Refrain x2*

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*After the children sing they will be joining their families and not sitting with classes.  
Once they have found their families we will continue our worship service singing our next hymn together.*

## CHRIST BE MY LEADER

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1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the  
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or  
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not

dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my  
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though  
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor

fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 1:14

- P** God has come to us to make us His own children. Let us confess our sins of unbelief that He may give us faith to receive Him and His love.
- C** **O God, we confess that we have ignored Your voice and Spirit by choosing to go our own way. Without You, we are lost and confused and without hope. Without You, we do not know love. Come now to us and forgive our waywardness and weakness. Give us Your gifts of faith, hope, and love. Receive us again into the family of Your redeemed. Amen.**
- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, even as You have committed the care and nurture of children to Your people, graciously enlighten those who teach and those who are committed to their instruction that they may know Your eternal truth and trust in You all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**



## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:26–31*

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the

sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Colossians 1:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the

head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through

Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

<sup>19</sup>And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” <sup>20</sup>He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLE'S 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.

# EARTH AND ALL STARS

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1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the  
 5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the  
 6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing  
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling  
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming  
 Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing  
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

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## TEACHING FROM GOD'S WORD

### Message Notes

#### Main Points:

#### One thing NEW I learned:

#### What can I apply to my life?

## OFFERING

### Student Handbell Choir

*Children of the Heavenly Father  
 There is a Name I Love to Hear*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**A** For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this congregation, its mission and its people; for the ability to meet the needs that arise as we do the work God has given us to do; and for the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the educational institutions of our church: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them. For those who are sick that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, giving thanks always, and that the Spirit would lead to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty provided, to support the mission of the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the homes in which Your people dwell, fill them with Your presence and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels, sharing eternally in Your blessings, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# SPEAK, O LORD

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1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re -  
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us  
 ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.  
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
 grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
 Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will  
 fash - ion us in Your like - ness That the  
 ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by  
 light of Christ might be seen to - day In our  
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -  
 grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by  
 acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
 Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your  
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their  
 Speak, O Lord, as Your Church is built And You  
 pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 fill the earth with Your glo - ry.

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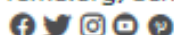
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