



“MISSION OBSERVANCE: AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS”

*Sunday, September 6 2020 9:00AM
Worship Service*

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.

Sit

OPENING HYMN

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me”?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior’s waiting arms.
- 3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet’s hands.
- 4 Let none hear you idly saying,
“There is nothing I can do,”

While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,

C **the world and those who dwell therein,**

P for He has founded it upon the seas

C **and established it upon the rivers.**

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

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

P All the earth worships You and sings praises to You;

C **they sing praises to Your name.**

RESPONSIVE VERSES

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791 sts. 1 & 3

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

3 O enter then His gates with praise;
Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O Lord, I call upon You; hasten to me!

C **Give ear to my voice when I call to You!**

P I say to the Lord, You are my God;

C **give ear to the voice of my pleas for mercy, O Lord!**

P With confidence I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C **For the Lord is gracious and compassionate and rich in forgiveness.**

P 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.

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

P 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.

C Amen.

RESPONSIVE VERSES

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

LSB 791 sts. 4 & 5

4 For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

READING

Romans 10:11–17

P A reading from Romans, chapter 10.

¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But 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? ¹⁵And 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!”

¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?”

¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN of the DAY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

1 I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,

Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else would do.

ref I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

2 I love to tell the story,
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long.

ref I love to tell the story;
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love.

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SERMON

“And Every Tongue Confess”

Stand

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

P As we remember the mission and missionaries of the Church from the time of the first apostles to our own day, let us pray for the Church of God, for our nation, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, we are gathered together for this mission observance by the work of the Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth. Bless all those who in these times share the Gospel with those who have not heard it or have not taken it to heart. Continue to strengthen those whose witness is challenged or challenging, that they find strength in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Church, grant that we as Your people continue to have hearts for missions in a world where expressions of faith and faithfulness are often not welcomed. Teach us to be appreciative of the mission work done on our behalf in various settings in our own nations and around the world. Bless our nation, and give us a full appreciation of the religious freedoms we enjoy in this land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all nations, You have established governments for the protection of citizens and for their well-being. Grant that the proclamation of the Gospel have free course in our nation and every nation that the good news of salvation be gratefully received around the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Spirit work in us, and grant us opportunities to be people in mission wherever the roads of our lives take us. Grant us grace to be those who bring glory to Your name through all that we do and say as Your redeemed people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

P Jesus Christ, who in love gave His life for us, invites us to share in the meal He has given to His disciples with His words, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

C We remember His love for us in His death and we remember and celebrate His rising from the grave for our salvation.

P Jesus says, "Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge before My Father in heaven."

C We publicly acknowledge You, Jesus, as our Savior from sin and we come before You now in oneness of faith and spirit to receive Your grace in this meal.

- P** Let us then approach the Table of the Lord with confidence so that we may receive mercy, grace and strength to live as His people.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”

LSB 839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error’s maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv’n
By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

LSB 563

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;

Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.

4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P 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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

P to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

C and Your faithfulness by night.

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN

“Oh, Blest the House”

LSB 862

1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!

- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.
- 5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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