“A light for revelation to the Gentiles”

Luke 2:32

Service of Sending

International Center
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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The Lord sends His Church to Proclaim Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins to All

The Lord sends His Apostles out to proclaim repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. They are His witnesses (Luke 24:47–48). Thus the Church has her sacred task until the Lord returns. She is an apostolic Church because she is sent. What the Lord has accomplished in His suffering and resurrection (v. 46) must be delivered in the means of salvation. So the Lord sends preachers among her and from her midst to preach the Gospel that many may hear and through this hearing may believe and call on the Name of the Lord and be saved (Rom. 10:11–17). For this the Scriptures were given (Luke 24:44–46): to testify of Christ. I will not keep silent until the Church’s Righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her Salvation as a burning torch (Isa. 62:1). It is our apostolic delight to confess Jesus Christ, to sing forth the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His light (1 Pet. 2:9). The Church prays for her pastors and missionaries and supports them. Isaiah lends his encouragement: You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest; and give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth (Isa. 62:7).
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Pre-Service Music

Stand

Entrance Hymn  “O Christ, Our True and Only Light”  LSB 839

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror’s maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - ’ry con - science
wan - d’rers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d’ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav’n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv’n By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

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Psalmody

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

The Lord has redeemed His people.

O come, let us worship Him.
Venite

C
1 O come, let us sing . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . great God
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . . . . . . . . to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 and a great . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . king above all gods.
3 and His hand . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . formed the dry land.
5 and to the . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Holy Spirit;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks-giving,
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . . . . . . in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . . . . . . . . bow down,
4 For He . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . is our God,
5 as it was in the beginning, beginning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . . . . . . . . . . His also.
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . . . . . . . . Lord, our maker.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for ever. A men.

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O come, let us worship Him.

Sit
1 By all Your saints in warfare, For
2 We sing our thanks for Joseph, The
\[3\text{Then let us praise the Father And}
all Your saints at rest, Your holy name, O
wardian of our Lord, Who faithfully taught
worship God the Son And sing to God the
Jesus, For evermore be blest! For
Jesus Through craft and deed and word, Grant
Spirit, Eternal Three in One, Till
You have won the battle That they might wear the
wisdom, Lord, and patience To parents ev’ry
all the ransomed number Fall down before the
crown; And now they shine in glory
where Who guide and teach the children
throne, Ascribing pow’r and glory
reflect ed from Your throne.
Entrust ed to their care.
And praise to God alone.

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Readings

Reading 2 Samuel 7:4–16

That same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.””
Reading  

When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son. . . .”

But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Responsory

1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain

He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the peo-ple.
Rite of Sending
The missionaries are invited forward to gather before the altar.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have been called or received a solemn appointment to serve as missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. *(Romans 12:3–8)*

And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” *(Matthew 9:35–37)*
Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, our heavenly Father, guide and bless Your servants sent forth to be witnesses. Graciously look with favor upon them for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant them confidence and great boldness, uphold and sustain them in hardship, and grant them faithfulness in all their labors, so that through the speaking of Your Word, the nations may come to worship before Your throne in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The name of each missionary is read aloud, and certificates of completion for LCMS Missionary Orientation are presented. See back cover for a listing of missionary names and places of service.

Following the presentation of the certificates, the Lord’s blessing is spoken on those being sent out:

Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

Amen.

Stand
Canticle

Te Deum

1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.

1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'r's there - in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your ador - able, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;

1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

1 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
2 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

1 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
2 We believe that You will come

1 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
2 to be our judge.
Prayer

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**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.
Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

Collect of the Day

L Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Guidance

L Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
Benedicamus and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.
Recessional Hymn  “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”  LSB 585

1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us
2 In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear
3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of
4 May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword

falls the even-tide. O let Your Word,
Lord, true steadfastness That we keep pure
fire and make us bold To shine Your Word
of Your mighty Word, Spurn Satan that

that saving light. Shine forth undimmed into the night.
 till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.
of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.
Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.

5  Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
 That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
 Or with some man-made thoughts or things
 Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

6  Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
 Preserve our faith our whole life through—
 Your Word alone our heart’s defense,
 The Church’s glorious confidence.

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