



Mission Festival

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Marshall, MN 532-2162

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Keith Schreiner – Pastor



Pre-Service Music

The Bells Ring Out God's Love for the World

Opening Hymn: #557

The Invocation

Taking the Word to the World

P: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

C: One generation will commend your works to another.

P: They will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty; they will tell of the power of your awesome works.

C: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

P: Our God is a God who saves.

C: He does not treat us as our sins deserve.

P: The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving.

C: The Lord is my strength and my song.

P: The Lord's right hand is lifted high; the Lord's right hand has done mighty things.

C: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

Our Response:

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.

Oh, 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.

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.

We Confess our Sins to God

P: As we begin this day let us reflect upon our many sins, confess them to our loving Father in heaven, and ask him to forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: As we search our hearts, each of us can say: "I acknowledge my sin to you and did not cover my iniquity. I say, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord --

C: And you forgave the guilt of my sin."

P: O holy and most merciful Father, we confess that our very sinful nature has made us unfit to be called your children. What is more, we have broken your law repeatedly in our thoughts, words, and actions, doing the evil you forbid and failing to do the good you command. In no way do we deserve to stand before you this day. We are guilty and deserve to be condemned, but we appeal to your never failing mercy and ask you to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

C: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only,

have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

God Pronounces His Forgiveness

P: The Lord, our gracious Father, has forgiven all our sins through the death of his one and only Son, and with his resurrection from death has given us the hope of everlasting life. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Rejoice people of God for I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Children's Anthem – 10:30 service only

God Speaks to His People

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

Response: #561

Epistle Lesson: Acts 1:1-8

Response: #558 vv. 1,3,5

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

The Hymn of the Day: #570

The Sermonette: Romans 10:12-15

We Gather our Offerings of Thanks to God

Viewing of Missions Videos



The Responsive Prayer of the Church

P: O God of Mercy, you saw us victimized by sin and facing spiritual death. You interrupted your walk in glory to come to our aid. You set aside any concern for yourself and stepped into our wicked world to rescue us. You offered up your life and shed your own blood to heal us. You restored us to health and peace with God.

C: We rejoice in the love you richly poured out on us to make us spiritually whole and alive.

P: O Respector of all life, even though we are sinners and you are holy, you stepped over that boundary that would separate us from you so you could unite us. You do not let prejudice blind your concern for any of us. You see beyond barriers of race, gender, and age. Everyone is precious in your sight.

C: We repent of the times we have turned our back on others because of our prejudice or fear. Forgive us for not reflecting your unconditional love.

P: O Treasure of our souls, you place us in people's lives to be a channel of your love to them. Many around us are hurting and thirsting for the life you alone can give. You create opportunities for us to be in the right place at the right time to bring them the water of life and your healing love. You provide us with resources to fill what is lacking in their lives.

C: We realize we have not always been good neighbors to the people around us. Give us hearts that instinctively respond and cheerfully share our lives with those in need.

P: O Holy Spirit, work in us the joy of our salvation and re-energize us for the mission you place before us. Refocus all that we have to reach the goal for which you have called us heavenward in Christ Jesus.

C: We recommit ourselves to wisely using the resources you provide us to bring glory to your

name. Use them to provide a lasting benefit to the lives of those around us.

P: Help us trust that you will use the time, energy and resources offered in your name to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine according to Christ's power that is at work within us. O lord, hear us as we pray:

The Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Praise: #578

The Prayer of Thanks

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn #559



This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
	4:00 PM	SLS Basketball vs. Lynd
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<i>Thursday:</i>	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	6:00 PM	Adult Information Class
	11:30 AM	Call Meeting

POTLUCK: I hope many of you plan on gathering together for our Mission Potluck following the late service today. Please bring a generous dish or two to pass. Table service and drinks will be provided.

SINGING TODAY: We thank Samuel students in Kindergarten through eighth grade for singing in the late service this morning.

COFFEE HOUR: Since we are having the Mission Festival potluck today and needed to use a committee for that we didn't want to use another one for a coffee hour. Maybe this is a good time to ask if there are any families, etc. that would like to host a coffee hour. It helps take the burden off committees and other groups! Speak to Pastor or call the office. Thanks!!

CALL RETURNED: The divine call that we extended to Miss Karla Opperman has been returned. While she felt there were many positive and exciting opportunities she felt that God wanted her to remain at her present call. We are planning to hold another call meeting on Sunday, February 5th after the late service.

LANDSCAPING: A reminder that now through March 16th you have the opportunity to support a fundraising campaign through the Schwan's Cares Program to raise money for new landscaping at church. We will earn 20-40% back on every purchase during the campaign and 5% back on every purchase for the next six months. For more information on how to participate please refer to your February newsletter or check out the poster on the easel in the narthex.

STATEMENTS: The 2016 year end giving statements are available now on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions regarding your statement please speak to our financial secretaries Mark Patzer or Tom Werner.

GIVING ENVELOPES: Just a note as we begin a new year that it is very helpful for those who count and record weekly offerings to the church if you could use your offering envelopes if possible. It helps immensely making sure you get proper credit for your gift. Thank you!

ANNUAL REPORT: Copies of the 2016 Annual Report are available as you leave church today. Take one and read up on all the good stuff your church does in its ministry.

VOLLEYBALL: We are looking for members who would be interested in being on a Christ Lutheran Volleyball team for the tournament at MLC. The men play on Saturday, March 18 and women on Saturday, March 25. If you are interested, practices will be held on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 PM at Samuel. For more information speak to Donny Schultz.

PRAYER GROUP TIME CHANGE: The Monday women's prayer group will be meeting from 12:30-1:15 at the home of Ellen Loe, 800 DeSchepper Street. Lunch will be furnished. Everyone is welcome.