

MISSION FESTIVAL

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church

Marshall, MN 532-2162

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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 all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (Please be seated)

Choir Anthem – “Facing a Task Unfinished”

Please refer the back page for the words.

God Speaks to His People

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 12:1-6

Response: 8:00 Congregation #576 vv. 1-3
10:30 Children Preschool – 2 *“Father I Adore You”*

Epistle Lesson: Romans 10:12-15

Response: 8:00 Congregation #576 vv. 4-6
10:30 Children Gr. 3-8 *“How Shall They Hear”*

Gospel Lesson: Luke 15:1-10

The Hymn of the Day: *“God’s Sower Plows the Hardened Ground”* (Tune CW #535)

God’s sower plows the hardened ground where thorns and thistles yet abound. His zeal for good uproots and kills the source of all our human ills. Yet by the law he cannot loose new life, nor fruits of faith produce. The Gospel is the only way to give new birth to hardened clay.

God’s sower sows where he has plowed; he speaks God’s saving truth aloud, absolves the sinner who repents, administers the sacraments. Consoles the dying in their

day, and teaches children how to pray. His words like seeds take root and grow; forgiveness, pardon, peace then flow.

As planter, tender, harvester, God summons men to minister. The fields are white, the willing, few; and great the work still left to do. By birth and by his daily deeds no man is fit to plant the seeds, to tend the field, or reap the grain, one sin to loose or to retain.

Our competence is from above; it's rooted in the Father's love; it grows in Jesus Christ the Lord; its reaper is the Spirit's sword. Be strong, have courage in the Lord, when called to serve with his strong Word. And let your confidence be this, that he is yours and you are his!

The Sermon: Isaiah 60:1-6

Theme: Jesus is the Light to Draw the Nations

We Gather our Offerings of Thanks to God

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 #579



Thank You: We wish to thank Rev. Phil Gieschen, a WELS Christian Giving Counselor, for bringing us a mission minded message this morning. He is also conducting Bible Class.

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Teen/Adult BC
	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Potluck Dinner
<i>Monday:</i>	12:30 PM	Women's Prayer Group
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Wednesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:00 PM	Choir
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Teen/Adult BC
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	1:00 PM	Pioneers

Singing Today: We thank the Choir and Samuel students in Preschool through eighth grade for singing today.

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.

Pioneers: We will meet next Sunday from **1:00-4:00 PM** at Samuel for a first aid class.

Round-ups: Kindergarten and Preschool Round-Up will both be held on Monday, February 11 at SLS. Kindergarten will meet at 6:00 PM, Preschool at 6:30 PM. If you are planning on attending, please call the school office at 532-2162.

Fellowship: 20/30 year olds - Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28th for a 20/30 year old get together! We will be getting together for an afternoon of Fun, Food, Fellowship and Faith. Watch for more details later but mark it down now. If you would like to help organize the event, please contact Pastor or the office as soon as possible so we can start planning.

Statements: The 2018 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.

Seminary Chorus: We are happy and excited to announce that the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Choir has picked our congregation to hold a sacred concert during their spring tour. The date is Tuesday, March 12 at 7:00 PM. We will need to house the men that evening. We will need about 23 of our members to step up to help out. Watch for a sign up sheet in the next week.

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 23 and women on Saturday, March 30.

Facing a Task Unfinished

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees.
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee- to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

**We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has pow'r to save but Jesus Christ, the Lord.**

We bear the torch that, flaming, fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.

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O Father who sustained them, O spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

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