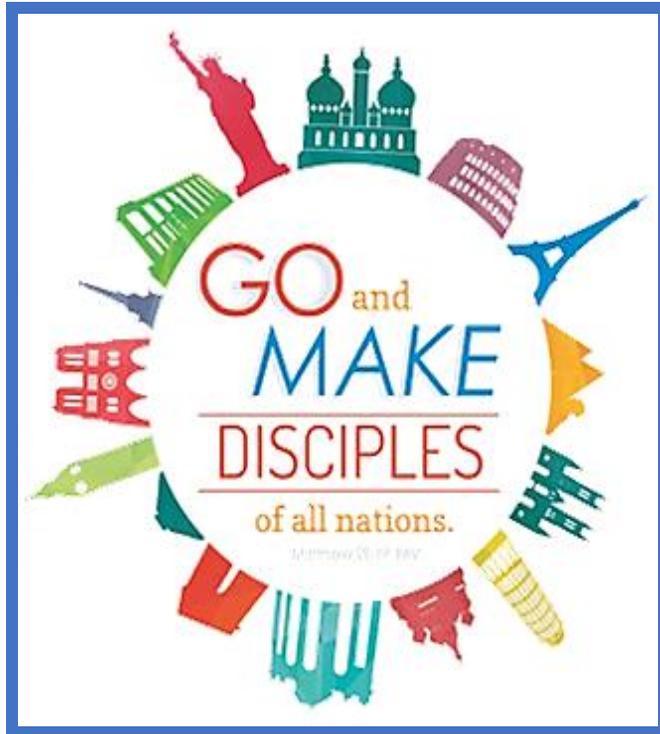


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PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE

Dear Father, you have given us the great commission to go to all nations with your Word of salvation. We gather today, united in this great privilege. Send your Spirit with power and wisdom, that we may be equipped to go ourselves and encouraged to send others where we cannot go. May your Word reach the weak and strong, the young and old, rich and poor. May your love ever increase in our world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O Church, Arise

- G** Verse 1  **O Church, arise and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain;
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
Reaching out to those in darkness.**
- G** Verse 2  **Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
Wen faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.**

(Hymn continues on the next page)



REFRAIN

**Arise, Shine, for your Light has come.
Arise, Shine, for the Risen Son.
Lift your eyes, We are His radiant bride.
Arise, O Church, Arise!**



Verse 3

**Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen!
As the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.**



Verse 4

**So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.**



REFRAIN

**Arise, Shine, for your Light has come.
Arise, Shine, for the Risen Son.
Lift your eyes, We are His radiant bride.
Arise, O Church, Arise! *(repeat REFRAIN)***

OPENING PRAYER

verses from Psalm 96

- M** “Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.” (v1)
- G** **“Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.”** (Psalm 96:2)
- M** “Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.” (Psalm 96:3)
- G** **“For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his is to be feared above all gods.”** (Psalm 96:4)
- M** “Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.” (Psalm 96:7)
- G** **“Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.”** (Psalm 96:8)
- M** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
- G** **Holy is His name. May the name of the Lord be praised. Amen.**

G Verse 1 ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty**
Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee
Holy, Holy, Holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three persons; Blessed Trinity.

G Verse 2 ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy, All the saints adore Thee,**
Casting down their golden crowns Around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and Seraphim, Falling down before Thee:
Who was, and is and Evermore shall be.

(Hymn continues on the next page)

C Verse 3 **Holy, Holy, Holy, Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eyes of sinful men Thy glory may not see
Lord, only Thou are holy, And there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, Love and purity.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Dear friends, God promises that whenever a sinner approaches Him in honest and humble repentance, He will hear and answer them. Therefore I invite you to join with me in prayer as we confess our sins to our merciful Father in heaven.

C **Holy Father, we are guilty of wrongdoing and helpless to change who we are or what we have done. Knowing ourselves and our Savior, we trust in Jesus. We come in His name seeking your forgiveness. Graciously pardon our sins for your Son's sake. Amen.**

M Dear repentant sinner, fortunately the confidence we have in God's promise of forgiveness is not dependent on the quality of our repentance but on the character of our Redeemer. No matter how great your sin or how burdened your conscience, your heavenly Father, forgives you freely and fully because His Son Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins. Your sins are washed away in the blood of the Lamb. As God's servant and in his place, I announce the grace of God to you—be assured your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

M In the confident peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORIA

C Verse 1  **All I have because of Jesus
All this promise won for me
When He paid the highest ransom
Once for always For my freedom.**

C REFRAIN  **I will boast, in Christ alone
His righteousness and not my own
I will cling to Christ my hope
His mercy reigns Now and forever.**

C Verse 2  **Love will never lose its power
All my failures, could not erase
And now I walk within your favor
Grace unending My salvation.**

C REFRAIN  **I will boast, in Christ alone
His righteousness and not my own
I will cling to Christ my hope
His mercy reigns Now and forever.**

C bridge  **What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

(Hymn continues on the next page)



bridge

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REFRAIN

**I will boast, in Christ alone
His righteousness and not my own
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bridge

**What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**



bridge

**O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY



O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and have sent your messengers to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that by the witness of your Church many may be brought into your kingdom and worship you, the only true God; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

1 Chronicles 16:23-31

²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day.
²⁴ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. ²⁵ For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his dwelling place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. ³⁰ Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Contemporary Creed

☐ I have faith in God and believe that He has created me and all that I have. All things belong to Him.

I have faith in Jesus and believe that He died for my sins, conquered death and was raised to life on the third day. His death and resurrection declared that He is God and that my sins are forgiven.

I have faith in the Holy Spirit and believe He has worked this faith within me. I believe He is present here among us and lives within each child of God. Through Him and the Word I have the power to stand in strength against all adversity.

(Confession of Faith continues on the next page)

And I believe that my mission on earth is to serve my God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He has equipped me with His gifts and motivated me by His love to reach out to the lost and to my fellow believers with the Gospel. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:1-10

2 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. **2** For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. **4** My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, **5** so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. **7** No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** However, as it is written: "*What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived*" — the things God has prepared for those who love him—**10** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is a Fountain Full of Love

C Verse 1  **There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.**

C CHORUS 1  **Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.**

C Verse 2  **The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away.**

C CHORUS 2  **Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away.**

C bridge  **Hallelujah fountain full of love
For us poured out on us
Hallelujah fountain full of love
For us poured out on us *(repeat bridge)***

(Hymn continues on the next page)

G Verse 3 **E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die**

G CHORUS 3 **And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die.**

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

Pastor Paul

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

GO of all nations
BAPTIZING them in the
name of the **FATHER**
SON & OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
THEREFORE Make Disciples

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M God our Father, your Son welcomed all who came to him, even the outcasts and despised. Give us a faith that dares to come to you, trusting only in your love. Give us a love that accepts others, as we have been accepted by you.

G **Lord of the Harvest, bless us with your presence.**

M Holy Spirit, you have joined us to a family of believers who walk together in faith, love, and service. Keep the congregations of our synod faithful to your Word, and make them eager to do your work. Guide our leaders, and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Give us a vision which sees beyond the boundaries of our own congregation and a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your Church.

G **Lord of the Harvest, bless us with your presence.**

M Ruler of all, give to your Church men and women eager to prepare for service in your kingdom. Bless our schools with instructors who encourage and inspire their students to grow in grace and wisdom. Strengthen the resolve of students to complete their training for ministry, and send them out in the power of your Spirit.

G **Lord of the Harvest, bless us with your presence.**

M Jesus, our risen Lord, you commanded your Church to preach the gospel to all nations. Prosper the work of missionaries sent out in your name. Protect them and their families from illness and danger. Give them joy in proclaiming the good news of salvation to people everywhere.

G **Lord of the Harvest, bless us with your presence.**

(Our prayer will include special intercessions and conclude on the next page)

M Finally, Lord Jesus, we pray for our individual needs. Lord, teach each of us to love others as you have loved us. Help us be more patient and alert to the needs of others, and always ready to serve them with the gifts you have given us. Give us a caring heart to love and seek the lost. Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, and give strength to those who are weary and weak. Where we as individuals have opportunity, inspire and enable us to respond in love to the needs of others. Overcome our personal fears and grant courage to live and share our faith so that all we say and do may glorify you.

C **Lord of the Harvest, bless us with your presence. Amen.**

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.**

BLESSING

M Jesus with all authority tells us to go. Therefore, go! Go and make disciples of all nations by baptizing in the name of the Triune God and by teaching others to obey everything our Lord Jesus has taught us.

C **We will go. We will go in Jesus' name, confident that he will be with us always, to the very end of the age. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

- G** Verse 1  **What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.**
- G** REFRAIN  **O Sing, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Our hope springs eternal
O Sing, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.**
- G** Verse 2  **What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the Rock of Christ?**

(Hymn continues on the next page)



REFRAIN

**O Sing, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Our hope springs eternal
O Sing, Ha-le-lu-jah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.**



Verse 3

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
“Christ He lives! Christ He lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore!**



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BETWEEN SERVICE PRESENTATION

We're so grateful to Pastor Paul and his wife Aneela for traveling from Milwaukee to be with us this morning. Thank you to Pastor Paul for sharing God's Word with us in worship. We look forward to spending some time in fellowship with Pastor (and Aneela) between services. There is a summary of some of Pastor Paul's ministry below. Please join us to hear more about this exciting ministry between services in the Commons today. As we leave worship, there will be a freewill door offering that will be sent directly to the WELS to support our mission work throughout the world.

Pastor Paul, South Asian Ministry

In 2017, the WELS Joint Mission Council began a new South Asian Ministry focused on reaching out to South Asians residing in North America.

The first location for South Asian ministry is in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Pastor Paul serves in this location as South Asian ministry coordinator. He and his wife Aneela are South Asian natives who were forced to flee their home country. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2017 after completing classes through the Pastoral Studies Institute program. Christ Lutheran Church in Pewaukee serves as the host of an International Friendship Center, which provides programs and activities to engage internationals in the community by meeting any needs they may have. Pastor Paul and Aneela regularly visit Hindu temples to meet new people and invite them to events and activities. They also frequently invite their South Asian friends to their home for dinners and Bible studies.

The second location for South Asian ministry is in a large city in the Midwest. Haris (named changed due to the sensitive nature of his work) a Christian young man from South Asia, met the pastor of a WELS congregation in this large Midwest city. Even before finding WELS, he was gathering six study groups and a worship group of believers with Muslim backgrounds near his home in the U.S. After taking Bible information classes and becoming a WELS member, he began studying to be a pastor through the Pastoral Studies Institute. Around this same time his father passed away, and Haris inherited two Bible schools in South Asia. Haris is now working with WELS to provide solid scriptural training those two schools and is partnering with WELS in his outreach in his hometown in the Midwest. The hope and prayer is to purchase a home in a thoroughly Muslim neighborhood in this Midwest city and use it as a friendship center to befriend Muslims and, in time, to introduce them to their best friend, Jesus.

Jesus Christ commissions us to spread his gospel to the ends of the earth—and the ends of the earth are coming right to our doorsteps. An International Friendship Center could be a great addition to any WELS church. Though it would look unique in each setting, the goal of reaching our neighbors with the sweet gospel would be constant. If your church could benefit from starting an International Friendship Center, please email jmo@wels.net to see how WELS Joint Missions might be able to help.