

# HOW WILL THEY HEAR?

January 22, 2014

Martin Luther College Evangelism Day

## PROCESSION HYMN

## Rise, Shine, You People

*As the hymn is introduced, stand and face the cross at the back of the chapel. Follow its path to the chancel where it serves as the center and focus of Christian worship.*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the world go out  
free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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## GREETING

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## DIALOGUE

- M: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- C: Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.**
- M: Darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the people, for every inclination of the thoughts of the heart is only evil all the time.
- C: And the soul that sins shall die.**
- M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.
- C: On those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**
- M: The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- C: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- M: Now in Christ Jesus we who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. He came and preached peace to us who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
- C: For we are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of us who were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.**
- M: He was slain, and with his blood he purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.
- C: How can they call on the one they have not believed in? How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?**
- M: And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?
- C: As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"**

*Sing:*

**On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command  
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand:  
"All pow'r to me is given To do what I shall choose.  
Therefore I send my children; Their witness I will use."**

**His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say  
How his redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay.  
His touch of fire ignites me; With courage I am sent,  
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Lord God of our salvation, you have called us to be witnesses of the good news that in Christ the world has been reconciled to yourself. Inspire our witness that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.** (*spoken*)

*Be seated.*

## FIRST LESSON

**Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

*Following the lesson, sing:*

**O Christians haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is light,  
That he who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.  
Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.**

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Peter 3:15-16**

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

*Following the lesson, sing:*

**Behold how many thousands still are lying  
Bound in the dreary prison house of sin  
With none to tell them of the Savior’s dying  
Or of the life he died for them to win.  
Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace,  
Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:35-38

*Stand for the reading of the Gospel.*

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

*Be seated.*

HYMN

Christ High-Ascended



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed,  
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing,  
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion,  
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing,  
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing,



Throned and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed,  
 Who on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing,  
 Lives now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion;  
 Christ with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing,  
 Faith in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing;



Death's dread do - min - ion fi - nal - ly de -  
 Sends forth his ser - vants, still in faith con -  
 To win dis - ci - ples out of ev - 'ry  
 Christ to all a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly  
 Filled with his Spir - it, love and pow'r re -



feat - ed— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 fess - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 na - tion, We are his wit - ness - es.  
 reign - ing— We are his wit - ness - es.  
 ceiv - ing, We are his wit - ness - es.

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**SERMON**

**Romans 10:14-15**

**How can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?**

**ANTHEM**

**Everyone Who Calls**  
*Romans 10:13-15*  
*Music by Kermit Moldenhauer*

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? How, then, can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news."

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our school and in our synod.

**C:** **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C:** **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

**M:** Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacraments bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to become all things to all people so that by all possible means you might save some.

**C:** **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Continue to bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in their personal lives and in the public ministry. Remember in mercy all those who are sharing your gospel in classrooms and churches around the world, especially our recent graduates. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits.

**C:** **Move us to support them and to diligently prepare ourselves to share your Word in every place you send us.**

**M:** Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C:** **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## BLESSING

M: Now may the God who gives endurance and encouragement give a spirit of unity among you, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

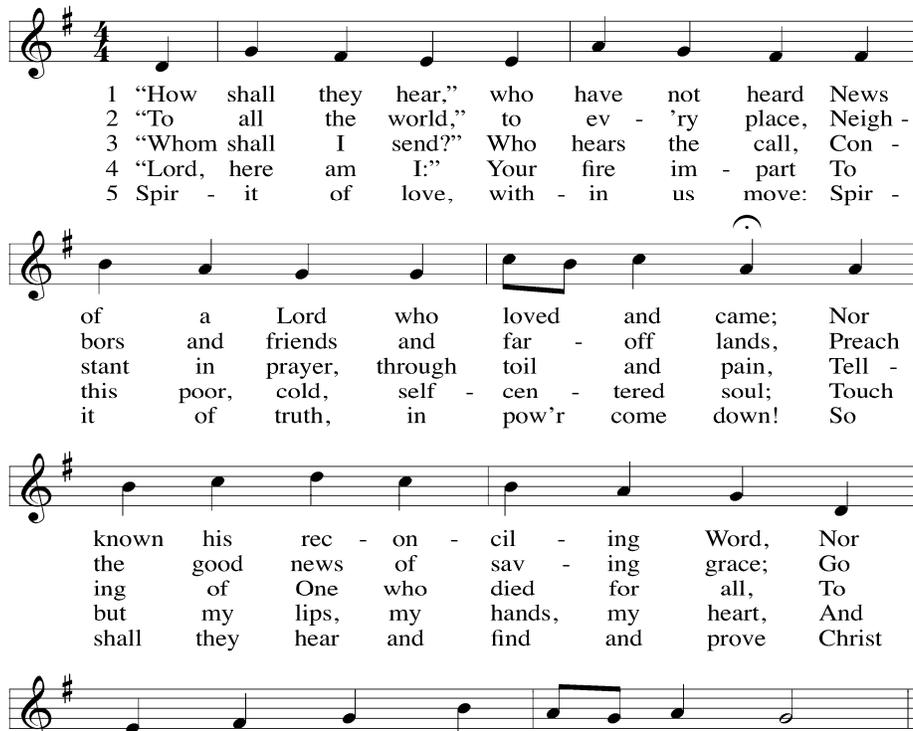
The blessing of almighty God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – be with you and uphold you forever.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

*Remain standing for the closing hymn.*

## HYMN

### “How Shall They Hear,” Who Have Not Heard



1 “How shall they hear,” who have not heard News  
2 “To all the world,” to ev - ’ry place, Neigh -  
3 “Whom shall I send?” Who hears the call, Con -  
4 “Lord, here am I:” Your fire im - part To  
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move: Spir -

of a Lord who loved and came; Nor  
bors and friends and far - off lands, Preach  
stant in prayer, through toil and pain, Tell -  
this poor, cold, self - cen - tered soul; Touch  
it of truth, in pow’r come down! So

known his rec - on - cil - ing Word, Nor  
the good news of sav - ing grace; Go  
ing of One who died for all, To  
but my lips, my hands, my heart, And  
shall they hear and find and prove Christ

learned to trust a Sav - ior’s name?  
while the Great Com - mis - sion stands.  
bring a lost world home a - gain?  
make a world for Christ my goal.  
is their life, their joy, their crown.

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