



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Evangelism Day

Opening Service

January 11, 2017

PROCLAIM WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE

PROCESSION HYMN

On Galilee's High Mountain (CW 557)

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. **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."**
2. **The Lord who, born of Mary,
Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened,
For us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother,
In pow'r at God's right hand
Has chosen us to carry
His truth to ev'ry land.**
3. **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.**
4. **And not alone to nations
In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast
His love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches,
However great or small--
Let them through me see Jesus,
Who served and saved us all.**

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **One generation will commend your works to another: they will tell of your mighty acts.**

M: Our God is a God who saves.

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

M: For God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,

C: **that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

M: Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all.

C: **He died for all that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised again.**

M: We praise God that we can live for him. We also confess how often we have failed. In countless ways we have sinned against our God. We are slow to share our faith with others. Our lives often fail to lead others to him. For this and all our sins, we humbly ask our God for his forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
In his great mercy, God has made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins.
Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord and proclaim his love.

SING:

**I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Heavenly Father, you have called us by your grace to be witnesses of the Good News of your Son to every nation, tribe, language and people. Help us to share your precious Gospel with all who have not heard of your great love for them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

BE SEATED

LESSON

Romans 10:8-15

M: But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

C: **If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

M: For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified,

C: **and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.**

M: As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."

C: **For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

M: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in?

C: **And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard?**

M: And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

C: **As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”**

PSALM 118

Music by Brian Henkelmann

Please join in singing the psalm as indicated below.

Choir:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:



I will not die but live, and will pro-claim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The Lord is my strength and my song;
He has become my salvation.
The Lord's right hand is lifted high;
The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
I will give you thanks for you answered me;
You have become my salvation.
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.
I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35-38

STAND

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

“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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SERMON

Psalm 118:17

“I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.”

Proclaim What the Lord Has Done!

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, whose Son died on the cross to redeem all the people of the earth,

C: Open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is plentiful but the workers are few.

M: Open our hearts to a sincere concern for those who are lost without you.

C: Open our hands to support the preaching of your Word in all the earth.

M: Look with compassion on the millions of people who are still sitting in spiritual darkness under the shadow of death – both those nearby and those far away.

C: Wherever your consecrated workers are proclaiming your message of salvation support them in their efforts and bless the labors of their hands.

M: O Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we might be active in sharing your Word with others.

C: Help us personally to speak your message of salvation. Help us overcome any fear of witnessing to your holy name.

M: Use this school of ministry to prepare pastors, teachers, and staff ministers who see themselves as missionaries.

C: Touch our hearts with a deep love for you and a commitment to sharing the gospel in the public ministry.

M: On this Evangelism Day we ask your blessing on our teaching and learning.

C: May all be done to the glory of your name.

M: We thank you for those who are here today, as well as those in the past whose gifts you used to train your people, including our brother Lyle Lange, now fallen asleep, who led the effort to establish Evangelism Day on our campus.

C: Help us to remember our leaders who speak the Word to us and to imitate their faith.

M: These things we ask in Jesus' name, as we also pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.** (spoken)

BE SEATED

CHOIR

Jesus, Send Us on Your Mission

Text by Dean Nadsady
Music by Mark Shepperd

Jesus, send us on your mission. Make us servants true and bold.
Give us all courageous vision that your story may be told.
May we each, the nine fruit bearing, and the Spirit's gifts displayed,
leave this place, your good news sharing, you, the Truth, the Life, the Way.

“Go and serve where I will send you. Let my will and yours be one.
Go in peace. I will befriend you. You will never be alone.
Waste no time; now is the hour. Let your banners be unfurled.
Go united in my power. Bring my love to all the world.

Savior, rich in grace, all-knowing, we will follow where you lead.
In our coming, going, you'll supply our ev'ry need.
So with alleluias raising, and your name to still our fear,
on our way we now go, praising, sent to witness far and near.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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