



## Martin Luther College

### Evangelism Day - January 15, 2020

#### INTRODUCTION

#### OPENING HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory  
CW 80

*Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Once you sang creation's story;  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Shepherds, in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing --  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Magi, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar.  
Seek the great desire of nations;  
You have seen the Savior's star.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

*Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In his temple shall appear.  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

STAND

- P: 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.**
- P: Like Jacob I say, “Surely the LORD is in this place!” (Genesis 28:16)
- C: **When two or three gather in his name, Jesus is among them. (Matthew 18:20)**
- P: The font of our Baptism reminds us of our rescue from the darkness we were born into.
- C: **Surely we are sinful from birth, from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)**
- P: The altar of Jesus’ body and blood, his *real presence* among us, reminds us of the sacrifice needed to save us.
- C: **We long to taste and see what is good! (Psalm 34:8)**
- P: In this holy place, God reveals to us his power, mercy, and love.
- C: **Let us worship the Lord.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

Koiné: (*sings*) We have come into God’s presence, maker of the heav’ns and earth. He created us to love him, to serve him as his precious child. We have disobeyed and erred, thus deserving wrath and anger.

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.



C: Lord, to you I make con-fes-sion: I have sinned and gone a-stray;



I have mul-ti-plied trans-gres-sion, Cho-sen for my-self my way.



Led by you to see my er-rors, Lord, I trem-ble at your ter-rors.

- P: “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word,” declares the LORD. (Isaiah 66:2)
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**



C: Lord, on you I cast my bur - den Sink it in the depths be-low!



Let me know your gra-cious par - don; Wash me, make me white as snow.



Let your Spir-it leave me nev - er; Make me on - ly yours for - ev - er.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.



C: For your Son has suf-fered for me, Giv'n him - self to res - cue me,



Died to save me and re-store me, Rec - on - ciled and set me free.



Je - sus' cross a-lone can van-quisth These dark fears and soothe this an - guish.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

Now Thank We All Our God  
CW 610

*Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.*

*Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.*

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*(The final stanza of this hymn is considered a German form of the ancient song "Gloria Patri.")*

*All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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: *(spoken)* Amen.

BE SEATED

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 45:18-19

For this is what the LORD says—he who created the heavens, he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—  
he says: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness;  
I have not said to Jacob’s descendants, ‘Seek me in vain.’  
I, the LORD, speak the truth; I declare what is right.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **Thanks be to God!**

## HYMN

Christ Is the World’s Light  
CW 343

*Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;  
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high!*

*Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;  
No one can serve him and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?  
Glory to God on high!*

*Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.  
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!*

*(Musical Interlude)*

*Give God the glory, God and none other;  
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;  
Give God the glory, God with us, my brother:  
Glory to God on high!*

STAND

**GOSPEL LESSON – John 18:33-37**

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him,  
“Are you the king of the Jews?”  
“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”  
“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”  
Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”  
“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.  
Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(spoken)* **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

BE SEATED

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I Hear the Savior Calling**

*Text:* Dr. John C. Lawrenz

*Tune:* Martin Albrecht

*I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,  
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!*

*I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,  
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree  
That all have been forgiven – My Savior calls for me!*

*I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:  
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key  
We spread the gospel tidings – My Savior calls for me!*

*I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;  
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,  
Beyond the simple gospel – My Savior calls for me!*

*I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*STAND*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Let us prepare our hearts for prayer.

C: *Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;  
Peace in our time, oh, send us!  
For there is none on earth but you,  
None other to defend us.  
You only, Lord, can fight for us. Amen.*

P: Heavenly Father, many people attack your word. Many try to rob you of a voice. Continue to spread the Word, in all forms, in spite of sinful efforts to stop it. Use us to reform the world around us by keeping us steadfast in your Word. Give us the desire and strength to return daily to your truth that we may battle against the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh. May your words collide with the desires of our hearts, so that our inward reform is reflected outwardly.

**C:**            *Scripture alone, we pray, O Lord;  
Hope in your Word, oh, send us!  
For there is none on earth but you,  
None other to befriend us.  
You only, Lord, speak truth to us. Amen.*

**P:**            Heavenly Father, when we are weak, when we are burdened, when we are in the depths, remind us that our eternal reward is secure. Remind us that you love us in spite of our rebellion. Pour out your grace on us. Again we ask, pour out your grace on us. Remind us of the love your Son showed by suffering in our place and conquering the hell that would have engulfed us.

**C:**            *By grace alone we pray, O Lord;  
Grace poured from heaven send us!  
For there is none on earth but you,  
None other to attend us.  
Your only Son you sent for us. Amen.*

**P:**            Heavenly Father, you placed faith in our hearts. Keep this faith focused on Jesus. Feed it when we eat his supper. Grow it when we listen to his message. Share it when we open our mouths and tell of his greatness. When we are weak, make us strong. When we are strong, use us to your glory and honor. Give us a measure of faith like the mustard seed that we may move the mountains of burden and guilt that the world around us carries in their hearts – drawing them ever closer to you.

**C:**            *By faith alone we pray, O Lord;  
Faith beyond measure send us!  
For there is none on earth but you,  
None other to replenish.  
You only, Lord, can nourish us. Amen.*

***(SPECIAL PRAYERS MAY FOLLOW)***

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**P:**            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.**

***BE SEATED***

*Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing – You are my own.*

*Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story;  
Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you;  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.*

*I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.*

**Participants**

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