

## MISSION OF MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

The mission of Martin Luther College is to train men and women to meet the public ministry needs of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and to proclaim the Word of God faithfully and in accord with the Lutheran Confessions in the Book of Concord. To fulfill this mission, Martin Luther College carries out all instruction and programs of student life according to the gospel as revealed in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the college desires

- To deepen in the student saving faith in the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ;
- To strengthen the student in a consecrated spirit of love for God and his Word;
- To foster in the student a servant's heart for Christ-like service in the church, community, and world;
- To educate the student for faithful, capable, and intelligent citizenship in today's world;
- To assist the student in acquiring the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed for service in the church and for lifelong learning;
- To help the student to develop the spiritual, emotional, and physical resiliency that will assist them to persevere in service under the cross; and
- To provide for the student an affordable college experience on a beautiful and attractive campus.

To meet the current ministry needs of the WELS, Martin Luther College

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary;
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in the synod's churches, schools, and other institutions;
- Prepares men and women for other public ministry in the church, both full- and part-time, responding to the needs of the WELS;
- Prepares international students for ministry in partnership with WELS mission fields; and
- Provides programs of professional and continuing education that meet the ministerial needs of the WELS.





*This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.*

LUKE 24:46-48

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Jesus,

The words above are taken from the gospel read just two days ago on Ascension Day.

Do you hear the powerful promise Jesus was making to his first disciples – and to us? He promises that the message of his death and resurrection would not be a temporary tale told only in some tiny territory around Jerusalem. “Repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.”

With Jesus’ resurrection, God the Father has declared a world of sinners to be justified. Our Triune God longs for every sinner of all time and in every place to know that salvation found only in Jesus’ name.

What is more, included in Jesus’ promise was not only the message but also the messengers. Those first disciples would be witnesses of their crucified, risen, and ascended Lord, yet it could not and would not stop with them. The God who longs for the salvation of every sinner has promised to provide those who would be witnesses of this message of repentance and forgiveness throughout the centuries and in every corner of our world.

Jesus fulfills that promise of witnesses by calling every believer who has learned to know his gift of repentance and forgiveness to be a witness of his saving truth. In the water of our baptism, every one of us was “ordained” to add our voice to the chorus of the royal priesthood of all believers.

But Jesus also fulfills that promise by preparing and calling some into the public ministry to be witnesses of his saving message in places where the rest of us may never go. Through public ministry witnesses, he brings many to repentance and forgiveness whose names most of us will never know until heaven.

Today, right before our eyes, Jesus continues to fulfill what he promised to his first disciples. Those who will receive their diplomas today have been nurtured in the gospel for years on this campus. Some of them will continue their preparation for pastoral ministry at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Many others, this very afternoon, will hear their name joined to a place of ministry where as a teacher or staff minister they will add their voices to centuries of witnesses who have gone before them.

Watch with wonder today as Jesus continues to fulfill his promise that “repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations.”

In Him,



Rich Gurgel  
President, Martin Luther College

# THE REGALIA

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The academic apparel worn by faculty and graduates has its origins in the monastic tradition of the Middle Ages. In Christian freedom we can choose to follow such academic traditions or not. In this graduation service, our undergraduate faculty has chosen to wear normal attire to emphasize that we train students not just for academic achievement, but for ministry. Our graduate faculty has chosen to wear formal regalia to emphasize lifelong learning pursued in service to God and for the glory of God.

The various colors of apparel (baccalaureate tassels and master's hoods) indicate the degree-granting institution and the particular areas of study.

- Martin Luther College: red and black
- Education: light blue
- Theology: red

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*The assembly may remain seated during the procession.*

## PROCESSIONAL

*Stand*

## DIALOGUE

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: **we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

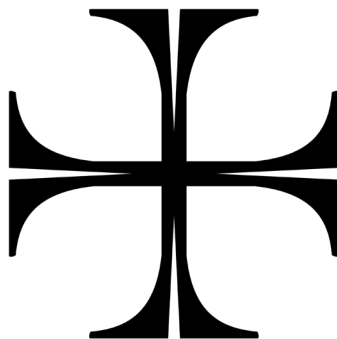
M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: **give thanks to him and praise his name.**

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: **his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

*Be seated*



HYMN

GOD IS HERE! AS WE YOUR PEOPLE

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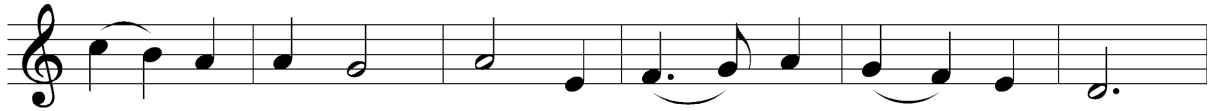
The choir sings stanzas 2 and 3.



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the  
 4 Lord of all, of Church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in  
 life - long need of grace. Here are ta - ble,  
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here, as bread and  
 age of change and doubt, keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.  
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our  
 Here, in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here, in  
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in  
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing  
 si - lence as in speech, here, in new - ness  
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in  
 have to give, re - ceive; we who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Organ: George Hogan

Trumpet: Katie Rosenau, Josiah Smith

Trombone: Adam Conrad, Noah Sulzle

M: Let us pray:  
Heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on our graduates. As they depart from this place, cause them to continue to grow in faith, love, and joy. In all their vocations in life, instill in them a lifelong desire to hear and tell the message of your grace in Christ. Keep them ever faithful to you so that, through their witness, many more may sing your praises in eternity, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## READING

## JOSHUA 1:1–9

*The Lord promised to be with Joshua wherever he went.*

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## CHORAL ANTHEM

## STILL, MY SOUL, BE STILL

Arranged by James Koerts

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear,  
though winds of change may rage tomorrow.  
God is at your side; no longer dread  
the fires of unexpected sorrow. (Refrain)

God, you are my God, and I will  
trust in you and not be shaken.  
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me  
to rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved  
by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.  
Hold on to his ways with shield of faith  
against temptation's flaming arrows. (Refrain)

Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake  
the truth you learned in the beginning.  
Wait upon the Lord and hope will rise  
as stars appear when day is dimming. (Refrain)

*Piano: William Archer    Clarinet: Eliana Geiger*

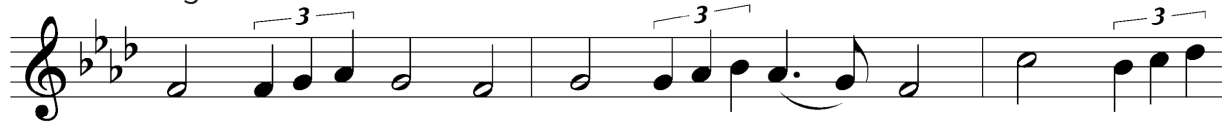
## SERMON

## 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-7

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU . . . IT'S ABOUT HIM!

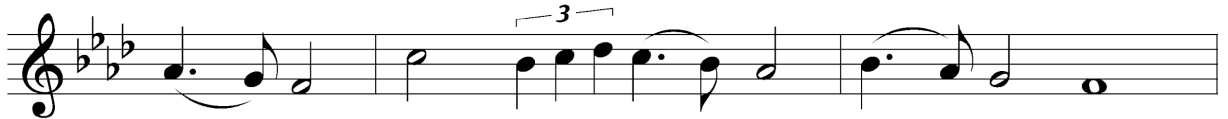
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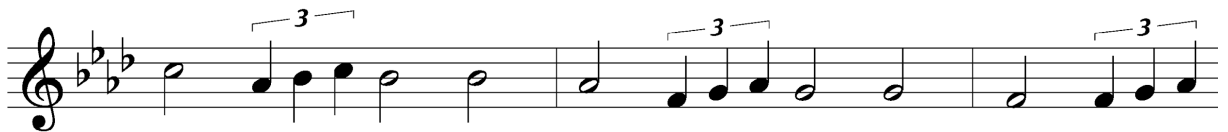
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



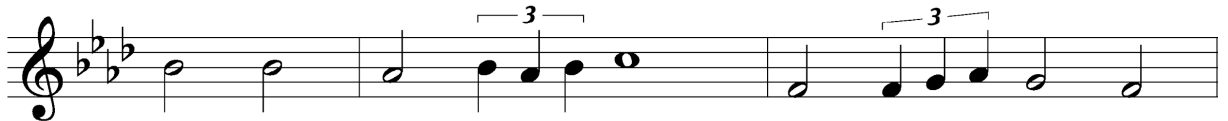
speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats to shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

*Trumpet: Katie Rosenau, Josiah Smith*

*Trombone: Adam Conrad, Noah Sulzle*

*Timpani: Caleb Krahn*

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

*Out of respect for each graduate, please reserve applause for the Presentation of the Class of 2026, which occurs after the closing hymn.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good gifts that you give us. We remember especially today the gift of this school of ministry, the blessings of the past school year, parents and all others who support the training of future ministers of your Word with prayers and gifts, faithful students who apply themselves to their tasks with diligence, dedicated faculty and staff who follow your ways, and our church body that comes together to proclaim the good news to all people.

**C: Above all, we thank you for our Savior Jesus and the forgiveness he has won for us.**

M: O Lord, bless our graduates. Bless those who will begin public ministry as teachers and staff ministers. Give them strength and joy in their work of sharing the gospel.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: Bless those who will continue their preparation for pastoral ministry at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with patience and resolve.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: Bless those who will serve you as lay members in their congregations or in international fields of service.

**C: Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: In all we do, give us the strength of faith to do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, as we give thanks to you. Hear us as we ask these things in his name and pray as he has taught us:

## 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

M: 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*

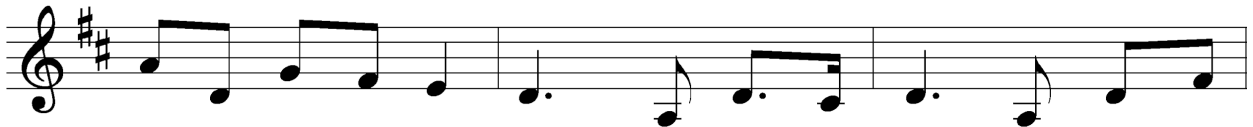
# CLOSING HYMN

# O CHURCH, ARISE

CW 870



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give —



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -  
When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the  
And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -  
As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
 out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
 which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.  
 till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.  
 for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

## PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2026

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITION OF THOSE CONCLUDING SERVICE

Dave Biedenbender (*accepted a call*)  
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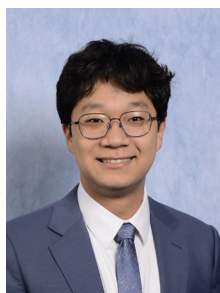
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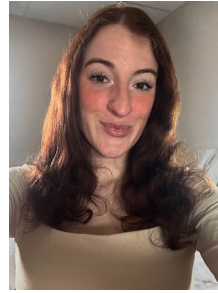
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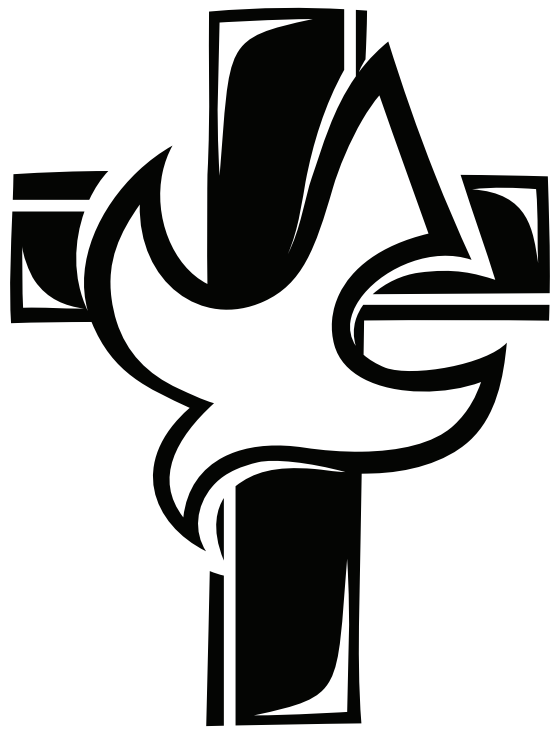
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## OPENING HYMN

## COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

CW 586



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, and make our  
 2 To you, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, to you, the  
 3 In you, with grac - es sev - en - fold, we God's al -  
 4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, and shed your



hearts your place of rest; come with your grace and  
 gift of God most high, the fount of life, the  
 might - y hand be - hold while you with tongues of  
 love in ev - 'ry heart; the weak - ness of our



heav'n - ly aid, and fill the hearts which you have made.  
 fire of love, the soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
 fire pro - claim to all the world his ho - ly name.  
 mor - tal state with death-less might in - vig - o - rate.

- 5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
and your abiding peace bestow;  
with you as our protecting guide,  
no evil can with us abide.
- 6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and you, from both, as Three in One  
that we your name may ever bless  
and in our lives the truth confess.

*Stand*

- 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
and Holy Spirit, with them One,  
and may the Son on us bestow  
the gifts that from the Spirit flow!

## THE LITANY

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: O God the Holy Spirit, Advocate and Guide,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: Govern and direct your holy Church, fill it with love and truth, and grant it that unity which is according to your will.

**C: Hear us, good Lord.**

M: Enlighten all ministers of the gospel with true knowledge and understanding of your Word, that by their teaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

**C: Hear us, good Lord.**

M: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

**C: Hear us, good Lord.**

M: Bless and keep your people, good Lord.

**C: God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

*Be seated*

## READING

## EPHESIANS 4:7-13

*Christ gives the gift of public ministers of the gospel to equip his people for works of service.*

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# HYMN

# LORD JESUS, YOU HAVE COME

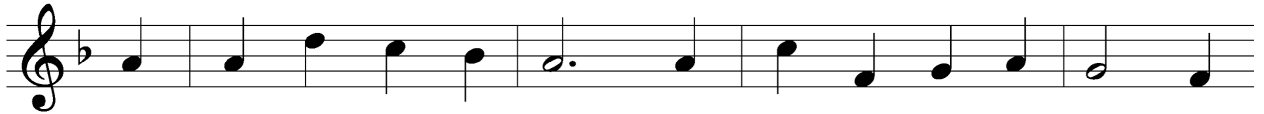
CW 897

st. 1-3, 5 setting by Paul Bunjes; st. 4 setting by Henry V. Gerike

*The choir sings stanzas 2 and 4.*



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en  
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,  
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;  
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing  
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.  
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!  
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,  
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.  
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try  
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,  
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in  
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;  
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.  
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.  
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.  
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!  
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

Organ: George Hogan

Trumpet: Jason Horn, Eric Smith, Josiah Smith

# SERMON

# 1 SAMUEL 14:6,7

## CHOIR

## LORD GOD, YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANTS

Text: Closing Prayer from the Vespers Service  
Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978  
Music: J. Aaron McDermid

Lord God, you have called your servants  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;  
by paths as yet untrod, through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go,  
but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## HYMN

## IN YOU IS GLADNESS

CW 513



1 In you is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 If he is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ we fear no pow - ers, not of



sun - shine of my heart. By you are giv - en the gifts of  
earth or sin or death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -



heav - en, you the true Re - deem - er are. Our souls are  
tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where-fore the

wak - ing, our bonds are break - ing; who trusts you  
sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and

sure - ly has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er.  
voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er.

Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are pin - ing to see your  
Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for glad - ness, win o - ver

shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to you are  
sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall

cling - ing now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise him glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

## BLESSING

M: 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.**

# CLOSING HYMN

# GOD'S WORD IS OUR GREAT HERITAGE

CW 640

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er; to  
spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or. Through life it  
guides our way, in death it is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en -  
-dure, we keep its teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

*Be seated*

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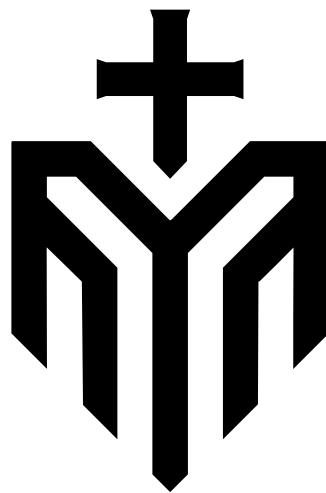
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Melacha Scholarship  
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