



NWMN Synod Assembly Worship

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call to worship

Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all:
Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

We believe you delight in us!

Make us people who recognize and proclaim
your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

We trust in you, Holy One,
to reveal to us the sacredness of every life,
of every way of being,
of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

May it be so!

--author, enfleshed

opening anthem

"The Music of Living"

Music by Dan Forrest / Text by Corissa Peterson

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*Giver of life, Creator of all that is lovely,
Teach me to sing the words to Your song.
I want to feel the music of living;
And not fear the sad songs
But from them make new songs
Composed of both laughter and tears.*

*Teach me to dance to the sounds of Your world.
I want to move in rhythm with Your plan.
Help me to follow Your leading,
To risk even falling,
To rise and keep trying,
For You are leading the dance.*

Performed by The Concordia Choir (2026)

Dr. Michael Culloton, conductor

Andrew Steinberg, accompanist

**confession &
forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered
in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures
us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

silence for reflection

God, lover of humankind,

**you have asked us to proclaim your name to all people.
We confess that we have held back from doing that,
shy and self-conscious. Forgive us, we pray,
and empower us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sisters and brothers, as Christ is our witness,
God's power to pardon is immeasurable.

Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth:
through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

**prayer of
the day**

Let us pray. God of glory, sovereign of all nations,
the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your
message of life to all people.

**Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness
always to the hope to which we are called as we share
Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

1st reading

Acts 1:4-8

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Response: Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

**holy
gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Response: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

message

The Rev. William "Bill" Tesch
Bishop, NWMN Synod

**hymn of
the day**

"Go to the World!"



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958
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**poetic
reading**

"Proclaim In Grateful Songs"

by Susan Palo Cherwien

VII: Always

from *From Glory into Glory: Reflections for Worship*

**prayers of
god's people**

Holy God, send your Spirit upon us as we lift our prayers,
entrusting this world to your power alone.

Send your Spirit upon those who think highly of themselves
and those who think little of themselves.

Bring comfort to those who are vulnerable
and companionship to those who are lonely.

Fill with compassion those who are strong,
and guide them in the way of humility.

Send your Spirit upon those in positions of power
and upon those who feel powerless in this world.

Bring release to those who are held captive
and dignity to those who are oppressed or disregarded.

Fill with wisdom those who hold authority,
and guide them in the way of peace.

Send your Spirit upon those who live in plenty
and upon those who live in need.

Bring security to those who seek refuge,
and satiate those who hunger and thirst.

Fill with hospitality those who know privilege,
and guide them in the way of generosity.

Send your Spirit upon us and upon all people, O Lord.

Bring faithfulness to all who trust in your grace
and hope to all who look in your reign.

Fulfill the promise of your coming kingdom,
and guide the church by your power from on high.

We offer all these prayers in the name of your Son, Jesus, who
came that we might have life and have it abundantly. Amen.

**great
thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, Maker of heaven and earth.
In the beginning, you spoke— calling all things into being,
claiming a covenant people, choosing them to be a blessing.
You are the source of life; you are the land of promise;
you are the hope of generations.
For your love and faithfulness we give you thanks and praise.

**words of
promise**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**lord's
prayer**

Lord, unite us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
**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.**

the meal

*As we gather around Christ's table, you are invited to use the communion elements
provided in your registration kit.*

**post-
communion
blessing &
prayer**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace, now and forever. Amen.

Let us pray: Eternal, living God, you have prepared a feast for
all peoples—You are the one for whom we have waited.

**Now send us forth to serve you with gladness, rejoicing in
your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

sending
song

“Nothing but the Blood of Jesus”

1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus;
2. For my par - don this I see, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus;

What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus.
For my cleans-ing this my plea, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus.
Naught of good that I have done, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus.
This is all my right-eous-ness, Noth-ing but the blood of Je-sus.

Oh! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;

No oth-er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Tune: PLAINFIELD, 7 8 7 8 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

blessing

Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ. Through baptism, you are one with Christ, who will be with you always. Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit, who breathes new life into you. Through baptism, you are sealed in the love of God, who will keep you forever.

Amen.

dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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leaders**

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--Blessing & Dismissal

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