



# FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME

SYNOD CONVENTION 2019

## CLOSING SERVICE

*BOLD GOALS  
FOR THE GOSPEL*

65<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE  
WISCONSIN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

*In consideration of those who desire to prepare for worship, please assemble in relative silence to maintain a meditative atmosphere. Please turn off or silence wireless devices.*

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

ABBOT'S LEIGH (the tune of the opening hymn)

Settings by Stephen Folkemer, Michael Burkhardt, Paul Manz, and Robert Hobby

*As the opening hymn is introduced, please stand and face the processional cross in the back of the chapel. Follow its path to the chancel, where it serves as a symbol of the theme and focus of Christian worship.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Church of God, Elect and Glorious**

*Christian Worship Supplement 774*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

**M:** You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

**C:** **for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

*Galatians 3:26,27*

**M:** There is one body and one Spirit—

**C:** **just as you were called to one hope when you were called—**

**M:** one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

**C:** **one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.** *Ephesians 4:4-6*

**M:** You are the salt of the earth;

**C:** **you are the light of the world.**

**M:** Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

**C:** **and praise your Father in heaven.**

*Matthew 5:13-16*

- M:** As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,  
**C:** especially to those who belong to the family of believers. *Galatians 6:10*
- M:** Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
**C:** giving thanks to God the Father through him. *Colossians 3:17*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in mission fields near and far; empower the witness of all believers; and grant success to your gospel that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

*Be seated.*

## READINGS

**Matthew 28:16-20**

**Colossians 4:2-6**

## HYMN

**For Builders Bold Whose Vision Pure**

*Christian Worship Supplement 775*

## SERMON

**Matthew 21:18-22**

Pray Boldly

*Stand.*

## PRAYER

- M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.
- C: **May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.**
- M: Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish, that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.
- C: **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**
- M: Bless our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministry. By the power of your gospel motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.
- C: **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.**
- M: Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend or for others who do not yet believe in you.
- Silent prayer.*
- M: Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.
- C: **Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.  
God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **RITE OF INSTALLATION**

### **PRAYER**

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, we praise you for the gift of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you that you have kept your promises to be with us always and to provide leaders for your Church on earth. Use the gifts and energy of *these brothers* to proclaim your Word faithfully, to serve others by *their* zeal for your kingdom, and to guide the Church in the wisdom of the gospel. Guard your Church in times of trouble, protect it from all error and division, and by your Holy Spirit, stimulate peace and harmony. Give *them* joy in *their* work among us, and bless *their wives/families* during *their* time of service. Through *their* faithful efforts, produce fruit among us so that the cross of your Son is held up before the world and many hear the word of salvation, peace, and blessing that is ours through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **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.**

**M:** Go, then, and take up the work to which you have been elected.

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us that which is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C:** **Amen.**

*Those installed return to their places.*

*Remain seated.*

## 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.

## HYMN

### Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

*Setting by James Chepponis*



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.  
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,  
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.  
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.  
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great-ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare  
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace  
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.  
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.  
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

## **POSTLUDE**

Wir glauben all' an einen Gott  
*We All Believe in One True God*  
BWV 680 - JS Bach

## **SERVING AT WORSHIP**

**Presiding Minister:** Mark Zarling, president of Martin Luther College

**Preacher:** Donald Tollefson, president of the North Atlantic District

**Organist:** Adrian Smith, music division chairman at Martin Luther College

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