



Our Great
HERITAGE

SYNOD CONVENTION 2017

CLOSING SERVICE

64th Biennial Convention of the
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

HYMN

CW 343:1-3



1 Christ is the world's light, Christ and none oth - er;
 2 Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none oth - er;
 3 Christ is the world's life, Christ and none oth - er;
 4 Give God the glo - ry, God and none oth - er;



Born in our dark - ness, he be - came our broth - er.
 No one can serve him and de - spise an - oth - er.
 Sold once for sil - ver, mur - dered here, our broth - er.
 Give God the glo - ry, Spir - it, Son, and Fa - ther;



If we have seen him, we have seen the
 Who else u - nites us, one with God the
 He who re - deemed us reigns with God the
 Give God the glo - ry, God with us, my



Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther? Glo - ry to God on high!
 Fa - ther: Glo - ry to God on high!
 broth - er: Glo - ry to God on high!

Stand

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

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSES

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

LESSON John 14:1-6

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SERMON John 14:6

Christ Alone – A Fitting Summary!

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 pray. 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 give thanks that you have kept your promise to be with us always and that you continue 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. May they serve diligently to safeguard the Church in times of trouble from all error and division, and by their efforts stimulate peace and harmony. Give them joy in their work among us, for Jesus' sake. May their 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.**

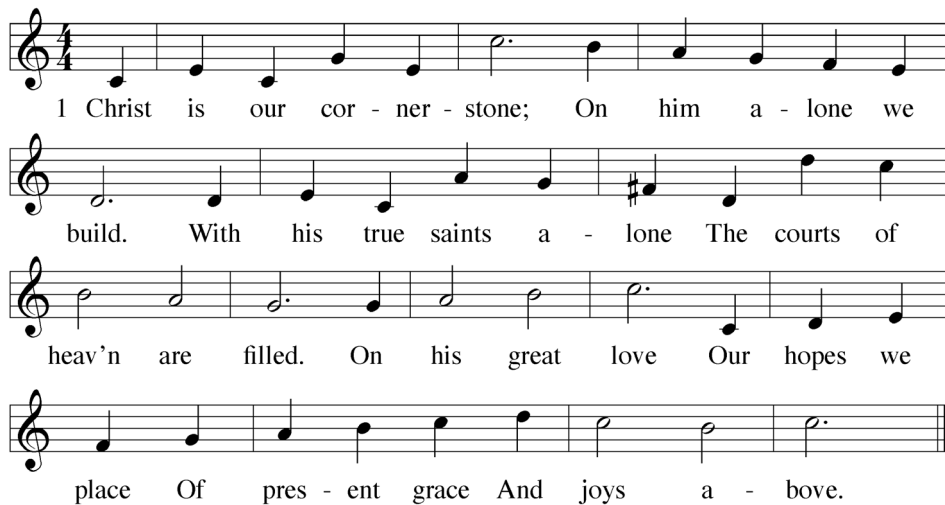
M: Lord of the Church, you have united us in faith and worship to make disciples of all nations and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service. Guide our leaders and help them fulfill their responsibilities with patience and understanding. Keep the congregations of the synod faithful to your Word and give them a willingness to support the worldwide mission of your Church to the glory of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **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.



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.

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.**



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.

SERVING AT WORSHIP

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