

# Ablaze! Mission Celebration

July 14, 2007 • 4:00 p.m.

“After greeting them, [Paul] related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. And when they heard it, they glorified God.” (Acts 21:19-20a)

Welcome

“This Little Light of Mine” arr. John Leavitt ..... Choir

Introduction

“Why is Ablaze! Important?”



Cross-Cultural Church Planting

Church Revitalization

“Ablaze! is sharing the Good News of Jesus with \_\_\_\_\_”

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying” ..... LSB 826



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, If you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, Stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?  
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.  
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;  
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me?”  
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms,  
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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# OPENING WORSHIP

## July 14, 2007 • 4:30 p.m.

### As We Gather

As we prepare to open the 63rd Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we begin by gathering together to be nourished by our Lord through His life-giving Word and Sacrament. Like our friends and relatives who remain at home, our attention this weekend of the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is directed to Jesus' beloved parable of the Good Samaritan, reminding us how our gracious Lord came to live among us to bind up our wounds by His own death and resurrection. The Church's One Message—Christ cannot be stated any clearer than that! Strengthened by His gifts, we can joyfully serve our fellow neighbors, both here during this convention and when we return home.

Throughout these “green” Sundays after Pentecost, the Church rejoices in the growth that the Lord grants through the preaching and teaching of His holy Word. As you prepare for worship this day, please pray for His blessing upon that Word during this convention, in each of our congregations, and wherever the Word is faithfully proclaimed.

### Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your

sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## † SERVICE OF THE WORD †

“Voices Raised to You We Offer” ..... LSB 795

### *Choir sings stanza 3*



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for  
2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your  
3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with  
4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute  
works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,  
heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,  
in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!  
We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!  
For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!  
Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer  
Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis .....*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*



Old Testament Reading..... *Leviticus 19:9-18*

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.



“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm..... *Psalm 41*

- A Blessed is the one who considers the poor!  
In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;
- C **The LORD protects him and keeps him alive;  
he is called blessed in the land;  
you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.**

*Blessed* is he who has regard for the weak;  
the **LORD** delivers him  
in times of trouble.

Psalm 41:1

- A The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;  
in his illness you restore him to full health.
- C **As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me;  
heal me, for I have sinned against You!”**
- A My enemies say of me in malice,  
“When will he die and his name perish?”
- C **And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words,  
while his heart gathers iniquity;  
when he goes out, he tells it abroad.**
- A All who hate me whisper together about me;  
they imagine the worst for me.
- C **They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him;  
he will not rise again from where he lies.”**



- A** Even my close friend in whom I trusted,  
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.
- C** **But You, O LORD, be gracious to me,  
and raise me up, that I may repay them!**
- A** By this I know that You delight in me:  
my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.
- C** **But You have upheld me because of my integrity,  
and set me in Your presence forever.**
- A** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,  
from everlasting to everlasting!  
Amen and Amen.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Epistle Reading**..... *Colossians 1:1–14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.



**But grow in  
the grace and  
knowledge  
of our Lord  
and Savior  
Jesus  
Christ.**

**2 Peter 3:18**

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in

the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



## Holy Gospel.....*Luke 10:25–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”



**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

**P** God has made us His people through Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

*Sit*

"Church of God, Elect and Glorious" .....LSB 646

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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## Sermon

### ONE Message—Christ! His Love Is Here for You!

Text: 1 John 4:9-11

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

*Stand*

Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

Offering

*Ushers holding large baskets are stationed throughout the convention hall. Please bring your offering to one nearest you. The offerings received at this service will be used to support theological education both in this country and in our partner churches around the world.*

Voluntary: "Festival Te Deum" .....arr. John Leavitt

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

*Stand*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



*Because there is one loaf, we,  
who are many, are one body,  
for we all partake of the one loaf.*

1 Corinthians 10:17

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.



## Agnus Dei

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this convention in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and are unable to receive the Sacrament are invited to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when divisions will have ceased.*

"Jesus, Shepherd Of The Sheep" *Filitz--Wacker* ..... *Choir*

"Thy Strong Word" *arr. Wayne Oquin* ..... *Wayne Oquin*





“Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service” .....LSB 848

1 Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice Bore the weight of  
 2 Still Your chil-dren wan-der home-less; Still the hun-gry  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, Till Your love's re-  
 4 Called by wor-ship to Your ser-vice, Forth in Your dear

hu-man need, Who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
 cry for bread; Still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
 veal-ing light In its height and depth and great-ness,  
 name we go, To the child, the youth, the a-ged,

Of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, We, Your ser-vants, bring the  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, Your deep com-  
 Dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, Mak-ing known the needs and  
 Love in liv-ing deeds to show; Hope and health, good-will and

wor-ship Not of voice a-lone, but heart, Con-se-  
 pas-sion Healed the sick and freed the soul, Use the  
 bur-dens Your com-pas-sion bids us bear, Stir-ring  
 com-fort, Coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, That Your

crat-ing to Your pur-pose Ev-'ry gift that You im-part.  
 love Your Spir-it kin-dles Still to save and make us whole.  
 us to tire-less striv-ing, Your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom May Your mer-cy know and live.

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Special Music.....The Brass Company

“Wide Open Stand the Gates” .....LSB 639

1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While  
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This  
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While

round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in  
 is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and  
 saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose

end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!  
 drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.  
 face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.

They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.  
 All hu - man thought must fal - ter— Our God stoops low to heal,  
 This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,

The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!  
 Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!  
 Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

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“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love” *arr. Lloyd Larson*.....Choir

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *arr. John Leavitt*.....LSB 922

*Choir sings stanzas 1 & 2*

1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
 2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
 Here you learned how much I love you; What I can cure. Here My  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the

love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
 heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
 Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.

Go, My chil - dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
 Go, My chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
 Go, My chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
 Go, My chil - dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.



“Onward, Christian Soldiers” ..... LSB 662

1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,  
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;  
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,  
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,

With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.  
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.  
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.  
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:

Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;  
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,  
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;  
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;

For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!  
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.  
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.  
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



*Refrain*

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*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

## Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick



The Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick was elected to his second three-year term as president of the 2.5-million-member Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in July 2004, an office in which he has served his Lord and Church since September 2001.

Just prior to becoming LCMS president, Kieschnick had been president of the Synod's Texas District for 10 years. He also served that district as a circuit counselor from 1978-81 and as director of public relations from 1977-86. Prior to his Texas District presidency, Kieschnick was director of development at the Lutheran Foundation of Texas from 1986-88 and then served as its executive director from 1988-91.

From 1998 until his election as LCMS president, Kieschnick chaired the LCMS Commission on Theology and Church Relations, and served on the program committee of the LCMS Council of Presidents.

Born in Houston on January 29, 1943, Kieschnick attended Texas A&M University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1964. He is a 1970 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, IL, obtained his Master of Divinity degree in 1977 at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in 1996 from Concordia University, Austin, TX.

After his ordination in 1970, Kieschnick served as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Biloxi, MS, until 1973; pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Beaumont, TX, 1973-81; and mission developer and pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, TX, 1981-86.

Kieschnick and his wife, Terry, have two grown children, Angela Keith (husband Todd Keith) and Andrew Kieschnick, both of whom live in Texas. The Kieschnicks also have two grandchildren, Kolby and Kayla Keith.

## Trinity Lutheran Church – Downtown Houston, Texas



The host congregation for the opening service of the 63rd Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod, Trinity has a rich history as a part of the LCMS. Founded on November 9, 1879, the congregation has remained in the downtown core of Houston, Texas for over 127 years. Trinity was the host congregation of the 1906 Southern District Convention during which the Texas District was organized and also the Forty-second Synodical Convention in June of 1953. Numerous pastors, educators, other church workers and lay persons have faithfully served the Lord at Trinity, and many have also gone on to serve at the District and Synodical level. Two pastors of Trinity were elected to be presidents of the LCMS, the Rev. Dr. John W.

Behnken, Sr. (president from 1935–1962) and the Rev. Dr. Oliver R. Harms (president from 1962–1969). The 1800-member congregation continues to thrive in downtown Houston, has faithfully supported a number of missionaries, provides ministry to the homeless, and has a vibrant Early Childhood Center and Christian Day School. Recently a multi-million dollar building program was approved to expand facilities for future growth. For more information on the mission and ministries of Trinity Lutheran Church—Downtown, see their website at [www.trinitydt.org](http://www.trinitydt.org).

## The Brass Company in Concert

The Brass Company will be in concert at Trinity Lutheran Church, 800 Houston Avenue, Houston, TX 77007 on Sunday, July 15, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Shuttle buses for the 5 minute ride from the George R. Brown Convention Center to Trinity will be available. For more information about The Brass Company, visit [www.brasscomusic.com](http://www.brasscomusic.com).

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