

**– A Service of Commissioning –  
WELS Home and World Missions**

**6 p.m. CT**

**Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chapel**

**July 17, 2021**

## OPENING HYMN

## Good News of God Above

*Christian Worship, 2021: 905:1-2*

1 Good news of God a - bove is ours to tell a - broad,  
2 The love of Christ pro - claim, who left his home on high;  
3 The Lord of glo - ry lives! From cross and death and grave  
4 Hear now the Mas - ter's word to those who bear his name:

the Fa - ther's ev - er - last - ing love in Christ the ris - en Lord.  
to live our hu - man life he came, our hu - man death to die.  
his own a - bun - dant life he gives to those he died to save.  
"So send I you," till all have heard, "make known, de - clare, pro - claim!"

For neigh - bors near and far the seed of life is sown;  
The Fa - ther's on - ly Son be - came the sin - ners' friend,  
His right - eous - ness and peace de - clare from sea to sea;  
Go forth in all the earth; em - brace the path he trod

then spread the seed by word and deed to make the Sav - ior known.  
our lot to share, our sin to bear, and death's do - min - ion end.  
his prais - es sound the world a - round for Christ has made us free.  
with Christ be - side as friend and guide to bring good news of God.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are in a simple, declarative style, typical of hymns. The score ends with a double bar line.

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie***

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

## **Good News of God Above**

*Christian Worship, 2021: 905:3–4*

*See page 2*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 the mission fields of our nation and around the world. Grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING and COMMENTARY**

## **Jonah 3:1–10**

*Pastor Keith Free*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>6</sup> When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup> This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. <sup>8</sup> But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.” <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

## **PSALM**

## **Proclaim to All the Nations**

*WELS Psalter: 96C*

*See next page*

To be sung as follows: The cantors sing the opening refrain. The assembly sings the refrains marked in bold.

*Refrain*

Pro - claim to all the na - tions the mar - vel - ous deeds of the

LORD! Pro - claim to all the na - tions the

mar - vel - ous deeds of the LORD!

mar - vel - ous deeds of the LORD, the LORD!

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands!  
Sing to the LORD with all your heart and bless God's name! **Refrain**

Announce salvation by day by day, God's glory throughout the earth!  
Among all people in ev'ry land, God's wondrous deeds! **Refrain**

Give to the LORD, you nations; praise to the LORD of all!  
Sing glory and praise and sing to the name above all names! **Refrain**

Worship the LORD and tremble; proclaim the one who reigns!  
Say to the nations: "The LORD is King" who rules with justice! **Refrain**

## SECOND READING and COMMENTARY

## Romans 15:23–33

*Pastor Larry Schlomer*

But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to visit you, <sup>24</sup> I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to see you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. <sup>25</sup> Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the Lord's people there. <sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the Lord's people in Jerusalem. <sup>27</sup> They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe

it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings.<sup>28</sup> So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this contribution, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way.<sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.<sup>30</sup> I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.<sup>31</sup> Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there,<sup>32</sup> so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed.<sup>33</sup> The God of peace be with you all. Amen.

## PSALM

## O God, Show Us Your Mercy

*WELS Psalter: 67E*



1 O God, show us your mer-cy and bless us with your grace;  
2 For you will judge the peo-ples in truth and right-eous-ness,



and cause to shine up-on us the bright-ness of your face,  
your rule of per-fect jus-tice all na-tions will con-fess.



that so your way most ho-ly on earth may soon be known,  
Let all the peo-ples praise you, let all the na-tions sing;



and un-to ev-'ry peo-ple your sav-ing grace be shown.  
then earth in rich a-bun-dance to us its fruit shall bring.



Let all the peo-ples praise you, let all the na-tions sing;  
The Lord our God will bless us, his rich-est bless-ing send,



in ev-'ry land let prais-es and songs of glad-ness ring.  
and all cre-a-tion praise him to earth's re-mot-est end.

## GOSPEL and COMMENTARY

**Matthew 9:35–10:4**

*Professor Earle Treptow*

<sup>35</sup> Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” <sup>10:1</sup> Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

## OFFERING

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## RITE OF COMMISSIONING

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Asia One Team

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Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
*North Liberty, Iowa*

Rev. Isaac Hayes

St. John on the Hillside  
*Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Rev. Timothy Walsh

Grace of God Lutheran Church  
*Dix Hills, New York*

Rev. Andrew Westra

Mission Exploratory  
*Waco, Texas*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer.*

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



# HYMN

## May the Peoples Praise You

WELS Psalter: 67F



1 You have called us out of dark - est night in -  
 2 May our ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that  
 3 All the earth is yours and all with - in, each  
 4 May the seeds of mer - cy grow in us for  
 5 This our ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare your



to your glo - rious light, that we may sing the  
 broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and  
 har - vest is your own, and from your hand we  
 those who have not heard. May songs of praise build  
 prais - es and your name to ev - 'ry na - tion,

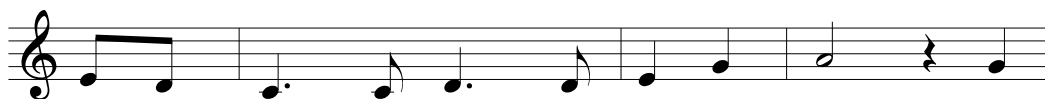


won - ders of the ris - en Christ. v. 2  
 deep - est joy, with end - less life. Refrain  
 give to you, to make Christ known. v. 4  
 lives of grace to spread your Word. Refrain  
 tribe, and tongue, your church pro - claim. Final Refrain

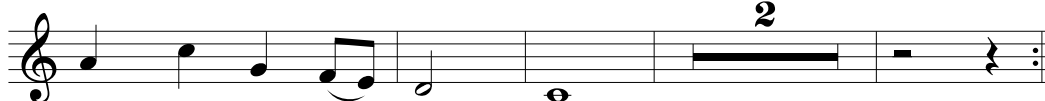
### Refrain



May the peo - ples praise you, let the na - tions be glad.



All your bless - ing comes that we may praise, may



praise the name of Je - sus.

## **PRAYER**

O Holy Spirit, cause the gospel of salvation to revive and refresh all nations as showers water the earth. Send messengers of your grace throughout the world, that the light of your glory may rise on those who are covered in darkness. Let your good news be proclaimed to every nation, tribe, people, and language, that they may be gathered into your kingdom and confess Jesus Christ as Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

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.

**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Lord of the Living Harvest**

*Christian Worship, 1993: 559*

- 1 Lord of the living harvest That ripens o'er the plain,  
Where angels soon will gather Their sheaves of golden grain,  
Accept our hands to labor, Our hearts to trust and love,  
And be with us to hasten Your kingdom from above.
- 2 As lab'ers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do,  
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for you,  
To ask no other wages When you will call us home  
Than to have shared the labor That makes your kingdom come.
- 3 Be with us, God the Father; Be with us, God the Son  
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.  
Make us your faithful servants You rightly to adore,  
And fill us with your blessing Both now and evermore.

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## **BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Rev. Lucas Callies**

*Home Missionary in North Liberty, Iowa*

Lucas Callies, son of Mark and Ruth Callies, was born October 26, 1992, and baptized at Peace Lutheran Church in Hartford, Wis., on October 31, 1992. He was confirmed in the Christian faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Brownsville, Wis., in May 2007. After going to high school at Winnebago Lutheran Academy in Fond du Lac, Wis. (2007-2011), he graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. (B.A. 2017) and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. (M. Div. 2021).

This is Lucas's first assignment out of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He will join Pastor Billy King and the congregation of Good Shepherd in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to start a second mission site in North Liberty.

He and his wife, Emily, daughter of Brian and Lori Shank, were married in St. Joseph, Mich., on June 22, 2019, at Grace Lutheran Church. Although they do not have children yet, God has blessed them with a new puppy, Nala. In mid-July, Lucas and Emily will head to North Liberty where Lucas will be installed and ordained on July 11. He will lead the core group in starting a second campus to continue the gospel mission efforts to a young, growing community in Eastern Iowa.

### **Rev. Isaac Hayes**

*Home Missionary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

Isaac Hayes, son of Kirk and Stella Hayes, was born December 13, 1994, in Mesa, Ariz. He was baptized at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Guadalupe, Ariz., in April 1995. Isaac and his family joined the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod in 2007. He was confirmed in the Christian faith at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe, Ariz., in May 2009. He graduated from Arizona Lutheran Academy in 2013, Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. (B.A. 2017), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis. (M. Div. 2021). He served as vicar at Hope Lutheran Church in Toronto, Ont., Canada, from 2019-2020.

This is Isaac's first assignment out of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He was assigned to be the pastor at St. John's on the Hillside in downtown Milwaukee to join members in a mission restart effort to engage the communities of Milwaukee with the gospel and connect them with their Savior.

He and his wife, Emma, were married in Minneapolis, Minn., on August 8, 2020. In July, Isaac and Emma will head to Milwaukee where Isaac will be installed and ordained on July 11.

### **Rev. Tim Walsh**

*Home Missionary at Grace of God, Dix Hills, New York*

Tim Walsh, son of Dave and Beth Walsh, was born on March 13, 1994, in San Antonio, Tex., and baptized on March 27. He was confirmed in the Christian faith at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Clearwater, Fla. After graduation from Luther High School in Onalaska, WI (2012), Tim enrolled in the pre-seminary program at Martin Luther College and received his Bachelor of Arts in 2016. Before moving on to the seminary, Tim taught English for a semester at a K-12 Lutheran school in Callao, Peru, and taught Spanish for three semesters at Wisconsin Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wis.

Tim and his wife, Ruth, were married in July 2017. Their first child, daughter Eliana, was born in September 2018, and their son Henry was born in April 2020 during Tim's vicar year at Grace Lutheran Church in Falls Church, VA.

He graduated with his Master of Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in May 2021 and was assigned to lead a mission restart at Grace of God in Dix Hills, N.Y. The Walsh family is excited to make Long Island their home, and they ask for your prayers as they and their new church family work to proclaim the message of forgiveness in Jesus to all on Long Island.

**Rev. Andrew Westra**

*Home Missionary in Waco, Tex.*

Andrew Westra, son of Charles and Debra Westra, was born on May 10, 1993, and was baptized at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia, Tenn., on May 16, 1993. He was also confirmed in the Christian faith at Christ Our Savior on June 3, 2007. He graduated from Luther Preparatory School in 2011 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Martin Luther College in 2015. He graduated with a Master of Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2019, after having served as vicar at Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church in Katy, Tex., from 2017-2018.

He spent the last two years serving as tutor at Luther Preparatory School where he preached for chapel, taught religion, and supervised high schoolers in the dormitory. Pastor Westra will be moving to Waco, Tex., this summer to help plant a new church in the Heart of Texas along with the core group of members who are already gathered there. Please pray for Pastor Westra and his core group as they begin the work of holding out the life-giving gospel to the people of Waco.

**Rev. Mark Zondag**

*Asia One Team Missionary*

Mark Zondag, son of Jeffrey and Beverly Zondag, was born on October 25, 1988, and baptized at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Round Lake, Ill., on November 20, 1988. He was confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waukegan, Ill., in May 2003. He graduated from Shoreland Lutheran High School in May 2007. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Psychology with a focus in Educational Psychology from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities in December 2011. He received his Seminary Certification from Martin Luther College in 2017 and graduated with a Master of Divinity from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 2021.

Between his time at the University of Minnesota and Martin Luther College, he served as a teacher for one year in Southeast Asia and two years in Tomsik, Russia. During his second year in Russia, he met his wife, Sarah, the daughter of Rev. David and Ellen Rosenow. They married in Osceola, Wis., on March 12, 2016. They have been blessed with two daughters, Esther and Anastasia.

In August, Mark, Sarah, Esther, and Anastasia will be moving to Chiang Mai, Thailand, to join the Asia One Team as the missionary to the ethnic Thai people.