



Mid-Week  
*Lenten*  
Worship



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## Welcome

Pastor: We gather in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Congregation: Amen!**

P: During this season of Lent, we are hitting the pause button on our ordinary activities with a clear purpose. We have heard Jesus' call to believe and responded by the work of the Holy Spirit, but as we reflect on His command to come follow Him, we realize that too often we have gone our own way. The time is now for our repentance. Thankfully because of Christ's death and resurrection, we can be reconciled to God, our Father. By His Word applied by the Holy Spirit, we are renewed to follow Jesus; equipped and empowered to join Him in His mission to the people of our world. So, we begin our time of worship today by confessing our sins and being reminded of God's great love for us in Christ.

Let us pray:

**C: Father in heaven, you have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. We are guilty of more than we even realize and confess that we have sinned against you, and against one another. We have walked in darkness far too long. We have gone our own way rather than following Jesus. We need the light of your Spirit to lead us. Father, thank you for hearing our prayer and answering with mercy and forgiveness. For the sake of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Believe the good news we have in Jesus Christ: our sins are forgiven, and by Him we are made into new people. Thanks be to God!

**C: Amen.**

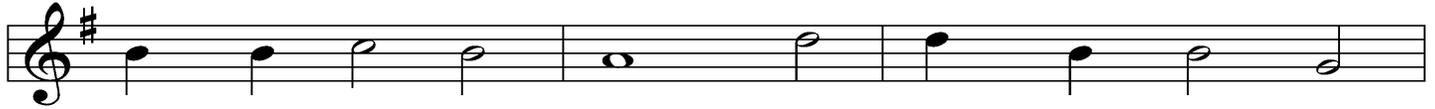


## 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*sts. 1, 3, 6-7*



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 6 See all your sins on Je - sus laid; The  
 7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an  
 now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 of - f'ring made For ev - 'ry soul of man.  
 saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

### **Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God

has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Scripture Readings: Matthew 28:16-20**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

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

### **HOMILY:**

## **“THE MISSION HAS A CHURCH”**

### **Prayer**

P: Let us pray,

**C: God of Eternal Love, we have made our commitment to you, and have started a new journey into purposeful growth. But, we know that if we are to remain faithful we need your help and your strength each day.**

**So, we ask that you would...**

**Teach us to pray with faith and read your word with understanding.**

**Teach us to worship with passion and gather together with love.**

**And Lord, we ask that you would also...**

Teach us to know that we have our being in you, to forgive just as we have been forgiven, to serve humbly and compassionately, to give generously with our resources and use our time mindfully, and may we go in your name joyfully, reflecting your goodness so that others will discover your grace through our lives and example. In Jesus' name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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

## 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

*sts. 1-4*



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;  
2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. composite

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.

## Blessing

P: May you seek the Kingdom of God with all your heart, hear Jesus' call to follow and serve, share His message of hope in conversation with people you know, do good for those in need as God's workmanship created in Christ, and minister to others in prayer as you follow Jesus each day. To God be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

## C: Thanks be to God