





ATTENDEE BOOKLET



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

WELCOME! We are so thankful and excited you are here! It is our prayer that your experience at the seventh WELS Women's Ministry Conference is a blessing.

This conference is designed to **NURTURE** your faith with God's Word through presentations, study, and worship. Fellowship and free time are built into the schedule to ENCOURAGE you to meet other women and share experiences together. This conference will **EQUIP** you for the life God has designed for you and his church.

Our conference theme is "Empowered to Proclaim—You Will Be My Witnesses," where Luke gives an account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Learn how these early Christians were emboldened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Word.

Our focus will be on the work of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts and its application to us as 21st-century Christian women, empowered to proclaim the message of Jesus.

May God bless your time here!

WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

Mary Watson, Katie Martin, Katie Neuman, Kathie Wendland, Kristi Meyer, and Lou Ann Mokwa

HOSPITALITY TABLE

The hospitality table is in the Lake Country Ballroom Foyer. There you can find WELS Women's Ministry conference planning or executive team members or representatives for any questions you may have. Extra materials, lost and found items, directions, and general information are also available there.

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

- Contact Mary Watson, conference planning team: 520-270-0281 or marywatson1989@gmail.com
- Contact Sarah Proeber,
 WELS Communication Services:
 414-331-2509 or
 sarah.proeber@wels.net

WIFI AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Complimentary WiFi will be available to attendees in guest rooms and meeting spaces.

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SSID: Ingleside

Access Code: welcome24

We kindly ask that all devices be silenced or turned off during worship, plenary, and breakout sessions to show consideration for others.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

The following meals are provided to the conference attendees:

Monday: Coffee, lunch, dinner, and snacks

Tuesday: Coffee, snack, and to-go lunch boxes (can be taken or eaten on site)

Note—Breakfast is only provided for those attendees staying overnight as hotel guests. Breakfast tickets are required, and it will be held in the hotel restaurant area.

Dinner on Sunday evening is on your own. Area restaurants are listed on the next page.

RESTAURANTS

Hotel Restaurant

Didi's Supper Club

At the Ingleside Hotel, Didi's Supper Club offers an array of dishes crafted with local Wisconsin ingredients, ensuring each bite is filled with freshness and flavor. Whether it's flavorful salads. satisfying sandwiches, comforting pasta, or the beloved Friday Fish Fry, each bite embodies the rich flavors of Wisconsin. The bar offers an amazing selection of craft cocktails and beers curated to complement and elevate your meal.

Hours:

Sunday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday: 7:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

Area Restaurants—Fast Food

Culver's

2600 N. Grandview Blvd.. Waukesha, WI 53188

- Rocky Rococo Pizza and Pasta 2010 Silvernail Rd.. Pewaukee, WI 53072
- McDonald's 2047 Silvernail Rd., Waukesha, WI 53072
- Wendy's 2050 Silvernail Rd.. Pewaukee, WI 53072

Area Restaurants—\$\$

- Machine Shed Restaurant Pewaukee N14W24145 Tower Pl., Waukesha, WI 53188
- Thunder Bay Grille Pewaukee N14W24130 Tower Pl.. Pewaukee, WI 53072
- The Steaming Cup 340 W. Main St., Waukesha, WI 53186
- Plaza Garibaldi 2301 Silvernail Rd., Pewaukee, WI 53072
- Spring City Restaurant 2820 N. Grandview Blvd... Pewaukee, WI 53072
- Magellan's on Main 370 W. Main St., Waukesha, WI 53186
- Mainstream Bar and Grill 404 W. Main St., Waukesha, WI 53186

Area Restaurants-\$\$\$

- Tofte's Table 331 Riverfront St., Waukesha, WI 53186
- People's Park 337 W. Main St., Waukesha, WI 53186
- Café Hollander Brookfield Corners 20150 Union St., Brookfield, WI 53045
- BelAir Cantina 250 High St., Brookfield, WI 53045
- Delafield Brewhaus 3832 Hillside Dr., Delafield, WI 53018

SCHEDULE

Please refer to the hotel map on pp. 20-21 for location information.

SUNDAY-JULY 28, 2024

All plenary sessions and worship services are held in the **Lake Country Ballroom**. See pp. 20–21.

3:00-6:30 p.m. Attendee Registration

(Held in the Lake Country Ballroom Foyer.)

Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open

(Oakton Ballroom and Foyer)

Dinner (on your own)

7:00-8:00 p.m. Opening Worship Service

8:00-10:00 p.m. Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open

MONDAY-JULY 29, 2024

All snacks and meals will be available in the Lake Country Ballroom and Foyer. See pp. 20-21.

7:00-8:15 a.m. Breakfast for Hotel Guests Only

(Held in the hotel restaurant area. See pp. 20-21.)

7:30-8:00 a.m. Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open

(Oakton Ballroom and Foyer)

8:15-8:30 a.m. Morning Devotion

8:30-9:30 a.m. Plenary Session 1

Walking, Jumping, and Praising God: Amazing Love for

and Through the Body of Christ

Rev. Joel Russow

9:30-9:50 a.m. Break with Refreshments

9:50-10:45 a.m. Breakout Session #1

10:45-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-11:55 a.m. Breakout Session #2

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch Provided

12:30-1:30 p.m.	Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Plenary Session 2 Who's Passing on Your Road? Rev. Mark and Mollie Henrich
2:30-2:45 p.m.	Break with Refreshments
2:45-3:40 p.m.	Breakout Session #3
3:40-3:55 p.m.	Break
3:55-4:50 p.m.	Plenary Session 3 A Candid Conversation About Women in WELS Rev. Jonathan Hein and Dawn Schulz
4:50-6:00 p.m.	Break/Happy Hour Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Dinner Provided

TUESDAY-JULY 30, 2024

7:00-10:00 p.m.

All snacks and meals will be available in the Lake Country Ballroom and Foyer. See pp. 20-21.

Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open

7:00-8:15 a.m.	Breakfast for Hotel Guests Only (Held in the hotel restaurant area.)
7:30-8:00 a.m.	Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open
8:15-8:30 a.m.	Morning Devotion
8:30-8:45 a.m.	Announcements and Reminders
8:45-9:45 a.m.	Plenary Session 4 Come and Stay: The Story of Lydia and the Story of Us Elise Gross
9:45-10:00 a.m.	Break with Refreshments
10:00-10:55 a.m.	Breakout Session #4
10:55-11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m12:00 p.m.	Closing Devotion
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch (to-go box provided) Marketplace Sales + Exhibitors Open

MARKETPLACE SALES AND SPONSOR EXHIBIT TIMES

Sunday

- 3:00-6:30 p.m.
- 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Monday

- 7:30-8:00 a.m.
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- 4:50-6:00 p.m.
- 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Tuesday

- 7:30-8:00 a.m.
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE MATERIALS

Visit welswmconference.net/2024-conference-materials to access, view, and download presentation slides and breakout material. More conference information and resources recommended by presenters and facilitators will also be made available online.



BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Please note that all breakout sessions have their own schedule and may not be repeated during every session. Follow your personal breakout session schedule on the back of your name tag to ensure you can attend the presentations you requested. See pp. 20-21 for a map of the hotel. If you have an open session, you can pick what you'd like to attend from the schedule below.

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#	BREAKOUT/PRESENTERS	DAY	START TIME(S)	LOCATION
1.	The Baptismal Life, Rev. Dr. Michael Berg	Monday	11:00 a.m.* 2:45 p.m. *This session is at capacity for space.	Woodland B
2.	Moving from Fear to Boldness, Rev. Donn Dobberstein	Monday	2:45 p.m.	Lake Country Ballroom
3.	Spirit-fueled Resilience for Today's Challenges, Karen Fischer	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Lake Country Ballroom
4.	Leadership in a World That	Monday	9:50 a.m.	Woodland D
	Does Not Recognize Jesus, Steve Hansen	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Woodland B
5.	"Who Am I?" The Crisis Among Teens Today, Rev. Dr. Phil Huebner	Monday	9:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Woodland A
6.	The Power of Story, Rev. Mark Paustian	Monday	9:50 a.m.	Lake Country Ballroom
7.	Opportunities to Grow, Learn,	Monday	9:50 a.m.	Woodland B
	and Serve, Angie Scharf	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Woodland A
8.	How to Stop Surviving and Start Thriving in Singleness, Hannah Schermerhorn	Monday	2:45 p.m.	Woodland A
9.	Digging Deeper! , Amber Albee Swenson	Monday	9:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fieldstone West

10.	Acts Bible Study—Session 1 —Intensive, Kathie Wendland	Monday	9:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Woodland C
	Acts Bible Study—Session 2 —Intensive, Kathie Wendland	Monday	2:45 p.m.	
		Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	
11.	Developing Strategies for Women's Bible Studies and	Monday	2:45 p.m.	Fieldstone East
	Retreats, Linda Gumm	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Woodland D
12.	Fostering Faith in the Next Generation—Making Time for What Matters Most, Amy Weichel, Tania Kopplin, and Rachel Halldorson	Monday	11:00 a.m.	Fieldstone East
13.	Prayer: God's Gift to His People for All Time, Ruth Schaller and Su Hanson	Monday	11:00 a.m. 2:45 p.m.	Woodland D
14.	The Power of Connecting	Monday	9:50 a.m.	Fieldstone
	Women in Christ , Katie Martin and Sarah Proeber	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	East
15.	The Power of Partnerships,	Monday	2:45 p.m.	Fieldstone
	Dr. Kristi Meyer and Rev. Eric Schroeder	Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	West

YOUR PERSONAL BREAKOUT SESSION SCHEDULE

These are listed on the back of your name tag, but if it's also helpful, you can list them below.

MONDAY		
Time	Breakout Title	Location
9:50-10:45 a.m.		
11:00-11:55 a.m.		
2:45-3:40 p.m.		
TUESDAY		
Time	Breakout Title	Location
10:00-10:55 a.m.		

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

THE MARKETPLACE

New this year is a curated market of WELS women-owned shops. Throughout WELS, there are many examples of women thanking Jesus by using their gifts and talents to God's glory in unique ways. The Marketplace is a dedicated area that showcases WELS women doing just that. Come explore these shops and learn more about these women, their talents, and their gifts. There are endless ways to serve and carry out ministry, and making personal connections, woman-towoman, through the Marketplace is one of them.

The Marketplace is in the Oakton Ballroom Foyer. See pp. 20-21. Check the schedule for times when the Marketplace is open for sales. See p. 8.

MARKETPLACE SHOPS

- WELS Store
- Women's Ministry Conference apparel pick-up
- Blu Mountain Co.
- Maebel
- Lighthouse Publications
- Naomi Paper Co.
- Grace Motivation Press
- Christ in the Word
- Thai Village Inc.
- Carol K Books

NORTHWESTERN PUBLISHING HOUSE

Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) produces biblically sound, Christ-centered books and resources for you and Christians everywhere. From women's Bible studies and devotionals that provide encouragement for daily living to books that inspire continued spiritual growth and reassure through life's challenges, NPH exists to help you find peace in an uncertain world by pointing you to your Savior, Jesus.

SPECIAL PRIZE DRAWING-MONDAY NIGHT

Come and visit the Northwestern Publishing House display in the Oakton Ballroom! Sign up for your chance to win the complete set of the Bible Discovery Series—14 books that will help you read and understand the Bible better, removing obstacles on your road to a greater understanding of God's Word!

Northwestern Publishing House is in the Oakton Ballroom. See pp. 20-21. Check the schedule for open sales times. See p. 8.

BOOK SIGNINGS-MONDAY

12:00-12:30 p.m.: Rev. Mark Paustian

- Prepared to Answer: Telling the Greatest Story Ever Told
- More Prepared to Answer: Telling the Greatest Story Ever Told
- Our Worth to Him: Devotions for Christian Worship

12:30-1:00 p.m.: Lou Ann Mokwa

- Mary: Providential Earthly Mother of God
- Esther: Providential Persian Queen

1:00-1:30 p.m.: Rev. Dr. Michael Berg

- The Baptismal Life
- Vocation: The Setting for Human Flourishing
- On Any Given Sunday: The Story of Christ in the Divine Service

5:00-5:30 p.m.: Amber Albee Swenson

- In God's Orchard: Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life
- Ladies of Legacy
- Bible Moms: Life Lessons from Mothers in the Bible

5:30-6:00 p.m.: Katie Martin

- Cherished Gifts: Devotions for Moms by a Mom
- In God's Orchard: Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life

7:00-7:30 p.m.: Angie Molkentin and Stephanie Ihlen

- My 180: Loving God More
- My 180: Waiting on God More

SPONSOR EXHIBITS

New this year, we've invited WELS areas of ministry and affiliated ministries to come and sponsor this conference. Affiliated ministries are organizations independent from WELS in all aspects, finances and the like, other than doctrine. They are ministry partners and are in fellowship with WELS. Take time to walk through these displays and speak directly with their representatives. Ask questions! Learn more about these ministries and their partnership with WELS.

Platinum Sponsors

- Northwestern Publishing House
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- Faith Unleashed Consulting

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- WELS Church Extension Fund
- WELS Foundation
- Truth in Love Ministry Corp.
- Christian Family Solutions

Bronze Sponsors

- Lutheran Girl Pioneers
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- WELS Archives and WELS Historical Institute
- Friends Network
- Forward in Christ Magazine
- Martin Luther College
- WELS Lutherans for Life
- WELS Missions and Mission Journeys

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to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

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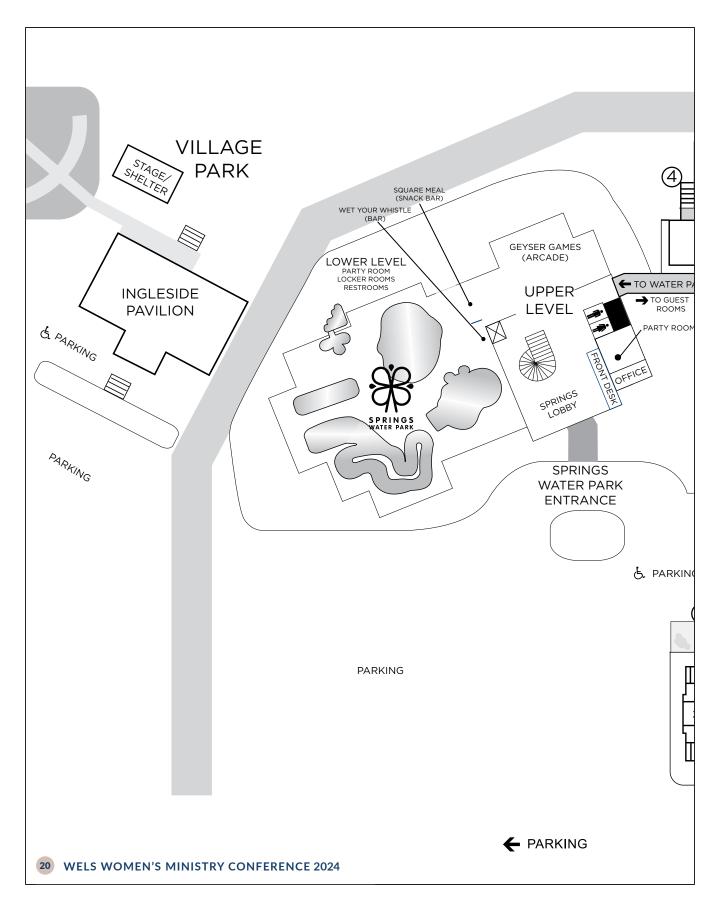


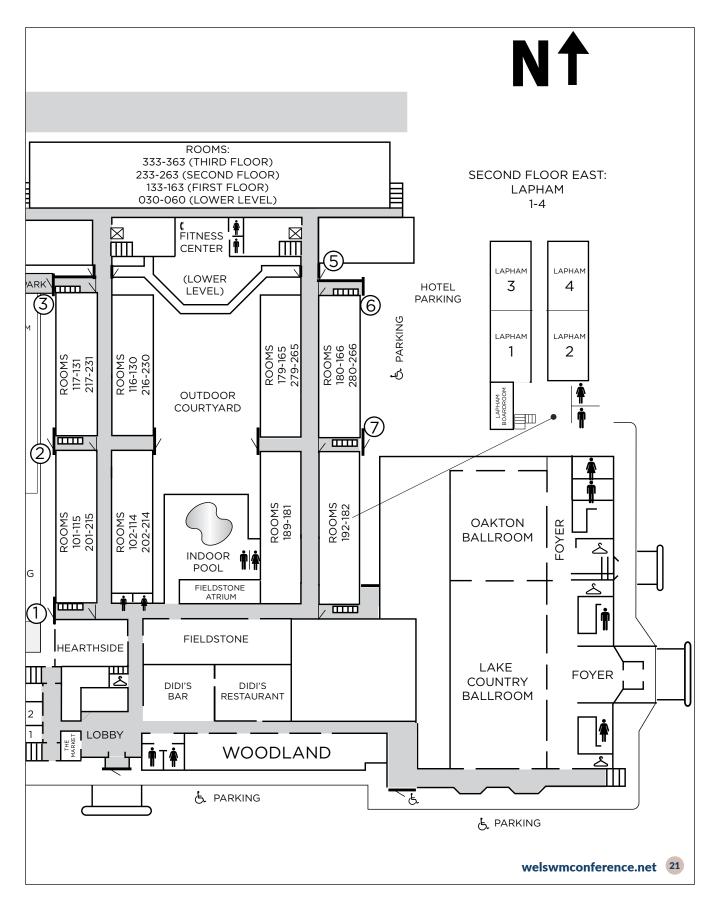






NOTES





WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Serving under the WELS Commission on Adult Discipleship, WELS Women's Ministry:

- Encourages and models a lifetime study of God's Word so every Christian proclaims the gospel in their daily life.
- Explores and encourages scripturally-sound opportunities for service in every calling of life found in the home, the church, and the secular world.
- Develops fresh approaches and resources for God-pleasing ministry to equip women to joyfully and confidently use their gifts in service.
- Offers a variety of avenues for communicating and sharing God's Word and ministry ideas among women.
- Works with the Christian male leadership of our synod to fully understand from Scripture how to serve together in the partnership God designed.

WHAT WE DO

Various teams carry out the work of Women's Ministry by developing resources, providing mentorship and guidance, leading biblical studies, and hosting conferences and webinars. If you are interested in getting involved, come visit and connect with a member of the Women's Ministry Team at their table in the Lake Country Foyer.

1. The Executive Board

The Executive Board provides oversight and direction for the teams and resource development of WELS Women's Ministry. It does this by meeting with the director of discipleship to ensure alignment with synodical efforts; discussing feedback from women regarding relevant issues and how to best serve them; and studying God's Word for guidance, understanding, and resource development.

2. Conference Planning Team

The conference planning team is responsible for hosting the WELS Women's Ministry conference every three years. They develop the scriptural theme, design the content overview, and invite the presenters as well as work closely with the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry to coordinate the logistics of the conference.

3. Titus 2 Team

In keeping with St. Paul's directive to Titus, this team exists to "teach the women ... to teach what is good" (Titus 2:3) in their various callings of life. The Titus 2 Team does that by providing in-depth Bible studies (downloadable and online) that teach and equip women to use God's Word in every part of life as well as developing resources that equip women to teach others "what is good."

4. Congregational Ministries Team

The Congregational Ministries Team exists to support and strengthen women's ministry in WELS congregations working within their congregational leadership. They do this by connecting women to resources and ideas applicable to the needs of where they do ministry. This is done one on one through a connection call or through webinars held throughout the year on a variety of topics.

5. Development Team

The Development team ensures the successful working together and project handoff among the teams for the resources produced by Women's Ministry.

RESOURCES

Be sure to swing by the Women's Ministry table in the Lake Country Foyer to learn more about these resources and others that are coming soon!

Equip Women to Teach the Word

This reference tool is for women eager to learn or improve their ability to teach and share God's Word. Along with the downloadable reference book, the online resources include explanatory and testimonial videos. Go to: welscongregationalservices.net/equip-women-to-teach.

Connection Call

Sometimes we need to talk it out with someone. Whether it's a women's ministry situation at church or a personal passion you're looking to develop and use as God wills, an encouraging word and focused conversation can make all the difference! Connect with us if you're:

- Looking for ideas within your congregation to reconnect and nurture purposeful and intentional relationships
- Searching for solid, biblically based resources that you can suggest to your pastor for use in your group or on your own
- Curious about what others are doing and responding positively to
- Needing a soundboard or little nudge of affirmation to get unstuck or get over that doubt
- Wanting direction from God's Word and someone to pray with

We're here to be your cheerleader and ministry encourager! You are not alone! We're here to help. Go to: wels.net/women.

Webinars

Our webinars offer a variety of topics that are relevant to our Christian lives both in and outside of the church. While we encourage viewers to watch them live,

we also archive them as a resource to access anytime. Topics include planning Advent by Candlelight, rethinking the use of prayer in the modern-day church, encouragement for those influencing the next generation of believers, how hospitality is an open door to share the love of Christ, and learning about mental illness from licensed counselors. October 2024 will feature a discussion on infant loss as we hear from panelists who have traveled that difficult road and have wisdom to share. Visit wels.net/women to learn more and register.

Online Class: Heirs Together of God's Gracious Gift of Life

This course is a study of what the Bible says about men and women and God's design for them. Titus 2 will be offering this 11-week online course on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings starting September 7. For more information or to register and pick up your study guide, visit us at the Women's Ministry table in the Lake Country Foyer.

COMING SOON

Get to Know Your Bible

This is an online Bible study that will be available soon. It not only shares an overview of the Old and New Testaments but also talks about where the Bible came from, some of the figures of speech that are used and how to properly interpret the Bible, and an overview of the Book of Concord.

Growth of the Early Church—From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth

A study of the book of the Acts of the apostles will be available in the near future. In preparation for this 2024 conference, your presenters studied this book of the Bible to prepare their material. Now you too can marvel at the work of the Holy Spirit as he called both the Jews and the Gentiles into his church at the time of Paul and learn how he still uses us to expand that church to the ends of the earth.

WORSHIP

Monday Morning Devotion

Empowered to Proclaim: Called to Be Faithful

Monday, July 29, 2024, 8:15 a.m. Morning Praise (Matins)

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God; **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

Jesus Christ is Lord of all: **praise and thanks to God!**

Hymn

Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast Christian Worship 644



- 1 Al might-y God, your Word is cast like seed in to the ground;
- 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho ly seed re move,
- 3 Let not the world's de ceit ful cares the ris ing plant de stroy,
- 4 When e'er the pre cious seed is sown, life giv ing grace be stow



now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and right-eous fruits a - bound. but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love. but let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy. that all whose souls the truth re-ceive its sav-ing pow'r may know.

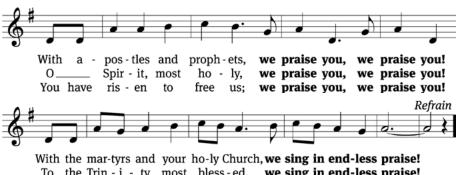
Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt. Tune: The CL Psalmes of David, Edinburgh, 1615 Text and tune: Public domain **Devotion** Zechariah 4:6

6So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty."

You Are God; We Praise You (Te Deum)

The assembly is invited to sing the entire Te Deum in unison.





To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, we sing in end-less praise! And with all your saints in glo - ry, we sing in end-less praise!

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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.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Tuesday Morning Devotion

Empowered to Proclaim: Called to Be a Witness

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024, 8:15 A.M. DAWN (LAUDS)

The devotional responses will be read responsively by the assembly.

(left side) Hasten to save me, O God. (right side) O Lord, come quickly to help me.

(left side) Praise the Lord from the heavens; (right side) praise him in the heights above.

(left side) Sing to the Lord a new song, (right side) his praise in the assembly of his faithful people.

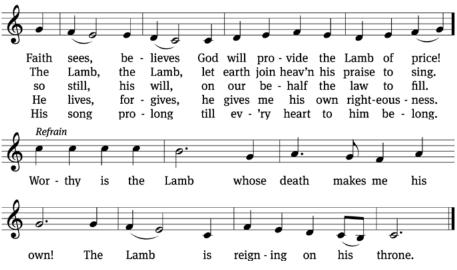
(left side) Praise God in his sanctuary; (right side) praise him in his mighty heavens.

The Lamb Hymn

Stanzas 1-4: right side first line; left side second line; all refrain Stanza 5: all

Christian Worship 525





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⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

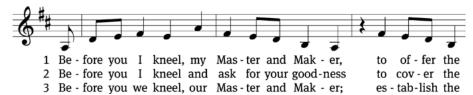
Hymn

Devotion

Stanza 1: left side; stanza 2: right side; stanza 3: all

Before You I Kneel Christian Worship 735

Acts 1:6-8





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(left side) Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance. (right side) Govern and uphold them now and always.

(left side) Day by day we bless you. (right side) We praise your name forever.

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(left side) Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
(right side) Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
(left side) Lord, show us your love and mercy,
(right side) for we have put our trust in you.
(left side) In you, Lord, is our hope:
(right side) let us never be put to shame.
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Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

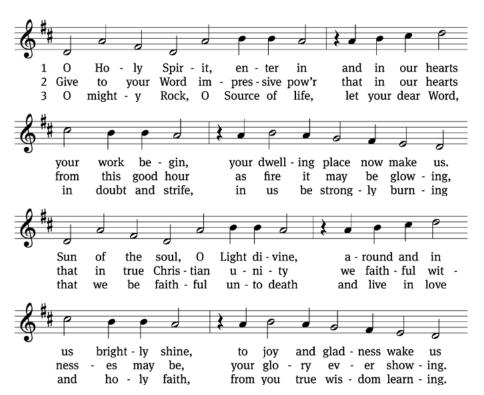
Closing Worship Service

Empowered to Proclaim: Called to Go Out

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 11:15 A.M. SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

Opening Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Enter In Christian Worship 590





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Please stand

I rejoiced with those who said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Reading Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" ⁸Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the Lord returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. ⁹Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

I Hear the Savior Calling Christian Worship 743



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Sermon Romans 10:8-17

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Prayer

Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

in your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

Spare us, Lord, from the lies of the devil and the attacks of our conscience. Comfort and save us in your patient compassion.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Guide us, Lord, to the wisdom of your Word and the power of your promises. Take away our confusion and doubt.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Hear us, Lord, when we come to you in prayer. Make us confident to take you at your word and to follow you in faith.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Empower us, Lord, to walk in your ways and live in your truth. Fill us with your love, that we may love you and one another.

Have mercy on us, Jesus.

Almighty God, by your Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified. Receive our prayers for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocations and ministries they may truly serve and honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story Christian Worship 746



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May this conference inspire each of us through the Holy Spirit and "Empower Us to Proclaim" as we are "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

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