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SYNOD ASSEMBLY
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SOUTHWESTERN TEXAS SYNOD
OF THE ELCA

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

The assembly STANDS.

GATHERING SONG *Our Dear Lord and Savior Calls*

Tune: Barbara Polka

**1 *Our dear Lord and Savior calls
 and summons us today.
“Trust me and obey, follow in my way.
Turn away from pride and envy, seek humility.
In my kingdom all are welcome,
I have chosen you to be
faithful workers with devotion,
partners in my ministry.”***

Chorus:

***God, God of tender mercies
send wisdom from above,
so that we, as today’s disciples
may serve in truth and love. (Repeat)***

**2 *Give us strength to spread your message
 when the road is long,
and the foe we find, clouding heart and mind.
When the darkness overshadows
guide us with your light.
Set our thoughts on heavn’ly glory
and your promise, our reward,
sharing the eternal banquet
with our caring, gracious Lord.***

Chorus

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR HERITAGE

written for SWT Synod Assembly 2017
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Voice 1: As God's People we give thanks for those who have gone before us
Those known and those unknown who have known Jesus
Our family heroes, our ethnics of note and of fame
And we even give thanks for those without a recalled name
Who have served You through the ages

Voice 2: Like those we know through Holy Scriptures pages
Miriam, Esther, Ruth, and Anna
Mary, Martha, Tabitha, Dorcas, the Madonna
Women, and Moses, Abraham, many famous men
Apostles - the Twelve, plus Paul and Stephen

Voice 3: As well as Scholars, Teachers, Preachers, of later time
Those who crafted our Anchors of Faith so fine
Augustine, Francis, Hus and more,
Early heroes of Faith, of the Gospel pure,
The Reformers, especially our namesake, so dear
Martin Luther we honor in this 500th year,

Voice 1: But as well, those, aus Deutschland, who carried the Word
Brave, sailing rough waters, the Gospel to be heard
Arriving in Tejas we now populate,
Coming in hardship with purpose -it's hard to relate,
Landing at Galveston and Indianola to incredulous faces,
Walking through the wild brush to places
We know today as our synod's holy ground,
Places where stories of Faith abound,
Victoria, New Braunfels, Quihi, Arneckeville,
Pflugerville, Fredericksburg, Mason, and still,

Voice 2: Others migrate from a more civilized North,
Swedes, some Danes, and plenty of Norse,
Palm Valley, Lund, New Sweden, Lyford, and places extinct
Like fire-lost Normanna and wind-blown Oliva--lost in a blink,
These first Texas' Lutherans, humble, unsung
Soon were blessed by folks with a melodic tongue
Bienvenido! San Juan, Elsa, Edinburg, San Antone,
We made music to different rhythm and tone,

Voice 3: And in recent years, we found the time has come,
To really mean the slogan, "All are welcome!"
Regrets we have that we did not do more
To share the Gospel with a more-open door
But as children of God's mercy and Grace
We thank those before us, of their time and place
With them through the ages, our voices all raised,

All: May Jesus Christ be praised!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Tune: Beer Barrel Polka

***Come, let us worship—worship our Savior and Lord.
Come, let us worship—worship the God we adore.
Lift up your voices; lift them in one accord.
Sing your praises to our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord!***

***Come, let us worship—worship Our Savior and Lord.
Come, let us worship—worship the God we adore.
Glory and honor, power and might ever be
to our mighty Lord Creator, God of victory!***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of all time and place, we gather in assembly, your people of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ready to celebrate our formation and reformation for the sake of your mission and ministry. Let our praise and prayer resound with our commitment to love and serve you through Jesus Christ our Savior, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The assembly is SEATED.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a

¹But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.
²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Jesaja 43:1-3a

Und nun, so spricht der HERR,
der dich geschaffen hat, Jakob,
und der dich gebildet hat, Israel:
Fürchte dich nicht, denn ich habe dich erlöst!
Ich habe dich bei deinem Namen gerufen; du bist mein.
²Wenn du durchs Wasser gehst, so will ich bei dir sein,
und wenn durch Ströme, so sollen sie dich nicht ersäufen.
Wenn du durchs Feuer gehst, sollst du nicht versengt werden,
und die Flamme soll dich nicht verbrennen.
³Denn ich bin der HERR, dein Gott,
der Heilige Israels, dein Erretter!

L Das Wort des Herrn.
C **Gott sei Dank.**

PSALM: 139:1-14

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**
³You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.**
⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**
⁷Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

**¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,"

**¹²even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us, but life in you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

2 Korinther 4:7-12

⁷Wir haben aber diesen Schatz in irdenen Gefäßen, damit die überragende Kraft von Gott sei und nicht von uns. ⁸Wir werden überall bedrängt, aber nicht erdrückt; wir kommen in Verlegenheit, aber nicht in Verzweiflung; ⁹wir werden verfolgt, aber nicht verlassen; wir werden niedergeworfen, aber wir kommen nicht um; ¹⁰wir tragen allezeit das Sterben des Herrn Jesus am Leib umher, damit auch das Leben Jesu an unserem Leib offenbar wird. ¹¹Denn wir, die wir leben, werden beständig dem Tod preisgegeben um Jesu willen, damit auch das Leben Jesu offenbar wird an unserem sterblichen Fleisch. ¹²So ist also der Tod wirksam in uns, das Leben aber in euch.

L Das Wort des Herrn.

C Gott sei Dank.

The assembly STANDS.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Tune: Julida Polka

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.

Your word sustains us,
Your word fulfills us, your word will free us;
Dear Lord, now feed us,
Open the hearts of your faithful servants:
Receive the message of eternal life.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹²I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

EVANGELIUM: Lukas 10:1-12

P Das Heilige Evangelium nach Lukas.

C **Ehre sei dir, o Herr.**

Danach aber bestimmte der Herr noch 70 andere und sandte sie je zwei und zwei vor sich her in alle Städte und Orte, wohin er selbst kommen wollte. ²Er sprach nun zu ihnen: Die Ernte ist groß, aber es sind wenige Arbeiter. Darum bittet den Herrn der Ernte, dass er Arbeiter in seine Ernte sende! ³Geht hin! Siehe, ich sende euch wie Lämmer mitten unter die Wölfe. ⁴Tragt weder Beutel noch Tasche noch Schuhe und grüßt niemand auf dem Weg.

⁵ Wo ihr aber in ein Haus hineingeht, da sprecht zuerst: Friede diesem Haus! ⁶ Und wenn dort ein Sohn des Friedens ist, so wird euer Friede auf ihm ruhen, wenn aber nicht, so wird er zu euch zurückkehren. ⁷ In demselben Haus aber bleibt und esst und trinkt das, was man euch vorsetzt; denn der Arbeiter ist seines Lohnes wert. Geht nicht aus einem Haus ins andere. ⁸ Und wenn ihr in eine Stadt kommt und sie euch aufnehmen, da esst, was euch vorgesetzt wird; ⁹ und heilt die Kranken, die dort sind, und sagt zu ihnen: Das Reich Gottes ist nahe zu euch herbeigekommen! ¹⁰ Wenn ihr aber in eine Stadt kommt und sie euch nicht aufnehmen, da geht auf ihre Gassen hinaus und sprecht: ¹¹ Auch den Staub, der sich aus eurer Stadt an uns gehängt hat, streifen wir ab gegen euch; doch sollt ihr wissen, dass das Reich Gottes nahe zu euch herbeigekommen ist! ¹² Ich sage euch aber: Es wird Sodom an jenem Tag erträglicher gehen als dieser Stadt.

P Das Evangelium des Herrn.

C **Lobet euch, o Christus.**

The assembly SITS.

SERMON

REV. HERB BEYER

The assembly STANDS.

HYMN OF THE DAY

One in Christ

Tune: Old Meadow Polka

*Thank you, for all our neighbors, Lord;
Those who work together caring for each other,
Help them to follow in your way, living lives to please you ev'ry day.*

*Refrain: Thank you for leading them, thank you for guiding them,
keeping them strong in faith sending your Holy Spirit,
open our hearts that we may live in unity,
we pray the world may be "One in Christ".*

*Thank you, for all your servants, Lord,
All those truly humble, never proud or boastful,
shining your light for all to see,
Thru their loving words and Christ-like deeds. Refrain*

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Intercessions will be offered.

A ...Höre uns Gott, (Hear us, O God)

C **deine Gnade ist großartig. (Your mercy is great.)**

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.**

**Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name;
dein Reich komme; dein Wille geschehe,
wie im Himmel so auf Erden.
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,
wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern;
und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.
Denn dein ist das Reich
und die Kraft, und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit. Amen.**

OFFERING

During the offering, photos will be displayed representing the formation of congregations in our Synod. All monetary gifts will be given to support the work of the ELCA Global Church.

OFFERTORY

Tune: At the Spring Waltz

***Bless, Lord, our offerings
Bless, Lord, the gifts we bring.
Help us to give our lives for you
in sacrifice; in service true.
Mindful of blessings you bestow
keep our hearts thankful here below.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.
C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
C **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Now Go in Jesus' Name

Tune: Lindenau Polka

1 There are so many people who are searching every day;
the wand'ring and the lost, that do not know God's way.
With empty hearts so hungry and in need forevermore
for the true life-giving word of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

*Refrain: Now go in Jesus' name
and spread His holy reign
and let the mighty, saving word
be heard from shore to shore.*

**O hear the Spirits' call inviting one and all:
"Come follow as the blessed servants of the Lord."**

2 Join hand in hand together
with believers young and old,
to open ev'ry mind to seek the heav'nly goal,
by sharing God with others, changing lives forevermore
with the true life-giving word of Jesus Christ the Lord. *(Refrain)*

DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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