

# Northeastern Minnesota Synod 2020 Synod Assembly



You are the Light  
of the World.

*Matthew 5:14*

Closing Worship  
Saturday, August 29, 2020



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

# Gathering

## Invocation

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Gathering Song: Come, All You People



*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;



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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
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Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.  
Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Ever-living God, author of creation,  
we give you thanks for your gift of water  
that brings life and refreshes the earth.

We bless and praise you, for by the water and the Word  
we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life.

Join us again this day to the saving death of Jesus;  
renew in us the living fountain of your grace;  
and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life;  
for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation,  
and with your creatures we give you glory,  
through your Son Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgives us all our sins,  
strengthens us in all goodness  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keeps us in eternal life through ✝ Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word



### **Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 1:3-11, 16-18

A reading from Ephesians.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will.

<sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

<sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him,

<sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation: Speak, O Lord

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth;

but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket,

but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

<sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others,

so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

### Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: + Bishop Thomas Aitken

### Hymn of the Day: The Lord is My Light



1 The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the  
3 Wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, oh,



Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my  
wait on the Lord and be of good cour - age, . . . wait on the



light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?  
Lord and be of good cour - age; he shall strength - en thy heart.

*Refrain*



Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear?



The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I fear?



2 In the time of trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of



trou-ble, he shall hide me; in the time of trou-ble,



he shall hide me; whom shall I fear?

*D.C. (to stanza 3)*

## **Apostles' Creed**

Together, we confess the faith of the church,  
the faith in which we are baptized:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,  
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For the peace of the church,  
that our divisions may be overcome,  
so that, united in Christ, we may serve the world  
and bear witness to the good news:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Elizabeth, our presiding bishop;  
and for all bishops, pastors, and deacons;  
that, together with all those responsible for the care and nurture of your people,  
they may support one another in serving Christ:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our Bishop-elect, called to be a shepherd in this synod,  
that, sustained by your Holy Spirit,  
they might carry out this ministry with joy and a spirit of bold trust,  
serve your people, build up your church, and glorify your name:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the faithful ministry of Bishop Tom Aitken among the people of God  
in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,  
and especially here in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod,  
we give you thanks, O God.  
Help us to live with courage and gladness into the future;  
and, as he has been a blessing to us,  
we ask you to send him forth to be a blessing to others.  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this and all the nations of the world, and their leaders,  
that they may work for justice and peace,  
and promote the health, dignity, and freedom of every person:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the whole creation,  
that everything you have made may fulfill your purpose  
and that we would exercise care for all your diverse gifts:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick,  
the lonely, the forgotten, and all who suffer;  
for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the glorious company of all the saints,  
those who have died in faith,  
and those who live in certain hope, we praise you.  
That their witness may give us courage until the day of Jesus Christ:  
God of mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God,  
we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**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.**



# Sending

## Sending Song: Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

## **Invocation and Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Bishop Thomas Aitken

## **Scripture Reading**

Gretchen Bachman

## **Gospel Reading & Sermon**

Bishop Thomas Aitken

## **Hymn of the Day**

The Rev. Taylor Telford

## **Apostles' Creed**

Gretchen Bachman

## **Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer**

Deacon Brenda Tibbetts

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Bishop Thomas Aitken

## **Piano**

Jameson Varpness

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