

EMBRACE GOD'S MISSION



EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE

2017 Synod Assembly Worship Service for Lay Leaders

We invite pastors/worship planners to create a worship bulletin using their familiar Service of the Word format in local context along with Bishop Jon's sermon, suggested hymns (others if desired) and prayer of the day.

Service of the Word

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy #413 ELW

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

(responsively by whole verse)

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon

Bishop Jon V. Anderson

Hymn

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song #808 ELW

Prayers of the People

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Sending Hymn

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity #412 ELW



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Prayers of the People:

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We give you thanks for all the wonders of your creation. Make us faithful stewards of all that you have made, so that beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea may thrive along with human beings. Lord, in your mercy,

You send us to make disciples of all nations. Draw us together in mission, so that we may share your good news of grace and love with our neighbors in Southwestern Minnesota and across your world. Deepen congregational vitality and guide our ministry of service and proclamation. Equip all the baptized to be disciples and to make disciples. Bless the ministry of our ELCA colleges, campus ministries, outdoor ministries, and all who do the holy work of equipping and growing faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Your will for the world is justice and peace. Fill all those in authority with wisdom, integrity, and compassion. Let your light shine in every dark and hurting corner of your world. Give us eyes to see the lost and the least among us, and give us voices to speak up for justice for those who are marginalized and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy,

You are with us always, to the end of the age. Draw near to those who are struggling with illness, anxiety, depression, grief, or pain. Walk with seminarians, seminary graduates, and those seeking and awaiting calls. Walk with congregations as they prepare and seek to call new pastors. Enfold those who wait and those who dwell in uncertainty in the comfort of your presence and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

