# Opening Worship Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly



St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM May 22, 2024

#### **GATHERING/ AL CONGREGARSE**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. El Espíritu Santo nos llama como el pueblo de Dios.

# PRELUDE – How Can I Keep from Singing, Luminare

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM/ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS POR EL BAUTISMO

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Gracias a Dios. ¡Aleluya!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

Gracias a Dios. ¡Aleluya!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Gracias a Dios. ¡Aleluya!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation;

Our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams.

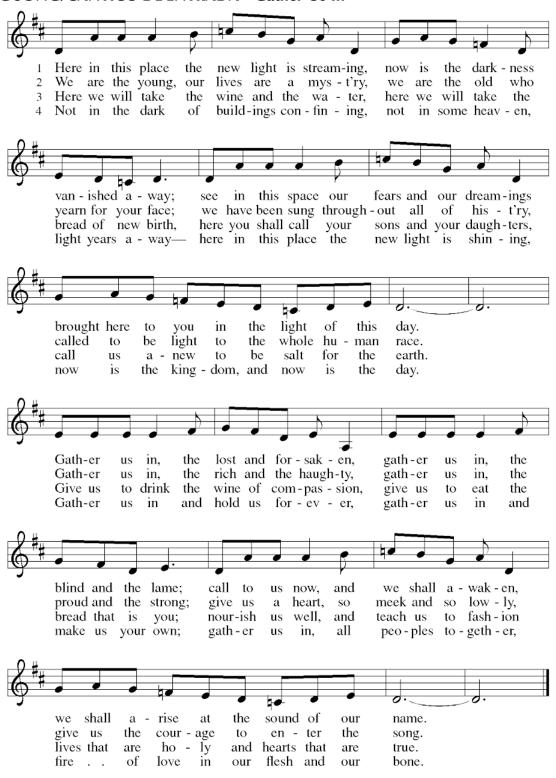
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation.

Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions.

Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

Amen.

# GATHERING SONG/CÁNTICO DE ENTRADA - Gather Us In



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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#### **GREETING/SALUDO**

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

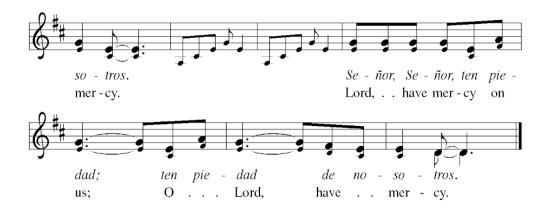
And also with you.

La gracia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, el amor de Dios, y la comunión del Espíritu Santo este con todos ustedes.

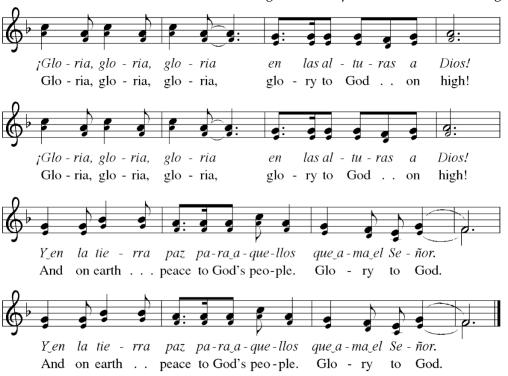
Y también contigo.

# **KYRIE/ KYRIE -** (Sing once in Spanish and once in English)





# CANTICLE OF PRAISE/ CÁNTICO DE ALABANZA (Sing once in Spanish and once in English)



# PRAYER OF THE DAY/ ORACIÓN DEL DÍA

Living God,

We are here.

We are travelers, bringing our baggage and our quest.

We are strangers, weary and wary.

We are losers, grieving. We are winners, celebrating.

We are longing for something true and real and present.

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Dios de vida,

Aquí estamos.

Somos viajeros, llevamos con nostros nuestro equipaje y nuestra búsqueda.

Somos extranjeros, cansados y cautelosos.

Somos perdedores, afligidos.

Somos ganadores, celebrando.

Anhelamos por algo que sea verdadero real y presente.

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Oh gracious God,
Dios está aqui.
be here, with us, we pray.
Show us where home is.
Guide us to ways of belonging for all.
Remake us with new courage

Remake us with new courage.

We call you,

Creator, Christ, Holy Spirit,

Be here, we pray. Call us your people.

Amen.

¡Oh Dios misericordioso!

God is here.

Quédate aquí, con nosotros, te lo

pedimos.

Muéstranos dónde está el hogar.

Guíanos en la manera de pertenecer a

todos.

Restáuranos con nuevo ánimo.

A Ti llamamos,

Creador, Cristo, Espíritu Santo, Quédate aquí, te lo pedimos.

Llámanos tu pueblo.

Amén

#### **WORD/PALABRA**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Dios nos habla en la escritura leída, predicada, y cantada.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING/LECTURA DEL ANTIGUO TESTAMENTO – EXODUS 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. <sup>3</sup>So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

- 5"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." 5Then he said, "I am the God of your father, 4 the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.
- The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."
- "But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
- <sup>12</sup>And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you<sup>10</sup> will worship God on this mountain."

- Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"
- <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. □ This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
- <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,<sup>16</sup> the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'
- "This is my name forever, the name you shall call me
  - from generation to generation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Te alabamos, Señor.

#### PSALM/ SALMO: PSALM 139:1-18

- <sup>1</sup>You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
- <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- <sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- <sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- \*If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- weven there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- "If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- weven the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

<sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

"How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

\*Were I to count them.

they would outnumber the grains of sand—

Word of God, word of life.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Thanks be to God.

Te alabamos, Señor.

#### **GOSPEL/EVANGELIO – MATTHEW 18:19-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

El santo evangelio según Mateo.

¡Gloria a ti, oh Señor!

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The gospel of the Lord.

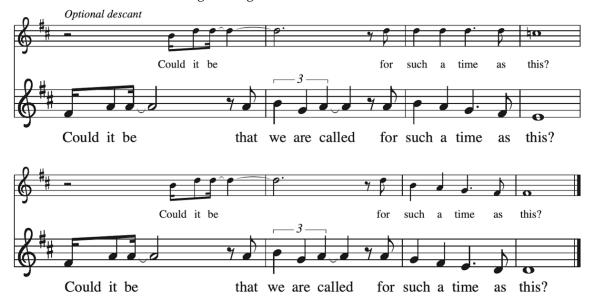
Praise to you, O Christ.

El evangelio del Señor.

¡Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!

HOMILY/HOMILÍA - On Endings, Rev. Sara Wirth, Synod Minister for Transitions & Healthy Ministries

**SONG** – For Such a Time as This (Sing through twice)



Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

Music: COULD IT BE, Jonathan Rundman

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HOMILY/HOMILÍA – ON BEGINNINGS, Rev. Nic Leither, Well of Hope, Castle Rock, CO

# HYMN OF THE DAY/CÁNTICO DEL DÍA – God is Here/Dios Está Aqui (First in Spanish, then English)



Text: Javier Gacías Mateo, b. 1956; tr. C. Michael Hawn, b. 1948

Music: DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ, Javier Gacías Mateo Text © 1999 Choristers Guild. All rights reserved.

# WELCOMING WELL OF HOPE, CASTLE ROCK, CO AS AN ORGANIZED CONGREGATION

*Bishop:* Well of Hope Lutheran Church has made application for membership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I now ask for a copy of the congregation's *charter* and a copy of its constitution.

Will you, the people of God Well of Hope, join with us in work and witness, living under the gospel of Jesus Christ and in accordance with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you strive to carry out the mission of Christ in the bond of unity and love, both in the life of this congregation and in the work of the whole church? *Response*: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Will you accept the rights and privileges of membership in this church, participating fully in its deliberations and its ministry?

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

Upon these your promises, I hereby declare that Well of Hope Lutheran Church is a duly organized and constituted congregation of the Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### Director for Evangelical Mission addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you: Will you support and encourage your *siblings in Well of Hope\_*in the common mission to which Christ has called us?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

#### Director for Evangelical Mission continues.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your people serve you in many ways.

We thank you for these sisters and brothers

who join in the work and witness of your one holy church.

Unite us in mission and praise,

that your way may be made known on earth

and your saving grace among all peoples;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION/LAS PLEGARIAS DE INTERCESIÓN

## PEACE/ LA PAZ

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes. **Y también contigo.** 

#### **MEAL/CENA**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ. Dios nos alimenta con la presencia de Jesucristo.

#### OFFERING/ PRESENTACIÓN DE LAS OFRENDAS

Offering is given in support of Betela Regional Seminary in Madagascar, Rocky Mountain Synod Campus Ministries, Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Gifts may be given using the QR code or placed in a basket on the way to communion.



**OFFERTORY** – Nothing can Trouble/Nada te Turbe (Sing once in Spanish, once in English)



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## OFFERING PRAYER/ ORACIÓN

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Oremos.

Dios Santo, lleno de gracia y misericordia, tú nos brindas los frutos de la tierra y alimentas toda tu creación. Vuelve nuestros corazones hacia aquellos que sufren hambre de diferentes formas, para que todos conozcan de tus cuidados; y prepáranos ahora para participar del banquete del pan de vida, Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador.

Amén.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING/GRAN PLEGARIA EUCARÍSTICA

#### DIALOGUE/ DIÁLOGO

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. El Señor sea con ustedes.

Y también contigo.

Elevemos los corazones.

Al Señor los elevamos.

Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios. Es justo darle gracias y alabanza.

#### PREFACE/ PREFACIO

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

En verdad es digno, justo y saludable que en todo tiempo y en todo lugar te demos gracias y alabanza, todopoderoso y misericordioso Dios, por nuestro Salvador Jesucristo. Así pues, con los coros de los ángeles, con la iglesia en la tierra y las huestes en el cielo, alabamos tu nombre y nos unimos a su himno eterno:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY/ SANTO, SANTO - Sing once in Spanish and once in English



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE/ PLEGARIA EUCARISTICA

Living God, your people give thanks Dios Vivo, tu pueblo te da gracias.

You are here: Rocks, mountains and wide, blue sky exclaim your wonders

You are here: Desert peoples, like Moses and Hagar, hear your voice and trust your presence

You are here: Community gathers and strangers seek to know friends

Time and time again you are here. You show up.

We remember

Jesus our Lord, in the night he was betrayed, took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new promise, sealed in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

We break this bread and share this cup. We remember the death and resurrection of Christ and Christ's promise to be here with us always. We proclaim the message of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Cristo ha Muerto. Cristo ha resucitado. Cristo vendrá de nuevo.

Living Spirit, You are here!

Meet us in our fear

Give us words that speak your grace

Grant us vision to see your new day

Gift us with patience to tend and walk the way.

# Come Holy Spirit Ven Espíritu Santo

With those who came before us, with earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ and in your Spirit, here and now and in your future to come.

Amen

Amén

#### LORD'S PRAYER/ PADRENUESTRO

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in the language of our heart.

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre.

Venga tu reino.

Hágase tu voluntad

en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Perdona nuestras ofensas

como también nosotros

perdonamos a los

que nos ofenden.

No nos dejes caer en tentación

y líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es

el poder y tuya es la gloria
ahora y siempre. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION/ INVITACIÓN A LA COMUNIÓN

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Vengan a la mesa, la cena está lista.

There are several stations for communion along the front and back of the sanctuary. Once the servers are ready, go to the station closest to you. The bread is gluten free, and the cups contain wine and grape juice. If you prefer to receive a spoken blessing, please cross your arms in front of your body. This is Christ's table, and all are welcome to receive the gifts offered here.

# COMMUNION SONG /CANCIÓN DE COMUNIÓN – When We are Living/Pues Si Vivimos, Luminare

English Translation:

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind; and when we help them, when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION/ ORACIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Oremos.

Oh Dios, nuestra vida, nuestra fortaleza, nuestro alimento, te damos gracias por el sostén que nos das en el cuerpo y la sangre de tu Hijo. Por tu Espíritu Santo, revive en nosotros el cuerpo de Cristo en el mundo, para que te alabemos más y más y podamos servir a toda la tierra y a toda su gente, por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor y Salvador. **Amén.** 

## SENDING/ENVÍO

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Dios nos bendice y nos envía en misión para el mundo.

## **BLESSING/ BENDICIÓN**

God is here!

May Love look upon you,

know you and

invite you

In this time and

in this place.

Amen

¡Dios está aquí!

Que la mirada del Amor,

te conozca y

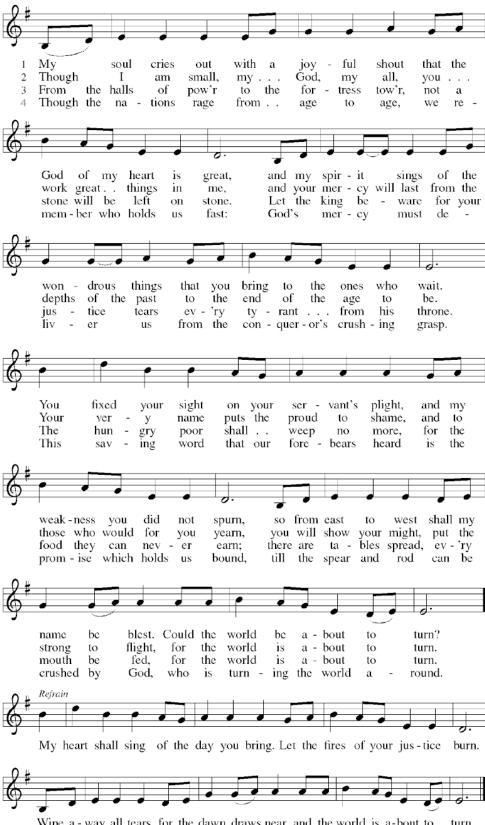
te invite

En este tiempo y

en este lugar.

Amén

# SENDING SONG/CÁNTICO DE SALIDA - Canticle of the Turning



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

#### **DISMISSAL/ DESPEDIDA**

Go in peace. God is here.

Thanks be to God.

Vayan en paz. Dios está aquí.

Demos gracias a Dios.

**POSTLUDE –** On Duke Street by Mark A. Radice



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  - o Rev. Sara Wirth, Synod Minister for Transitions & Health Ministries
- Luminare Director Bradley Ellingboe, https://abgcorolux.org/
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