

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost- August 17, 2025 Contemporary

LCMS Youth Gathering Reflection Service

As We Gather

Once every three years, since the inaugural year in 1980, the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod organizes and hosts a massive event for youth students and their Adult Leaders from all over the country, and world, to build community, grow in knowledge, worship, and celebrate the place of youth ministry in our Lutheran churches. This event is called the LCMS Youth Gathering, formerly the National Youth Gathering, and just about a month ago, around 20,000 youth students and leaders traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, where this event was once again held. For the days of the Gathering we think about the great opportunity and blessing that all of those participants get to receive as they experience the best that the LCMS has to offer, but as those groups return home, hopefully positively changed by the experience, we now consider the congregations that sent them. Today we offer you a taste of the Gathering experience, and we hope that all congregations know how much their support, prayers, and encouragement has meant to all of the youth and adults who attended.

“Endure”

By LCMS YG House Band

Verse: Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
Let us lay down every weight and sin there is.
Let us run the race before us,
Not grow weary or fainthearted.

Chorus: We endure in Jesus!
We endure together!
We endure to the end!
We endure in Jesus!
We endure together!
We endure to the end!

Verse: Rejected, He was despised and crucified.
Rose again, forever He will abide.
Let us run the race before us,
Not grow weary or fainthearted.

Chorus: We endure in Jesus!
We endure together!
We endure to the end!
We endure in Jesus!
We endure together!
We endure to the end!

Bridge: His grace goes on and on and on,
So we go on and on and on.
On and on and on to the end!
His love goes on and on and on,

So we go on and on and on.
On and on and on to the end!
His grace goes on and on and on,
So we go on and on and on.
On and on and on to the end!
His love goes on and on and on,
So we go on and on and on.
On and on and on to the end!

He goes on!
So we go on!

Chorus: We endure in Jesus!
We endure together!
We endure to the end!
We endure in Jesus!
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We endure to the end!
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“Praise”

By Elevation Worship

Intro: Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

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Verse: I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus: As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus: Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Verse: I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't

I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down

Pre-Chorus: As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus: Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge: I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

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Ending: Let everything that has breath

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Opening

- A** We gather together as God's people in the name of the God who endures, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!
- C** Amen!

Confession and Absolution

- A** God, we make mistakes. We're good at messing up our lives, and we often miss the mark in our relationships with You and our neighbor. We come together, again, to confess our sins and ask You, the God who faithfully endures with His people, to forgive us for Jesus' sake.
- C** **We are sinners. From our first breath until the day we take our last breath, we endure in the mistakes that break our life to pieces. We're selfish, greedy, and cold hearted, and when we have the chance to help others, we more often than not choose the path that benefits us. In our sin, we break apart our relationships, and we cannot trust God to be there for us, to provide for us, and to care for us. God, we don't deserve your loving mercy, but for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who endured the cross on our behalf, we ask that You would forgive us, renew us, and help us to lead lives that reflect Your glory. Amen.**
- A** Because Jesus endured the cross for our sake, and for the sake of the whole world, the enduring message of the Bible assures us all that God is faithful to forgive. Today we are encouraged and joyful in knowing that, for those who believe through faith in Jesus Christ, that forgiveness is ours today. We pray that the Holy Spirit, that lives in us, always works to strengthen us in faith as we run our race with endurance until the day we finally return home. Amen!
- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Reading of the Day

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

Offering

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Based on Hymn #770

Verse: What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse: Have we trails and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse: Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Reprise: Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Message “Endurance and Joy”

DCE Derek Jareske

Inspired in Part by Psalm 30:1-12

“My Jesus”

By Anne Wilson

Verse: Are you past the point of weary
Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling
'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

Chorus: He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Interlude: Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen

Verse: Who can wipe away the tears
From broken dreams and wasted years

And tell the past to disappear
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would
Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good
Let me tell you about my Jesus

Chorus: He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Interlude: Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen

Verse: Who would take my cross to Calvary
Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

Chorus: He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Final Interlude: Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

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Prayers of the Church

A To the God who endures!

C We endure in prayer to you!

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Blessing

A May the God who endures guide you, protect you, provide for you, gives you peace, and fill you with joy. Amen.
C Amen.

Sending

A Jesus endured the cross.
C We endure in Jesus!
A We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
C We endure as a people!
A Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.
C We endure to the end!

“The Blessing”

By Elevation Worship (Feat. Cody Carnes)

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen
Amen, Amen, Amen

Verse: The Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen
 Amen, Amen, Amen

First Bridge: May his favor, be upon you
 And a thousand generations
 And your family, and your children
 And their children, and their children

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 And a thousand generations
 And your family, and your children
 And their children, and their children

Second Bridge: May his presence, go before you
 And behind you, and beside you
 All around you, and within you
 He is with you, He is with you!

Third Bridge: In the morning, in the evening
 In your coming, and your going
 In your weeping, and rejoicing
 He is for you, He is for you!

Tag: He is for you, He is for you!
 He is for you, He is for you!
 He is for you, He is for you!

Chorus: Amen, Amen, Amen
 Amen, Amen, Amen

Second Bridge: May his presence, go before you
 And behind you, and beside you
 All around you, and within you
 He is with you, He is with you!

Third Bridge: In the morning, In the evening
 In your coming, And your going
 In your weeping, And rejoicing
 He is for you!

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“My Lighthouse”

Verse: In my wrestling and in my doubts
 In my failures You won't walk out
 Your great love will lead me through

By Rend Collective

You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse: In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus: My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

Verse: I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea
You are my light!

Chorus: My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness
I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore

First Bridge: Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms!

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms! Hey!
Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms!

Fire before us

You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms!

Chorus: My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 Shining in the darkness
 I will follow You oh
 My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
 I will trust the promise
 You will carry me safe to shore
 Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore!

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