

## Mission Festival Worship Helps

### 100 Missions in 10 Years

The following resources are suggested for a Mission Festival Sunday that focuses on WELS plan to open [100 Missions in 10 Years](#), beginning in 2023. Since this initiative will continue for 10 years, a variety of resources will be provided in the future. Here are some basics to help get you started.

These resources are all available in *Christian Worship: Service Builder*. Creating worship folders will be much easier using this tool rather than copying and pasting from content below. In Service Builder, search “Missions.”

Congregations not yet using the new hymnal may still use these resources simply by selecting hymns that are also found in *Christian Worship (1993)* and *Christian Worship Supplement*.

The following three Missions sets and hymn suggestions are from [Christian Worship: Planning Guide](#) and are shared by permission of NPH.

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## **Missions (Set 1)**

Jonah 3:1-10  
Romans 10:8-15  
Matthew 9:35-38  
Psalm 96

### **Hymn of the Day**

745 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying

### **Hymns for the Readings**

656 As surely as I live, God said (1)  
380 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (1)  
906 May God bestow on us his grace (1)  
904 O Christ, our true and only light (1)  
381 The people who in darkness walked (1)  
382 The people who walked in darkness (1)  
512 All hail the power of Jesus' name (2)  
521 Christ the eternal Lord (2)  
876 Fight the good fight (2)  
911 God, we sing your glorious praises (2)  
907 How shall they hear, who have not heard (2)  
659 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior (2)  
900 Lift high the cross (2)  
762 Lord, bless your Word to all the young (2)  
652 Lord, have mercy (2)  
572 Not what my hands have done (2)  
901 O Christians, haste (2)  
571 O God, O Lord of heaven and earth (2)  
741 We have a gospel to proclaim (2)  
896 Dear Lord, to your true servants give (G)  
739 Forth in your name, O Lord, I go (G)  
905 Good news of God above (G)  
897 Lord Jesus, you have come (G)  
766 Lord, whose love in humble service (G)  
716 O Christ, who called the Twelve (G)  
729 Son of God, eternal Savior (G)  
902 Spread abroad, O mighty Word (G)  
738 The Son of God, our Christ (G)

### **Other Suggested Hymns**

747 Christ high-ascended  
908 Go forth and preach the gospel  
743 I hear the Savior calling  
746 I love to tell the story (st. 7)  
742 On Galilee's high mountain  
744 Rise, shine, you people  
769 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old

## Missions (Set 2)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Romans 15:23-33

Matthew 28:18-20

Psalm 67

### Hymn of the Day

742 On Galilee's high mountain

### Hymns for the Readings

375 Arise and shine in splendor (1)

387 Arise, your light is come (1)

904 O Christ, our true and only light (1)

376 Rise up and shine (1)

744 Rise, shine, you people (1)

746 I love to tell the story (2)

901 O Christians, haste (2)

680 Baptized into your name most holy (G)

747 Christ high-ascended (G)

566 Father, God of grace, you knew us (G)

908 Go forth and preach the gospel (G)

907 How shall they hear, who have not heard (G)

743 I hear the Savior calling (G)

736 Lord, you call us as your people (G)

378 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord (G)

467 With high delight let us unite (G)

647 Word and water, filled with promise (G)

### Other Suggested Hymns

606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

681 Christ is with me

521 Christ the eternal Lord

896 Dear Lord, to your true servants give

930 Go, my children, with my blessing

905 Good news of God above

745 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying

746 I love to tell the story

900 Lift high the cross

762 Lord, bless your Word to all the young

906 May God bestow on us his grace

617 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

480 Sing praise to our Creator

902 Spread abroad, O mighty Word

685 Through simple water, drawn and poured

903 We are called to stand together

741 We have a gospel to proclaim

859 Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure

## **Missions (Set 3)**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Colossians 4:2-6

Luke 24:45-48

Psalm 98

### **Hymn of the Day**

747 Christ high-ascended

### **Hymns for the Readings**

481 Alleluia! Let praises ring (1)

917 God himself is present (1)

745 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying (1)

483 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (1)

907 How shall they hear, who have not heard (1)

743 I hear the Savior calling (1)

943 Isaiah, mighty seer (1)

959 Trisagion (1)

735 Before you I kneel (2)

905 Good news of God above (2)

901 O Christians, haste (2)

740 O God, my faithful God (2)

744 Rise, shine, you people (2)

741 We have a gospel to proclaim (2)

636 Faith and truth and life bestowing (G)

908 Go forth and preach the gospel (G)

479 God's Holy Spirit came (G)

907 How shall they hear, who have not heard (G)

736 Lord, you call us as your people (G)

742 On Galilee's high mountain (G)

903 We are called to stand together (G)

467 With high delight let us unite (G)

### **Other Suggested Hymns**

896 Dear Lord, to your true servants give

971 God, we praise you

953 Holy God, we praise your name

562 Jesus paid it all

900 Lift high the cross

899 Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior King

906 May God bestow on us his grace

904 O Christ, our true and only light

617 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

952 Praise to you, eternal Father

932 Sent forth by God's blessing

738 The Son of God, our Christ

972 We praise you, O God

478 When God the Spirit came

## Prayer of the Day

### **100 Missions in 10 Years (Option 1)**

Lord, you know that countless souls are still searching for the peace that transcends all understanding. You have commissioned us to find the lost and have equipped us with your Word and Sacraments and your faithful promises. You assure us that you are able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine. Confident of these truths, we humbly and boldly ask for your rich blessing upon the 100 missions in 10 years initiative. Bless our current missionaries and the fields that they serve. Provide ample manpower, money, and ministry resources. Grant wisdom, strength, perseverance, and joy to all involved in this effort. In all we do, move all of us to see and do our part in spreading the gospel so that more may know your saving peace, all to your glory. Amen.

### **Missions (Option 2)**

Merciful Father, your kindness caused the light of the gospel to shine among us. Use us now as instruments of your love to reach out with the message of salvation to all people. Bless those who labor in the mission fields far off and near, and grant success to their witness that many may be freed from sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Prayers of the Church

### Mission of the Church (Responsive)

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*Silent prayer*

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

**Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.**

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## **Missions**

*Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations.

Loving Lord, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has given gifts to the Church in the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. According to your will, raise up more workers and send them into harvest fields in our land and around the world. By the power of your gospel, strengthen them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

Pour out your wisdom on us, O Lord, through the working of your Spirit, as we train and prepare those who proclaim the everlasting gospel in their own communities and cultures. Help us to point them to the authority of your Word and to look for success in the witness of your love. Let them see us as their partners in ministry as we work together around the world.

Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from disease, crime, and war. Let freedom of religion flourish so that the gospel may be preached freely throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people, and remove governments that oppose the gospel. Bring relief to Christians who are persecuted and ridiculed.

Move us to reach out to the sick and the sad, the lonely and the poor, not only in our family and circle of friends but also to others as we have opportunity. Turn our smile into a word and then a witness so that sadness and fear might become confidence and joy. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*]

Wherever we go, near or far, move us to share the gospel with eagerness and joy. Give us grace to be models to all so that our brothers and sisters might see our good works and glorify you. Plant in the hearts of your people a deeper desire to share the gospel with their lips and their gifts so that many more may come to know and believe the love of your Son.

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. Amen.