

Twenty Fifth Anniversary of Ordination Celebration
for The Rev. John E. Swanson
June 21, 1986 Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center

Hymn 377 Lift High the Cross

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It's time to begin. Who calls us together?
PEOPLE: WHO SPOKE, AND IN THE BEGINNING, SET THE WORLD IN MOTION?
ALL: GOD, OUR CREATOR, CALLS US HERE!
Leader: Who calls us together?
PEOPLE: WHO, BY HIS DYING AND RISING, FREES US FROM SIN, DEATH, AND EVIL?
ALL: GOD, OUR RECONCILER, CALLS US HERE!
Leader: Who calls us together?
PEOPLE: WHO, IN WATER, WIND, AND FIRE, MOVES AMONG US -- MAKING US THE
COMMUNITY OF FAITH, LOVE AND HOPE?
ALL: GOD, OUR SANCTIFIER, CALLS US HERE!
Leader: We begin in the name of God: Creator, Reconciler, Sanctifier.
PEOPLE: AMEN!

THE CONFESSION

Leader: Lord, our God, creation sings for joy as the beauty and diversity of
your handiwork are seen and sensed in earth and sky, forest and
prairie, lake and mountain. You claim us and weave us together:
young and old, female and male, in a rainbow of color - into the
tapestry of your community, the church. We are called to live in
faith, love, and hope, yet we confess, O God, that we have not always
lived in harmony with your creative designs:
PEOPLE: FORGIVE US FOR ABUSING CREATION, AS IF IT WERE A DISPOSABLE COMMODITY,
RATHER THAN OUR HOME.
Leader: We confess, O God, that often we have missed the mark in our
relationships with you and one another:
PEOPLE: FORGIVE US FOR TEARING OURSELVES FROM YOUR CREATIVE TAPESTRY, AS IF WE
WERE ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS, RATHER THAN YOUR FAMILY HUMAN.
Leader: We confess, O God, our resistance to your claim upon us -- betraying
our fear, mistrust, and rebellion:
PEOPLE: FORGIVE US FOR OUR DISOBEDIENCE AND NEGLECT, LIVING AS IF WE WERE
UNACCOUNTABLE ENTITIES, RATHER THAN RESPONSIBLE LOVERS.
Leader: Forgive us, O God.
PEOPLE: FORGIVE US AND TURN US TO NEW WAYS.

THE ABSOLUTION

Leader: I tell you that God, in love and mercy, has forgiven us. Absolutely!
May Christ our Reconciler and Re-con-cycler bring us to New Life.
PEOPLE: AMEN! THANKS BE TO GOD!

THIS IS THE FEAST

I. Women II. Men C. All

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THE SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord run with you.
PEOPLE: AND WITH YOU AS WELL.
Leader: Let us pray -
We give you thanks, O God, for your love and light which kindle in us
devoted service to you and one another. Especially this day we lift
up our gratitude for the ministry of Pastor Jack Swanson, whose
vibrancy, creativity, and care expressed in word and sacrament, make
your face more visible. Bless Jack and all who share the ministry of
Jesus Christ; rejoicing with you now and forever. Amen.

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THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12: 1-6

PSALM 104

Refrain: I will sing all my life to the lord;
I will sing to him as long as I live;
When my song his presence enters, I'll rejoice in the lord;
Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Lord.

1. O lord, our God, How Great you are indeed
You're clothed with majesty and power
You hide yourself behind your robe of light,
Call all you make your messengers. So (Refrain)
2. The Earth you 'stablish firmly on its base
you shape the world, cause chaos cease
you call it good, and grant all things their worth
you set its bounds, give things their place. So (Refrain)
3. Water for the trees, and the trees for the nests
and a place for the birds to sing their songs.
4. Water in the valley between the hills
for the beasts of the wild to quench their thirst.
5. Water from heav'n to make plants grow
for the cattle in the field and for man to toil.
6. Water for the vine, and the vine for the grape
and the grape for the wine to make us glad.
7. Water from the earth for the olive tree
for the oil that makes our faces shine.
8. Water for the wheat that gives us flour
for the bread we bake to give us strength (Refrain)
9. You made the moon to mark the year in months,
The sun to set the time of day,
The night so animals can stalk their prey,
and light so men can toil and play, So (Refrain)
10. Lord, you've made so many things, wisdom you have shown
Countless creatures, large and small, land and ocean roam
Ships set sail upon the sea, fish do play there in
and the monsters frolic there, for you sport intend. So (refrain)
11. Creatures all rely on you, sustenance to give.
What is needed you provide, so that all can live.
When you hold your breath from them, all things fail and die.
When you breathe, life you restore, give the earth new life. So
(Refrain)
12. All glory be to God forever.
May he find joy in all His works
The earth does tremble when He looks at it
By His touch the mountains pour forth smoke. So (Refrain)

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THE SECOND LESSON I Peter 5: 6-11

THE GOSPEL Luke 15: 1-10

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ALL: I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

AND IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD, BEGOTTEN
OF HIS FATHER BEFORE ALL WORLDS, GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT, VERY GOD
OF VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, BEING OF ONE SUBSTANCE WITH THE
FATHER, BY WHOM ALL THINGS WERE MADE: WHO FOR US MEN, AND FOR OUR
SALVATION, CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST
OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND WAS MADE MAN; AND WAS CRUCIFIED ALSO FOR US
UNDER PONTIUS PILATE. HE SUFFERED AND WAS BURIED; AND THE THIRD DAY
HE ROSE AGAIN ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES, AND ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER. AND HE SHALL COME AGAIN
WITH GLORY TO JUDGE BOTH THE QUICK AND THE DEAD: WHOSE KINGDOM SHALL
HAVE NO END.

AND I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY GHOST, THE LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE, WHO
PROCEEDETH FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE
SON TOGETHER IS WORSHIPED AND GLORIFIED, WHO SPAKE BY THE PROPHETS.
AND I BELIEVE IN ONE HOLY CHRISTIAN AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. I
ACKNOWLEDGE ONE BAPTISM FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. AND I LOOK FOR THE
RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.

THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Gerald Molgren, Assistant to the Bishop
Illinois Synod - Lutheran Church in America

HYMN: COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING

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| 1. Come, thou almighty King,
Help us thy Name to sing,
Help us to praise!
Father all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and Reign over us,
Ancient of Days. | 3. Come, Holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who almighty art
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart
Spirit of power. |
| 2. Come, thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend;
Come and thy people bless,
And give thy word success;
And let thy righteousness
To us descend. | 4. To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be,
Hence, evermore!
Thy sovereign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and Adore. |

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The Rev. Maynard Wellington
Jack's sponsor at ordination

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