

**Synod Worship 2015**  
**Thursday, June 18**

Psalm 67

Theme: Rejoicing, thanks, and preparing our minds for action!

Note: LUYH = Lift Up Your Hearts hymnal

Prelude

**LUYH 909 - Mayenziwe / Your Will Be Done (on earth, O Lord)**

Call to Worship

**LUYH 496 - Come, All You People (come and praise your Maker)/Uyai mose**

Opening Hymn or Song:

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LUYH 348)**

**Psalm 67 - A Prayer for the CRC**

***ALL: May God be gracious to us and bless us, may the light of God's face shine on us.***

(Liturgist) You have been good to us, God. You have blessed us and brought us this far. You have claimed us and our children in this family called the CRC. You have reached many peoples through us - even though we are small in number - through World Missions, Home Missions, Back to God, World Renew, through our ministries of justice and mercy, and others. We stand on the shoulders of your faithful servants who have gone before us. Thank you for blessing us – may the light of your face continue to shine on us.

***ALL: Let your way be known upon the earth, your saving health among all nations.***

Liturgist: We want to be part of making you known to all people everywhere – to the people of the nations here at home, to the people of the nations everywhere. Give us a fresh vision of our future hope – worshipping together – all languages – new languages – unique, yet blended together – one in Christ. Show us what it means to see your saving health among all nations!

***ALL: Let all people praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.***

Liturgist: Begin with us – your Church – may our worship and our praise be contagious and unashamed, so that all will join in.

***ALL: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.***

Liturgist: All of us are 'the nations' together, let us be glad and sing for joy! Help us be truly joyful in You while we hold the reality of suffering and injustice in our hearts. We will let you judge the peoples, Lord – only you can see it all clearly. Guide us in your truth.

***ALL: Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.***

Amen! and Amen!

***ALL: The earth has brought forth its increase, God, our God, has blessed us.***

Liturgist: The earth, your creation – beautiful and life-giving – growing – sustaining – increasing – bringing forth – we celebrate and give thanks. Show us how to love creation as You do.

***ALL: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.***

Liturgist: We confess, we don't know for sure how to pray this with a humble spirit. Grant us humility and blessing; move mightily, Holy Spirit, so that *all* will know that you alone are God.

(prayer written by Diane Dykgraaf)

Song: **God We Sing Your Glorious Praises (LUYH 519 - use the tune of 521** (Come Thou Fount, for familiarity)

Scripture Reading: II Peter 3:18  
Meditation/Message:

Song of Response: I Love to Tell the Story (LUYH 262)

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we thank you that you have brought us safely  
to the end of this time of deliberation and discussion.  
We humbly submit to you all that has been done.  
We pray for the church we love, your church, and for all those who labor in it.  
Holy Spirit, increase our faith, grow us in grace and knowledge,  
and fill us with all that we need to keep serving you.  
As we leave this place, keep us from falling into sin or running into danger.  
Guide us to do what is right in your sight.  
May your kingdom come, and your will be done,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Abana (LUYH 911)**

Benediction / Blessing (from Phil. 4:7)

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Song: **My Friends May You Grow in Grace (LUYH 938)**