

Grow ... Go ... Gather
October 10, 2021

LWML Sunday



Our *hearts*
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one
another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: "With Joy We Come Together"
(Tune: LSB 527)

Verse 1

With joy we come together,
Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings
Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given
Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up
Our praise to You in song.

Verse 2

We celebrate the women,
Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service,
Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand,
We'll strive to follow through.

Verse 3

Through ministries supported,
We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided,
We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You,
Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue
In reaching everyone.

Verse 4

Lord, with Your love and guidance,
We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us,
We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness
So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship
Together face to face.

Jean Hansen Kammerer With Joy We Come Together Written by Jean Hansen Kammerer, Stevensville, Montana Published by Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 2017

A LWML Sunday Litany

☐ *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9). LWML Sunday calls us again to believe and witness with all that we are and have, that God has made us His people in Jesus Christ. "In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have." (LWML Pledge)*

☑ **The heartbeat of Lutheran Women in Mission is placing our hearts, our talents, and treasures into our Savior's hand to bring new life, hope, and joy to those who do not yet know His gift of salvation. As our Lord commended the widow who gave from her heart all she had, we pray the Spirit of our God and Savior to magnify our mites for the growth of His kingdom throughout the world. (See Mark 12:41-44.)**

☐ *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).*

☞ God our Father, we thank and praise You for giving us new birth through the resurrection of Jesus. Though we have not seen Jesus, we love Him. Though we do not now see Him, we believe in Him *"and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory"* (1 Peter 1:8).

☞ What has the Son of God done for you that you love Him so?

☞ Dear Lord Jesus Christ, You have ransomed us, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with Your precious blood, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. You were foreknown before the foundation of the world but made manifest in the last times for us, who through You believe in God who raised You from the dead and gave Him glory so that our faith and hope are in God. (See 1 Peter 1:18–21.)

☞ How has the Spirit of God and of Christ brought these blessings into your heart?

☞ O blessed Holy Spirit sent from heaven through the Gospel, we thank You for the regenerating water and word of Baptism, which saves us, *"not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"* (1 Peter 3:21).

☞ What does all this mean?

☞ "We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the

great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.” (LWML Pledge)

P *The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything ...*

G **God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen** (1 Peter 4:7–11)

The Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 86:5–12

L The Old Testament lesson for this LWML Sunday service is from Psalm 86:5-12.

G **Thanks be to God!**

L For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

G **abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**

L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

G **In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**

L There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

G **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

L For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

☞ Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

ℓ I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

☞ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A Hymn of Praise: LSB 795, “Voices Raised to You We Offer” (sung to the tune of LSB 793)

- 1** Voices raised to You we offer;
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute
For Your gifts through all our days.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!
- 2** All creation joins to praise You;
Earth and sky Your works display.
Art and music, gifts You lend us,
We return to You today.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
God, Creator, source of life!
- 3** Christ, the song of Love incarnate,
Touching earth with heaven’s grace,
For Your living, suff’ring, dying,
For Your rising, hear our praise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!
- 4** Spirit, flaming through creation,
Kindle faith within each heart.
Lift our voices high in chorus;
Through our hands Your love impart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer
Measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices—
Gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Triune God, to You we sing!

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 1:18–22

L The Epistle lesson is from 1 Peter 1:18-22.

¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 12:28–31

P The Gospel lesson for this LWML Sunday is from Mark 12:28-31

G Glory to You, O Lord!

²⁸And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed (found on the back cover of the hymnal)

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 704, "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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The Sermon

The Offering: During the Offering you are invited to sing: "Lord I Lift Your Name on High" (Rick Founds)

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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LWML Pledge

ALL: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray....

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Blessing and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: "Serve The Lord With Gladness" (Tune: LSB 662)

Verse 1

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

It is He alone

Who redeemed us sinners,

Guides us as His own

To enjoy the blessings

Of His love and grace,

Will at last in glory

Meet us face to face.

Onward, then, for Jesus!

Let this be our aim:

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"

Glorify His name.

Verse 2

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name!

Verse 3

"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name!



NOTE: Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra will be on vacation

October 14-28. If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact one of our Deacons: Craig Popma 531-6481, Bryan Ensing 589-6925, Jerry Talen 826-7342, or John Weiss 773-0805.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: October 10 - 17

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Sunday School, PK-4th.
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. Bible study in-person & FB
 3-5 p.m. Youth Meeting
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost w/ Pastor on FB
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell
- Thursday:** **1:00 p.m. Dorcas meeting in the
 Gathering Room**
 6:00 p.m. Bells
 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** **8:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
 St. James and on FBL. (KIDZ TIME)

Read your newsletter for upcoming events in October.

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Grace R., Rie W., Marjie W., Cindy M.

Lectors: Cherie Hood and Carol Bifulco

Those who serve October 17:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and Craig Popma

Ushers: Jim & Nancy, Grace, Orlin

Lector: Cindy McAuliffe

October Altar Guild: Sherry and Jennifer Schmidt

Dorcas will be meeting on **October 14, at 1:00pm** in the **Gathering Room**. Your attendance is encouraged. Any questions, call Jennie Schmidt at 502-3376.

Sign up for **Trunks of Treats** in the main entryway.

Friends in Faith meet next week, October 17th.