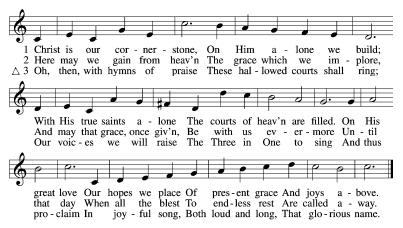
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# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2022

#### The 2022 LWML SUNDAY

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

# The Opening Hymn: 912, "Christ is our Cornerstone"



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- Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,
- have mercy and hear us.

A Psalm: Psalm 100 (Spoken by all)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!

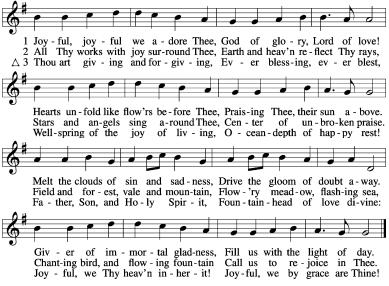
Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. 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: 803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"



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#### The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give

us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke, 5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to

condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:35-40

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

#### The 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.

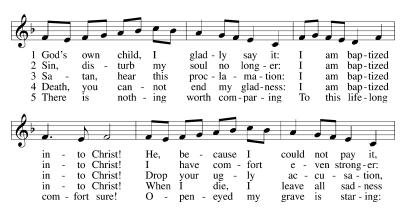
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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.

The Sermon Hymn: 594, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"





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#### The Sermon

**The Offering** (Please sign the burgundy Friendship booklet and pass it to other people sitting in your pew. When completed, pass it back to the center aisle and be sure to greet the people next to you! Those sitting by the center aisle: please tear off the completed sheet and place it on the pew. Thank you!)

**The LWML Pledge** (All are invited to speak this pledge.)

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.

#### The Prayers

- L I cry to You, O Lord;
- in the morning my prayer comes before You.
- Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- My mouth is filled with Your praise,
- and with Your glory all the day.
- L Every day I will bless You
- and praise Your name forever and ever.
- L By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,
- O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
- L Bless the Lord, O my soul;
- and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
- L He redeems your life from the pit
- and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- let my cry come to You.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your goodness and love in Christ that sustains us each day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is for us and with us in all things. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and sustainer of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

L Guide, we pray, our congregation in our life together and witness in the world. Grant us Your grace and strengthen Your people through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

# Hear our prayer.

L For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that each person involved would see opportunities to be salt and light to their neighbors and through various opportunities for mission. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost. Lord, in Your mercy,

# **C** Hear our prayer.

L Sanctify our homes with Your presence, reminding us that nothing can separate us from Your love. Unite the members of all families in love toward You and each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

L For all who are in need of Your healing hand, (*List the people by name*), please grant them healing according to Your mercy.

#### **C** Hear our prayer.

L For Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra that You are using them to bring the Good News of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in Christ in Rwanda while at the same time the leaders of the Church in Rwanda are being equipped for service. Please grant safe journey to Pastor and Sandra as they return home later this week, Lord, in Your mercy.

# C Hear our prayer.

L 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!
- Now, we now pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us:
- 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.

# The Blessing

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

**The Closing Hymn:** "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Tune LSB 662, Hymn written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz)

"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.

"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!

"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!

#### Acknowledgments

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#### Events of the Week: October 16-23, 2022

Monday Pastor and Sandra Fly to Rwanda

(Monday evening)

Monday 6:30 p.m. Worship service Tuesday 2:00 p.m. 4 Ps Bible study Wednesday 10:00 a.m. 4 Ps Bible study

Thursday 6:00 p.m. Bell choir

7:15 p.m. Bell choir

8:45 a.m. LWML Zone Rally (Our Saturday

Savior)

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship service

11:00 a.m. 4 Ps Bible study

#### Announcements

#### FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: October 16, 2022

General Fund \$3,240.00

**Building Fund** 

ISJ Academy \$50.00 TOTAL \$3.290.00

#### Announcements

Today we celebrate God is ... "For Us and

With Us"! This is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Romans 8:31-19. Verse 31 reads, "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" The author of today's sermon is Rev. Dr. Ryan Peterson who serves as Vice President of Administration

at Concordia University Ann Arbor. Thank

you to the members of the LWML who are serving today as we worship. A special word of thanks to Nancy Dome who created the theme banner with the help of a few friends.

Please, join the LWML in the gathering room for refreshments following the service.

Ladies mark November 6 on your calendar to join your sisters in Christ for Bible Study. Cindy McAuliffe will lead us in Part 2 of the study: Lord, Teach Us to Pray. We will also spend time planning for Advent by Candlelight.

**Trunks of Treats car set-up** will be from 1-2pm on Saturday; *please drive in via Oakwood*. (All volunteers should be at church by 2pm.) There IS still time, until Saturday the 29th at 2pm, to join in the fun with a car, decorated or not! No car?? No problem ~ just come and enjoy visiting with your friends and meeting new ones.

If you need pastoral care while Pastor Schaeffer is in Rwanda, please call one of the deacons. They will contact Pastor Blain who will be providing pastoral care. The deacons are: Craig Popma, Bryan Ensing, Jerry Talen, and John Weiss.

The beauty and wonder of an unborn child growing and developing in their mother's womb is reason enough to vote "NO!" to Proposal #3. The value of a woman who finds herself with an unplanned pregnancy is another reason to vote "No!" to Proposal #3. In other words: VOTE "NO!" when you see Proposal #3, the so-called "The Reproductive Freedom For All Abortion Amendment" on the ballot for the November 8 elections.

The Four Ps of Christian Discipleship, a four-week, Bible study has begun! Join up with one of the groups even if you missed last Sunday. It's better to attend one or two or three or four THAN not all! There is a group that meets:

- Sunday morning (after worship): Carol Bifulco and Kim Urbanski
- Tuesday: 2:00 p.m. Facilitators are Mary Ward and Dr. Rachel Palmer
- Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Facilitators are John and Marjie Weiss

## Those who serve Today:

The Lector: Ladies from the LWML

**Organist:** Beth McKay

**Deacons**: Craig Popma and Bryan Ensing

**Ushers**: Urbanski Family

Video/Sound/Recording: John and Margie Weiss and

Nathan Urbanski

October Altar Guild: Sherry Schmidt

The LWML will provide refreshments following the service.

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