



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday
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LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY
DIVINE SERVICE III
OCTOBER 4, 2020 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH: *“LORD, I love the habitation of Your House and the place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.”* (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP: *“O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.”* (146)

OPENING HYMN: *“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”* [LSB: 901]

1.
Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him to answer prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2.
Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be
Thy temple now!

3.
Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION (*Please Stand*) [LSB: pg. 184]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
C Amen.

EXHORTATION [LSB: pg. 184]

P Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD. *[Hebrews 10:22]*
C Who made heaven and earth. *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Psalm 32:5*

CONFESSION OF SINS [LSB: pg. 184]

P O Almighty God, Merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless Mercy and for the sake of the Holy, Innocent, Bitter Sufferings and Death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be Gracious and Merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

ABSOLUTION [LSB: pg. 185]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the Command of my LORD Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*
- C** Amen.

☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

INTROIT

- P** Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good;
C For Steadfast Love Endures Forever!
- P** The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone.
C This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is Good; for His Steadfast Love Endures Forever!

GLORIA PATRE ≈ *Glory be to the Father* [LSB: pg. 186]

- C** *(Sung)* Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

KYRIE ≈ *LORD, Have Mercy* [LSB: pg. 186]

- C** LORD, have Mercy upon us.
Christ, have Mercy upon us.
LORD, have Mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ≈ [LSB: pg. 187]

- P** Glory be to God on High,
C and on earth Peace, Goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. O LORD God, Heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O LORD, the Only-Begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O LORD God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have Mercy upon us. For Thou only art Holy; Thou only art the LORD. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [Pg. 189]

- P** *(Sung)* The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray . . . Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your Unfailing Love and Grant us the Fullness of Your Salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
- C** Amen.

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

“Let me sing for My Beloved My Love Song concerning His Vineyard: My Beloved had a Vineyard on a very fertile hill. ² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My Vineyard. ⁴ what more was there to do for My Vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵ And

now I will tell you what I will do to My Vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the Vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for Justice, but behold, bloodshed; for Righteousness, but behold, an outcry!”

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-19

P ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your Face Shine, that we may be Saved!

C ⁸ **You Brought a Vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

P ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C ¹⁰ **The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

P ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C ¹² **Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

P ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

C ¹⁴ **Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from Heaven, and see; have regard for this Vine,**

P ¹⁵ the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the Son Whom You made Strong for Yourself.

C ¹⁶ **They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!**

P ¹⁷ But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the Son of man Whom You have made Strong for Yourself!

C ¹⁸ **Then we shall not turn back from You; give us Life, and we will call upon Your Name!**

P ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be Saved!

EPISTLE READING: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

“If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my LORD. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through

Faith in Christ, the Righteousness from God that depends on Faith — ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the Power of His Resurrection, and may share His Sufferings, becoming like Him in His Death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the Resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His Own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the Goal for the Prize of the Upward Call of God in Christ Jesus.”

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *John 6:68* [LSB: pg. 190]

C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O LORD.**

[Jesus said,] “Hear another parable. There was a Master of a House Who planted a Vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, He sent His servants to the tenants to get His fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took His servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again He sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally He sent His Son to them, saying, ‘They will respect My Son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the Son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the Heir. Come, let us kill Him and have His Inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took Him and threw Him out of the Vineyard and killed Him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the Owner of the Vineyard comes, what will He do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said

to Him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the Vineyard to other tenants who will give Him the Fruits in their seasons.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The Stone that the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone; this was the LORD’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its Fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this Stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.’ ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.”

P This is the Gospel of our LORD.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED..... [LSB: pg. 192]

C **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 Φ Everlasting. Amen.**

Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Praise, Love, Serve” (Based on LWML Pledge,
Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: LSB: 361)

**Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, Descended here To take our sins away.
With His Own Blood He Bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to Dwell within.**

**In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His Love.
His errands we’ll do gladly; His Gospel we’ll defend;
Our silver and our gold we’ll use — His Kingdom to extend.**

**Wherever He has need of us, We will His Call obey.
Whenever He Calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have Eternal Life Through Fellowship with Him.**

SERMON:

OFFERTORY [LSB: pg. 192]
Psalm 51:10-12

C *(Sung)* Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation, and uphold me with Thy Free Spirit. Amen.

LWML PLEDGE

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C 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 [*1 Timothy 2:1-4*] [LSB: pg. 193]

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *(Sung)* [LSB: pg. 194]

P The LORD be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*
C We lift them up unto the LORD.

P Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God. *Psalm 136*
C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE [LSB: pg. 194]

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places ... To You alone, O Father, be all Glory, Honor, and Worship, with the Son ✠ and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

SANCTUS ≈ *Holy, Holy, Holy* [LSB: pg. 195]

C ⁷ Holy, Holy, Holy LORD God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the LORD.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: pg. 196]

Matthew 6:9-13

P *(Sung) 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.*

C **For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORD'S OF OUR LORD [LSB: pg. 197]

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24 Luke 22:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-25

P "Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: 'Take, eat; this is My Φ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.' In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: 'Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new Testament in My Φ Blood, which is shed for you for the Forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PAX DOMINI *≈ The Peace of the LORD* [LSB: pg. 197]

P The Peace of the LORD be with you always.

John 20:19

C *(Sung) Amen.*

AGNUS DEI *≈ Lamb of God* [LSB: pg. 198]

John 1:29

C *(Sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have Mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy Peace. Amen.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "*Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*" [LSB: 627]

1.

Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He Saved us from the evil foe.

3.

Jesus here Himself is sharing;
Heed then how you are preparing,
For if you do not believe,
His Judgment then you shall receive.

5.

Firmly hold with Faith unshaken
That this Food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for Peace and Rest.

2.

As His Pledge of Love undying,
He, this Precious Food supplying,
Gives His Body with the bread,
And with the wine the Blood He Shed.

4.

Praise the Father, Who from Heaven
To His Own this Food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.

6.

Agony and bitter labor
Were the cost of God's High Favor;
Do not come if you suppose
You need not Him Who Died and Rose.

7.
Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My Grace and Favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.

9.
If your heart this Truth professes
And your mouth your sin Confesses,
You will be your Savior's Guest,
Be at His Banquet truly Blest.

8.
"For what purpose was My Dying
If not for your Justifying?
And what use this Precious Food
If you yourself were pure and good?"

10.
Let this food your Faith so nourish
That its Fruit of Love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's Wondrous Love can do.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" [LSB: 528]

1.
Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My Great Redeemer's praise,
The Glories of my God and King,
The Triumphs of His Grace!

3.
Jesus! The Name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis Life and Health and Peace.

5.
Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be Saved through Faith Alone, Be
Justified by Grace.

2.
My Gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy Name.

4.
He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner Free.
His Blood can make the foulest clean;
His Blood avails for me.

6.
See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was Slain.
His soul was once an Off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

7.
To God all Glory, Praise, and Love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and Heav'n.

THE DISMISSAL [LSB: pg. 199]

P The Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to Life Everlasting.
Depart Φ in Peace.
C Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS [LSB: pg. 199]

C (Sung) LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in Peace according to Thy Word, for mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING [LSB: pg. 200]

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is Good,

C *(Sung)* **and His Mercy endureth Forever.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT [LSB: pg. 201]

P Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Salutory Gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would Strengthen us through the same in Faith toward You and in fervent Love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *(Sung)* **Amen.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT [LSB: pg. 201]

P Blessed LORD, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed Hope of Everlasting Life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and Forever.

C *(Sung)* **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS [LSB: pg. 201]

P The LORD be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C *(Sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P Bless we the LORD.

[Psalm 103:1]

C *(Sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION [LSB: pg. 202]

Numbers 6:24-26

P The LORD Bless you and Keep you.

The LORD make His Face Shine upon you and be Gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His Countenance upon you and ☩ give you Peace.

C *(Sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “*Serve the LORD with Gladness*” Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

Tune: *LSB 662*

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.

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!

POSTLUDE

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT: Almighty and Everlasting God, we thank and praise You for Feeding us the Life-Giving Body and Blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by Faith obtain and Eternally enjoy Your Divine Grace, the Forgiveness of sins, Unity with Christ, and Life Eternal, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (158)

FOR BLESSING ON THE WORD: LORD God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a Word of Power and Peace to Convert those not yet Your Own and to Confirm those who have come to Saving Faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have Promised, Your Word may achieve the Purpose for which You Send it; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. (150)

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