

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. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus’ name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.

When life seems oppressive and burdens weigh us down, it is easy to feel alone, unloved and defeated. As the Lord of Life gives us His body and blood in the Lord’s Supper, however, we are reminded that we are not alone, that we are deeply loved, and that in Christ we have the victory! For Scriptural reasons, we practice close communion. If you do not belong to a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we invite you to join our communion fellowship. For details, please speak or make an appointment with Pastor Kane through the church office (319) 235-6705.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
LWML SUNDAY

The King Is Coming

October 8, 2023

AS WE GATHER: “For Us and With Us,” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ.

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:  
Pastor: O God,  
People: You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

PSALM 24:7–10  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!  
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!  
  
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.

LWML 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Divine Service IV  
  
Announcements  
Opening Hymn: LSB 644  
  
Confession and Absolution: LSB 203  
  
SERVICE OF THE WORD  
  
\*Kyrie LSB 204  
\*Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

\*Salutation: LSB 205  
\*Collect of the Day: (Printed)  
Catechism Recitation  
Catechism Review Question 19  
Psalm 24:7–10 (Printed)  
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Old Testament: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Pew Bible Page 1062  
  
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:4-10  
Pew Bible Page 1888  
  
Alleluia and Verse LSB 205  
\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:25-30  
Pew Bible Page 1541  
  
\*Nicene Creed: LSB 206  
Sermon Hymn: LSB 575  
Sermon  
Offertory “Prepare the Royal Highway” Choir  
LWML Pledge (printed)  
\*Prayer of the Church  
\*Lord’s Prayer LSB 209  
\*Benediction LSB 212  
This concludes the service for online viewing  
\*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT  
LSB 208ff  
Distribution Hymns:  
“Draw Near and Take ...” LSB 637  
“O Savior, Precious Savior” LSB 527  
  
\*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 211  
\*Post-Communion Collect: LSB 212  
\*Benediction: LSB 212  
Closing Hymn: LSB 653

Prayers for Love Inc are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex and the hallway.

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## **2023 LWML SUNDAY**

### **Worship Service**

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