



2017 LWML Sunday

Dedication of Gifts (Ingathering Litany)

Text: Romans 10:8-13 (ESV)

L: God in His great mercy has come near to us. Though we were far away because of our sins, *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons* (Galatians 4:4-5).

C: Lord, we give thanks to you for your great mercy in sending your Son Jesus, true God and true man, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His

holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

C: You have given us Your Word, through which the Holy Spirit has called and gathered us into Your Church and enabled us to be ready to confess Jesus Christ.

L: *But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved* (Romans 10:8-9).

L: The world in which we live is troubled and the challenges before us are great. Yet you promise to be with us always so that we can speak of Jesus to everyone we meet.

C: *For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame"* (Romans 10:10-11).

L: Through your servant Martin Luther 500 years ago, you returned the Gospel to Your Church. Today we give You thanks for all your servants, especially Martin and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, which continues Your work of proclaiming Christ to all people.

C: *For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him* (Romans 10:12).

L: In thanksgiving to the Lord for His gift of salvation, we humbly gather and share our gifts that the name of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed in all the earth!

(LWML representative reads/lists all gifts at this time.)

L: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly ask You to bless these gifts, which we have gathered here today, that they may be a blessing to our neighbors.

C: *For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved"* (Romans 10:13).

Closing Ingathering Hymn (sung or spoken):

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

