

2019 LWML SUNDAY

Worship Service

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's 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, our faith propels us all into God's mission and gives us confidence that God's amazing grace will supply our needs and move His mission forward.

Faith Like a Mustard Seed

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN **“With Joy We Come Together”**

Tune: *LSB 527, LW 282, TLH 352*

Text: **Jean Hansen Kammerer**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident in His steadfast love, we approach our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness.

C: **Merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. I have grown timid and afraid when confronted by evil. I have not trusted You completely when facing challenges bigger than myself. For the sake of the atoning work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior, forgive me. By Your Holy Spirit, lead me to a faith more confident in Your wisdom, grace, and power. Lord, put my faith to work for the sake of Your kingdom. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE

Tune: LW 231, TLH 320

**Have mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise.
Defend us by Your mighty Word
Lord, comfort, help, and save.**

**Grace all who worship here
With unity and peace.
In all the world, both far and near,
Your kingdom, Lord, increase!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Tune: *LSB 803*

Look, the Table's spread before us, Foretaste of the feast to come.
Christ, the Lamb of God, victorious, Has for us salvation won!
Join the hymn of all creation, By His blood we are set free.
Saints of ev'ry tribe and nation, Celebrate His jubilee!
Power, riches, honor, glory, Be to God and to the Lamb.
His the vict'ry, His the story, Praise and thank the Great I AM.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Bless the Lord of earth and heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Life restored and sins forgiven!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

- ¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.
- ² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?
- ³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
- ⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.
- ¹ I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
- ² And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 62

L: ¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

C: ²**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

L: ³How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

C: ⁴**They only plan to thrust him down from his high
position. They take pleasure in falsehood.
They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

L: ⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.

C: ⁶**He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

L: ⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

C: ⁸**Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

L: ⁹Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate
are a delusion;
in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than
a breath.

C: ¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

- L: ¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
C: ¹² **and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For you will render to a man according to his work.**

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

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

² To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Tune: Refrain of *LSB 605*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrate what God has done.

Hear the gospel, Spread the story,

God's good news for everyone!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹And he [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CREEDAL PRAYER

Tune: LW 252 (RESIGNATION)

1. **Cre-ating Father, by Your Word, All things have come to be,
From empty void and formless dark To all that we can see.
At eventide and morning sun, Your tapestry You weave,
And now in unity we sing, “O Father, we believe.”**
2. **Re-deeming Son, here virgin born From heav’n to earth You came
To save us all from sin and death; So Jesus is Your name.
For us You suffered and You died; You rose that we might live,
And now in unity we sing, “O Jesus, we believe.”**
3. **Em-pow’ring Spirit, Breath of life, You gather us as one
Like rain and snow, Your Word comes down, Its purposes are done.
Your wind blows free, Your fruit is grown, Your many gifts received,
And now in unity we sing, “O Spirit, we believe.”**

SERMON “Moving Mulberry Trees”

And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you (Luke 17:6).

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Friends in Christ, lift up your hearts to God and pray with me.

P: Almighty God, give to your church a boldness of faith which is not afraid to go where You lead us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We thank You for the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, supporting Your work across the world. By Your Spirit, strengthen and encourage all Christian women as they fulfill their various callings in service to You. Sustain our generosity as we support mission outreach through our LWML Mite Boxes. Lord, by Your power, multiply our gifts for Your kingdom’s increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring healing, Lord, to those who are sick.... Bring comfort and hope to the grieving.... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

- P: With grateful hearts we celebrate Your grace in the lives of the newly baptized..., those just married..., and those with birthdays and anniversaries.... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: For all who lead in the world and in our nation..., and for those who lead in Your church...; bless them to lead with humility, wisdom, justice, and peace. Protect all who serve us in harm's way.... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord of life, use us, Your people, to provide for the poor and the hungry across the world. Through Your church, preserve and defend the unborn and all victims of hate and injustice. Renew our faith as we serve boldly in Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

OFFERING

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and blessed us with a living, active faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Here we remember and proclaim all that He has done for us, how He has saved us from sin, death, and hell by His bitter suffering and death and His glorious resurrection. Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Tune: *LSB 443, LW 106, TLH 161*

**Sing “Holy, holy, holy!” with all the saints in light.
“Hosanna, loud hosanna, Lord God of power and might!”
We join the ranks of angels in their celestial throng
“Hosanna in the highest!” shall be our endless song!**

LORD’S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

**P: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command and with His
own words, we receive His promises in this Sacrament.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night 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 † 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 † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This
do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

LAMB OF GOD

Tune: *LSB 886*

O Lamb of God, have mercy on us
The sins of all You take away.

O Lamb of God, have mercy on us
And give us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Your holy body crucified for us
Your blood poured out in sacrifice
We now receive in the meal before us.
O Lamb of God, give us Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Come, Let Us Eat”

LSB 626

“Eat This Bread”

LSB 638

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing”

LSB 620

DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in body
and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Tune: *LSB 789 (BUSESSAN)*

Father, we thank You for all Your blessings
Food at this table, graces divine,
Oneness in faith, our Savior confessing
His very presence, mystery sublime.

Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the sending.
Yours is the message, rich with Your love,
Ours for the telling, truth without ending,
Ours for the singing, here and above.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, we give You thanks that in this meal You strengthen us for service in Your kingdom. Your love in this sacrament motivates us to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, in all of our callings and relationships. By Your Holy Spirit, give us grace to go out with boldness to witness to what we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: *LSB 662*

Text: 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!**

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