

Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings

Ephesians 5:2



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“Fragrant Sacrifices and Offerings”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the recognized auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to coordinate the women of the church. The LWML continues to be a leading force in missions and ministry around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. The work of these Lutheran Women in Mission reaches people of all walks of life, foreign and domestic, in the interest of the advance of witness, mercy, and life together for all those who are loved into life through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Countless millions have been reached and saved alive for Christ through their ministry, and in these last days, we pray that their grace-filled, faithful labor in sacrifices and offerings may rise in the nostrils of our Lord in a way that is sweet and fragrant.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790, TLH 39, LW 444

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In gratitude for Lutheran Women in Mission, their years of sacrificial service, and gracious offering for the work of the Kingdom, let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Glory

Glory Be to God the Father

LSB 506, TLH 244, LW 173

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Most Gracious God and Father, we give You thanks this day for the ministry and work of all Your saints, especially Lutheran Women in Mission, and we pray that You will continue to receive us all and our labor by faith as a fragrant offering and sacrifice for the work of Your church and Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:1-15

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 5:1–9

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the eleventh chapter:

C: **Lord, give us ears to hear Your Word.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 11:14–28

P: May God add a blessing to the reading, hearing, and obedient performance of His Word in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to the Lord, Jesus Christ!**

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633, LW 126, v 1-5

Sermon

Response to the Word

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633, LW 126, v 6-8

Rededication of Lutheran Women in Mission

*(Women may rise and join hands with those closest to them
forming a visible sign of offering and sacrifice.)*

- P: We remember the grace of Baptism that saves all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned* (Mark 16:16).
- P: We celebrate the great salvation that has been won for us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. *For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him* (John 3:16-17).
- P: We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit Who empowers us in service to our Lord and King. *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth* (Acts 1:8).

P: We rededicate ourselves to the purposes of our gracious God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to continue to be active and involved in the good works prepared beforehand that we may walk in them. *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them* (Ephesians 2:8-10).

C: We offer ourselves to You, Holy Jesus, once again, as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God as our reasonable service of worship. Anoint us to this end for the advance of Your Kingdom and the purposes of our King. Make us to be fragrant sacrifices and offerings to God our Father and our Lord Jesus! Thanks be to God and to God alone be all glory, honor, and praise. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781, TLH 441, v 1-2

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(A pause for silent reflection)

P: For the Church, that we may ever stand faithful to the Word and Sacrament that Christ suffered, bled, and died to deliver to those who love the Lord and are called to His purpose, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Harrison, the President of our Synod, for _____, the President of our District, and for all servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work You have given them to do with excellence and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and all auxiliaries of the Church, that they continue to live and work in the love and grace of God and as inspired by the Holy Spirit to offer themselves as acceptable, holy, living sacrifices to God our Father, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For the leaders of these United States, President Barak Obama, our representatives and senators, and all public servants who strive to provide for the needs of the least of these and advocate justice, that the grace and mercy of Christ may be the motivation for every thought, word, and deed, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For all those in need, that their eyes would be opened, their hearts would be filled with the joy of Jesus, their despair comforted, their ears open to hear, and provision would flow from the throne of grace to provide for their every need according to God's grace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts and aloud (silence for intercession) that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: For all who receive the Lord's precious body and blood, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith, life, and salvation and be filled with the love of Christ to offer themselves as living sacrifices to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:
- C: Lord, have mercy.**
- P: We submit these prayers, those spoken and those pondered in the silence of our hearts, along with these offerings, for the praise of Your glory. For all these and whatever other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God both now and forever.
- C: Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

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.**

Proper Preface

- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give

thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who reminds us in this day of how we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be living offerings and fragrant sacrifices to the praise of His glory and to live in ways that give glory to God in all of our life and deeds, now and in eternity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507, LW 168, v 1, 4

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom as You invite and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✚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.”

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

(The worshippers may greet one another now in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace of the Lord be with you,” as a testimony to their oneness in Christ.)

Agnus Dei

The Lamb

LSB 547

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

LSB 637, LW 240

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618, TLH 3151, LW 242

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and 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: Amen.

The League Pledge

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.

Benediction

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.

Closing Hymn

Serve the Lord with Gladness

(Tune: LSB 662, LW 518)

“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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