



FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE

## We are HIS



As I serve God through the LWML, my prayer is that every woman in the LCMS purposefully centers her life on Christ. I pray about the opportunities and the challenges we have as women serving Jesus in the United States and across the world. There's a lot going on out there. It can be a frightening place ... or it can be viewed as one more opportunity to trust in God.

We know we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.

Jesus paid the price for our sins, and we are bought by the blood of our Savior. My hope is that we, as Lutheran Women in Mission, recognize, appreciate, and confidently declare that we are HIS! In doing this, we will share HIS message, we will serve HIS people, and we will give to missions ... so all may hear and know our Savior.

Scripture tells us that we are here on this earth to bring glory to our Father and to share Christ's saving Gospel with the world. So let's do that, remembering:

### WE ARE HIS!

- We are HELD by God's Word.
- We are INSPIRED to share HIS Gospel.
- We are SURROUNDED by HIS grace.

We are HIS. We are HELD by God's Word in so many ways! Through HIS Word, we are assured of HIS promises as sinners saved by HIS grace. Through Holy Scripture, we glean a better understanding of how to live to HIS glory every day! "Law and Gospel don't compete but perfectly complement each other. The Law is a gift of God's love, and love is the fulfilling of the Law."\* Through Scripture, we are wrapped in the embrace of Jesus, who declares, "I am the Word." When we hold the Bible in our hands we are holding God's Word, and I believe He is holding us in every way.

We are HIS. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are INSPIRED to share HIS Gospel with the world! We feel compelled joyfully to share Jesus with others. Through our life stories, we share HIS story. We do this through mission education, mission inspiration, mission service, and mission giving. I am so excited to see what opportunities God sets before us, opportunities yet to be revealed!

In our daily lives we may make decisions and statements, then wonder ... did we do and say the right thing? As God's children, HIS grace and mercy surround and cover us! We are HIS. We are SURROUNDED by HIS grace. We live in the joy of knowing we are forgiven. We won't always get it right. That's why we return to HIS Word, HIS promises, again and again. We seek HIS will and we trust Him as we share Jesus, serve and mentor, and give our mite offerings.

Let's confidently declare to the world we are HIS. Let's recognize and appreciate each opportunity to tell the world.

***Each step, surrounded by HIS grace.***

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