



2021 LWML SUNDAY

Children's Message

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Good morning, children. Today is a special day in church. Today we are talking about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. That's a big name. We call it the "LWML" for short. The LWML includes the women in our church who love Jesus and want all people to know Jesus.

This picture is about the LWML (*Show LWML Sunday logo*). What do you see in this picture? (*Various answers*) And what's this? (*Pointing to the heart*) Yes, this is a heart.

Do you have a heart? Sure you do! Where is it? What does your heart do? (*Various answers*)

Did you ever hear someone say, "My heart is happy?" Did you ever hear someone say (*make a sad face*), "My heart is sad?" (*Responses*) Sometimes we talk about a person by talking about their heart. When someone says, "My heart is sad," that means, "I'm sad." But let's not talk about a sad heart. Let's talk about a happy heart. Do you want to have a happy heart?

(*Responses*)

I know a song about happy hearts. Maybe you know this song, too. If you don't, we'll learn it.

This little song starts, "I am Jesus' little lamb." Do you know this song? You're not a lamb, are you? No, you are **you**. Sometimes the Bible compares people to lambs and sheep. Lambs and sheep need someone to love and lead them. We do, too! Our parents love and lead us. But big people need someone to love and lead them, too. We are all like lambs and sheep who need someone to love and lead us.

So, the song says, "I am Jesus' little lamb, ever glad at heart I am." Our hearts are glad because who loves and leads us? (*Jesus*) Yes, Jesus makes our hearts happy.

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly” (1 Peter 4:8)

I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.

Now, let’s sing/recite this hymn about our glad, happy hearts:

“I am Jesus’ little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same, Even calls me by my name.” *LSB 740*

Look again at this picture. There’s the heart. There’s a hand holding the heart. Whose hand is holding your heart? (*Jesus*) Jesus holds you. Jesus loves you. Jesus leads you. You are Jesus’ little lamb. Have a happy heart!