



FROM PRESIDENT DEBBIE



Come to Milwaukee!

The theme of our 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” based on Psalm 33:12-13, which says, *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man.*

We celebrate even as persecution, because of our faith, is common. We celebrate amid the unrest and trouble in this world. Looking at our theme Scripture, we celebrate because we are a nation blessed by God — citizens of this world and also citizens of heaven, a much larger nation. We have dual citizenship, granted at our Baptism.

As God’s chosen people from all nations of this world, we, indeed, have cause to celebrate!

We are HIS.

We are **Held by His Word**. In Scripture, God promises us redemption. He comforts us and calls us His own. He offers us hope.

We are **Inspired to share His Gospel message**. Motivated by God’s promises, we want to share His peace and joy with others.

We are **Surrounded by His grace**. In the midst of unrest, disasters, and epidemics — in the midst of our own sin — God covers us with His grace and mercy.

In the center of this issue, you will find information about next summer’s LWML convention. During this convention, we will focus on the majesty of our Lord, recognize our uniqueness, and celebrate being one in Christ. We will share HIS grace with others through service, witness, and mission grants.

Milwaukee is known as the City of Festivals. Festivals and feasts of celebration were common in biblical times. As our forefathers rejoiced and honored God, we will praise and glorify our Father — the Lord of the Nations.

I invite you to attend, to “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations,” with your sisters and brothers in Christ from across the United States and around the world. Come! Experience the joy of worshipping and connecting with thousands of Lutherans as we give honor and glory to our Triune God.

Walking by faith,
surrounded by HIS grace,

Debbie Larson