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## We Joyfully Proclaim Christ

Our mission statement: As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

I love the intentional emphasis of proclaiming — making known — our Savior and Lord. How do you make something important known to others? As Lutheran Women in Mission, we make Christ known in many ways. We often refer to our sisters in Christ as our "purple peeps." We love our purple, but we are recognizable when wearing any color by our kind and respectful words, our loving service, and our compassion for God's people.

I make the women of the LWML sound good, don't I? The truth is we are sinners, saved only by His grace. We proclaim Christ because He died for our sins and, through His sacrifice, we have the hope of eternal life.

*And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted" (Isaiah 12:4).*

When elected in 2019, I had no idea what God had planned for my term as LWML President. I was not expecting a pandemic. I was not expecting some of the unique challenges set before me. What I was expecting — relying on — was that Jesus would be with me every moment and my sisters and brothers in Christ would offer unconditional love and support.

How do I say thank you for such an opportunity to serve God? No words can express the gratitude I feel or the love I have for the LWML and its members. Together, we will continue to proclaim Christ, support missions, and honor God through our service.

In June, the LWML will elect a new president and other board members. This group may do things differently. They may not expect what the world throws at them. What will remain constant is they will always look to our Lord and Savior for direction. Lutheran Women in Mission will continue the legacy of proclaiming Christ in response to His amazing grace.

*Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! (Psalm 105:1).*

Proclaiming Christ — this is what Lutheran Women in Mission do so well. I thank God and you for allowing me to serve as your president. I look forward to supporting and praying for Lutheran Women in Mission as we continue to carry out our mission to His glory.

Walking by faith, surrounded by HIS grace.

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