

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

2023 Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday



Good morning, children! It's wonderful to see you all today, especially today – because it is a special and important day at church, here at (name of church) and many Lutheran churches across America. Today is “LWML” Sunday. Does anyone know what that means? (Responses) “LWML” stands for Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. The key word in the LWML is the word ‘Missionary’ because it explains what these Lutheran Women in Mission really do. They are missionaries for King Jesus. They represent the coming King of Glory, who is Jesus, Christ our Lord. Missionary women in our church who love King Jesus and want others to also know King Jesus. Our theme today is ‘The King is Coming.’ An earthly King, King David proclaimed this about the coming heavenly King, King Jesus:

Psalm 24:7-10:

*⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

*⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!*

*⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.*

*¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory! Selah*

How many of you have ever seen a real authentic king? (Responses) Show a picture of earthly kings. Where do we have ‘Kings’ today in our world? (Responses) Why do we call Jesus, King? What’s the difference between earthly kings and King Jesus? (Responses) Show a picture of earthly kings and King Jesus. Look at these pictures. What do we receive from earthly kings? (Responses) What do we receive from King Jesus?

(Responses) We are subjects of both kingdoms, an earthly kingdom and a heavenly kingdom. Both are important, both teach us how to serve in the world. What's important about God's kingdom is that God's kingdom teaches us about the 'Great Commandment', love God, neighbor and self. How important is that? Where did King Jesus show us His greatest love? (Responses) How about on the cross of Calvary. King Jesus died for our sins! Have you ever heard of an earthly king dying for the sins of his people? Not really.

In our Scripture reading for this LWML Sunday, we are reminded that "The King is Coming" — coming for you and for me. And these LWML missionaries love to tell and support the work of "The King who is coming," coming because God loves the world (John 3:16) and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Nothing. When King Jesus comes for us, we will forever be with Him in His kingdom, with God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sanctifier. Good News! You better believe it is. Why? Because God so loved the world. He loves each one of us. The Bible says God is for us, and God is with us. And God sent us the greatest gift of all, King Jesus, that whoever believes in King Jesus, will not perish, but have life eternal. So, like the LWML women, let us pray, tell, and support the kingdom work of our King Jesus. Amen!

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