

You are my Witnesses

Luke 24:44-53

LWML Sunday 2013



A Children's Message for LWML Sunday 2013 based on St. Luke 24:44-53

In the Name of Jesus

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "You are my witnesses."

Witnesses share the truth that they have received by their words and in their actions. Christ Jesus is the faithful witness whose words and actions show us the very heart of God. Even while we were still sinners who fall short of what God wants us to do and be, God sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ into the world to die on the cross for our sin and rise from the dead so that we may live with Him forever. In His words and actions, Jesus was the great witness who showed the world God's forgiving love.

Jesus calls us to be His witnesses. That means that He calls us in our baptisms to share with others what we have received. We receive the forgiveness of our sin from Christ Jesus. We receive new life from Him. We receive joy and freedom in Him.

Today, we especially celebrate the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Wearing purple like Dorcas in the Bible, they witness to Jesus' love in their words and actions. Listen to the songs they sing. Hear the words of their pledge. Their words direct people to our Father's love. They also collect money in little cardboard boxes called "Mite Boxes." Their pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars, and checks are brought together so that people all over the world may know more about Jesus and experience His saving love.

You are witnesses to Jesus, too. As you serve the LORD using the gifts He has given you, others can learn more about God's love. You can share words of hope and love as you sing the psalms and hymns we sing in church to your friends and neighbors. You can witness to Christ by coming to Sunday school and church services and by studying God's Word and praying at home. You can collect money in Mite Boxes and help the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. The money you collect will be used to help people to hear God's Word and live. God strengthen you as you seek ways to be His witnesses in everything you say and do.

Listen to the LORD as He says to you today, *You are my witnesses.*