



2016 LWML Sunday

Dedication of Gifts (Ingathering Litany)

Liturgist: Come and see that the Lord is good! God the Father has graciously gathered us into a people from all corners of the earth. He has made us His children purely out of divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us.

Congregation: Our gracious God and Father calls us to “come and see” His salvation in our lives, and in the lives of others. Let us come and see that the Lord is good!

Liturgist: The Lord will come at the last day in all His glory and every eye will see Him. He who knows the works and thoughts of all people will judge the nations.

Congregation: *“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory”* (Isaiah 66:18).

Liturgist: Who can stand before the Lord in all His glory and live? Yet in these last days, God in His great mercy has revealed to us His glory in the face of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Congregation: *Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man* (Psalm 66:5).

Liturgist: God has revealed His glory to us through Jesus of Nazareth, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. He is our Light from above and the darkness has not overcome it. Alleluia!

Congregation: *Alleluia! “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph”* (John 1:45).

Liturgist: *“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”* (John 1:46a).

Congregation: *“Come and see!”* (John 1:46b).

Liturgist: Come and see that the Lord is good! He has called us to proclaim His awesome deeds of salvation among peoples of all tribes, nations, and languages.

Congregation: In thanksgiving to the Lord for His gift of salvation, we humbly gather and share our gifts with neighbors near and far.

(LWML representative reads/lists all gifts at this time.)

Liturgist: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly ask You to bless these gifts, which we have gathered here today, that they may be a blessing to our neighbors.

Congregation: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Alleluia!

Closing Ingathering Hymn (sung or spoken):

We give Thee but Thine own, Whatever the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

The captive to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB 781, TLH 441, LW 405, vv. 1 and 5