

Come and See

Psalm 66:5



LWML SUNDAY 2016

2016 LWML Sunday Worship “Come and See!”

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraging and equipping Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Through their invitation to “come and see” what God has done for all people, countless neighbors from all walks of life have been reached and touched by the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Hymn

Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

LSB 811



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
2 O all you pow’rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That throng the



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart’s de -



joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
slen - der, You flow’rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
vo - tion, Help me to sing God’s prais - es high. My ut - most

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God and Father, we give you thanks this day for the labors of all Your saints, especially Lutheran Women in mission, and we pray that You will empower us by Your Holy Spirit to invite neighbors of all nations living in our midst to “come and see” Your awesome deeds of salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 66:15-24

"For behold, the Lord will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. [16] For by fire will the Lord enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh; and those slain by the Lord shall be many. [17] "Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one in the midst, eating pig's flesh and the abomination and mice, shall come to an end together, declares the Lord. [18] "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, [19] and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. [20] And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. [21] And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. [22] "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. [23] From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord. [24] "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Revelation 7:9–14

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11] And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." [13] Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" [14] I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

GRADUAL *Ps. 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels con- | cerning you* **to guard you in | all your ways.**

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,* **and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

John 1:43–46

P: The Holy Gospel According to Saint John, the first chapter:

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [45] Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." [46] Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
 2 Some take up His task in morn - ing, To their Lord re - spond - ing soon;
 3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
 4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har - vests wait - ing— Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
 Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter - noon;
 Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
 When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de - scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
 E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
 So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
 Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
 There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
 Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
 Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

Sermon

Theme: Come and See

Text: John 1:43–46

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Rededication of Lutheran Women in Mission

- P**: Sisters in Christ: “Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man” (Psalm 66:5).
- P**: In Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit has called us to faith in Jesus Christ and enlightened us with His gifts for faithful discipleship and acts of service on behalf of many neighbors.
- P**: In the Holy Supper, the Holy Spirit gathers us from the four corners of the earth to receive the Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and unites us to Christ and to one another in joyous fellowship.
- P**: We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who, through Holy Scripture, comes to us and opens our eyes to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and the needs of vulnerable neighbors near and far.

C: Today we celebrate God's invitation to come and see His redemption at work in our lives, and in the lives of others. We rededicate ourselves to the mission of our Lord among and with people of every tribe, nation, and language living both abroad and in our own neighborhoods.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God: You have showered Your people with many and various gifts. We thank You for calling these women to declare Your glory among the nations here and abroad through their faithful witness and loving hospitality. Continue to fill them with Your Holy Spirit to reach out to and work with neighbors from various ethnic, language, and cultural groups in the extension of Your kingdom.

C: Amen.

P: Be strong and courageous for the Lord Your God will go with you wherever you go. The Almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(a pause for silent reflection)

P: Lord we pray for the Church, that we may ever stand faithful to the Word of God and confess that Christ lived, suffered, and died to reveal His glory to all nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord we pray for the President of our Synod, the President of our District, and for all servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work of ministry and missions You have given them to do with excellence and faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord we pray for the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, that they continue to joyfully invite neighbors into their lives to come and see Christ's redemption from the power of sin, evil, and death for all who put their trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord we pray for the leaders of these United States, for the President of our nation, our representatives and senators, and all public servants who strive to advocate for vulnerable neighbors, that the plight of the unborn, the poor, widows, orphans, strangers, immigrants, the lonely, and other needy and suffering persons be present in their every thought, word, and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord we pray for the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts (*silence for intercession*) that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord we pray for all who eat and drink the Lord's precious body and blood, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, strengthening of faith, life, and salvation, and be filled with the love of Christ to offer their lives in service to all neighbors who crave for belonging, friendship, compassion, and justice, especially those who are marginalized, let us pray to the Lord:

G: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We submit these prayers, those spoken and those pondered in the silence of our hearts, along with these offerings, for the praise of Your glory. For all these and whatever other things You would have us ask, Heavenly Father, we pray for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G: **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

G: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

G: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on the Day of Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples, empowering them to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

507 Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven,**

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **+** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **+** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

The worshippers may greet one another now in the name of the Lord, saying, "The peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to their oneness in Christ.

Agnus Dei

547 The Lamb

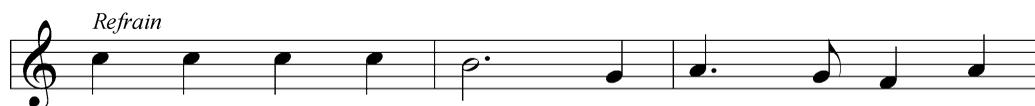


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	<i>LSB 637,</i>
What Is This Bread	<i>LSB 629,</i>
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	<i>LSB 618,</i>

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The League Pledge

C: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

C: Amen. God has revealed His salvation out of lowly Nazareth in Galilee.

P: Can God work out His salvation in lowly places and among strangers today?

C: Amen. "Come and see!"

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give + you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Serve the Lord with Gladness

(Tune: *LSB 662*)

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name.

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land
So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!

“Serve the Lord with gladness!” There’s no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
“Serve the Lord with gladness!” Glorify His name!



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