

Sunday, October 1, 2023, 11:15am
The King Is Coming
LWML Sunday



Today is LWML Celebration!

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people from all walks of life throughout our community and world.

Today the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) invites you to join in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness.

Together, we offer our praise using the theme, "The King is Coming", based on Psalm 24:7–10.

Opening Praise Song

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of Jesus in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and each other that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Jesus, and saying, God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon me, forgive me my sins, and lead me to everlasting life, Amen.

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 Jesus, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: O God, You did not spare Your own Son but gave Him up for us all. Grant that by faith we may trust in Your promises and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Psalm 24:7–10 [Sermon Text]

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

1 Peter 2:4–10

As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a Spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer Spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.” So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

LWML League Pledge

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has an 80-year history. Part of that history is the League Pledge written in 1955 by the Rev. William Fricke, which reminds us of the essence of our reasons for being in mission and our pledge of commitment to our Lord. Every time we recite the League Pledge we are recommitting ourselves to God's Mission Work. This is a commitment we make intentionally and with honor.

A: What is a pledge?

C: A pledge is a promise, a vow, an intent.

A: LWML women hold to a promise of service. Today, as we read our pledge together, let us look closely at why we are making the promise, what we are promising, and how we intend to carry out that promise in action. Why do we make this pledge? The answer is in the pledge itself.

C: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields. We are pledging in gratitude and in obedience to our risen Lord and Savior.

A: What do we promise?

C: We dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have and we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We are pledging to be fully engaged and serve willingly.

A: How do we show our commitment? What do we consecrate to our Savior?

C: 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.

A: Amen.

C: Lord, let it be for us. Amen.

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon

The King Is Coming

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

Blessing of the Quilts

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your Son into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is

now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying,

C: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and love. Heaven and earth are full with the glory of Your name. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

C: Amen.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

God's Benediction

LWML Hymn, Serve The Lord With Gladness [Tune, #662]

1. "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.

Refrain: Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

2. "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.

Refrain.

**3. “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.
*Refrain.***

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