

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

Processional Hymn of Praise

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 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.

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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!

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

C: Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying,

²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’

¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both

bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn

Because of Jesus’ Sacrifice

Insert

Sermon

Apostles Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Recognition of LWML Women in Their Vocation

All LWML members (past and present) are invited to arise as you are able.

P: Beloved in the Lord, these women have served our Lord as part of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. Hear the Word of our Lord concerning those who serve:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in

your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:15-17).

P: In thanksgiving to God for His extravagant grace shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and for the abundant opportunities given people to serve the Lord with gladness in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, let us speak together the LWML 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; 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.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You have given many and various gifts to Your people. Receive our thanks for Your servants of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Guide them to continue to share the gifts You have given them as they serve You with gladness so that more people may acknowledge Your goodness, mercy and love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is never in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Rededication and Installation of LWML Officers

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. *(silence)*

P: For the Church, that clothed with power from on high she may vigorously make known the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Harrison, the President of our Synod, for Dr. John Denninger, the President of our District, and for all commissioned and ordained servants of the Church, for all Lay Leaders who volunteer so much time, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work You have given them to do with courage and compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, all auxiliaries of the Church and all Recognized Service Organizations, that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with joy and serve Christ with gladness, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the leaders of state and all who advocate justice, that the mercy of Christ may be known in all they do, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the poor and the needy, that they would be defended from all danger as their needs are provided according to God's grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their lives would inspire us to ongoing service as we look in hope to the day of Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

Offertory

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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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.**

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 #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!

Prof. Ernest Lewere

Sharing of the Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3)

Because of Jesus' Sacrifice

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1. Be-cause of Je - sus' sa - cri - fice, His blood-bought gift of re -
 2. Be-cause of Je - sus' sa - cri - fice, His blood-bought gift of re -
 3. Be-cause of Je - sus' sa - cri - fice, His blood-bought gift of re -
 4. Be-cause of Je - sus' sa - cri - fice, His blood-bought gift of re -

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demp-tion, we of - fer Him our wil - ling hands, our feet to run on His
 demp-tion, > We con - fess and wit - ness to His death and re - sur -
 demp-tion, we have a life of Mer - cy too, just as we have been for -
 demp-tion, our life to - geth - er will re - flect His love - ly, gra - cious com -

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er - rands. Each day we raise our ho - ly chants as our glad hymns we
 rec - tion. We tell the world He died to save, and take sins a -
 giv - en. God saw our need and wret - ched state and sent for us a
 pas - sion. > All one bo - dy, here we stand, each one a val - ued, cher - ished

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sing, so that all the world will know that Je - sus Christ is
 way, and rose a gain to - just - i - fy on a glo - rious Ea - ster
 helper. We sym - pa thize and - work to - help in the needs of our
 member, so all peo - ple ev - ry where will know that Je - sus Christ is

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King. This is what we're baptized for, and re-ceive gifts di - vine in the
day.
neighbors.
Savior.

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wa - ter and the word in the bread and the wine.

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We con - fess Him with our lives, with our deeds and our

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words, so that peo - ple ev-'ry where will know that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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