



For Us and With Us

Romans 8:31-39



LWML Sunday 2023

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official 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. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

Our Hearts in HIS Hand

OPENING HYMN *"Christ is Our Cornerstone"*

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INVOCATION

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.

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 only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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

ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 100

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!

C: Serve the Lord with gladness!

P: Come into his presence with singing!

C: Know that the Lord, he is God!

P: It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!

C: Give thanks to him; bless his name.

P: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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+ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY +

Pastor: The LORD be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train^[a] of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!” ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” ⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 90:1-4,10-12

P: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: Before the mountains were brought forth,

P: or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

C: from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

P: You return man to dust and say, “Return, O children of man!”

C: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,

P: or as a watch in the night.

C: The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

P: yet their span is but toil and trouble;

C: they are soon gone, and we fly away.

P: Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

C: **So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

EPISTLE

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

+ALLELUIA & VERSE

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

+ HOLY GOSPEL +

Luke 12:35-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

³⁵ “Stay dressed for action^[a] and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants^[b] whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[c] would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. “This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY *"God's own Child, I Gladly Say It"*

LSB 594

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

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**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.

LWML PLEDGE

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (sung)

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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**

COLLECT

P Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Rev. Patrick Pooch
Organist: Bill Vlasak

Service adapted from Lutheran Service Book

Happy Birthday

Veronica Carenza 22nd
Lillian Boettcher 22nd
Elena McAnally 24th
Francis Bendana 24th
Joyce Bofinger 24th
Gene Hemingway 25th
Norm Bothun 26th

Happy Anniversary

David & Susan Barber 24th (53 yrs.)
James & Shelia Smith 25th (49 yrs.)

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, January 22

LWML Sunday

8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
12:00 pm Youth Catechism

Monday, January 23

6:30 pm GriefShare

Wednesday, January 25

9:00 am Women of Faith
3:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:30 pm Bible Study

Friday, January 27

7:00 pm Lifelight Bible Study

Looking Ahead

January 29 – 5th Sunday – One Divine Service at 10:30 am Fellowship Brunch to follow

February 1 – No Bible Study or Divine Service

