

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
LWML Sunday
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)
October 22-23, 2022

"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education"



Music of Preparation, Ringing of the Bells
Welcome, Announcements, Greeting

Our Ministry We are a people of God who are: **"Changing Lives through Worship, Compassion, and Christian Education."**

Welcome! Lifted by the hand of Jesus, wrapped in divine love and empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us worship!

Devotions & Publications are available in the Main Entryway. Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate.

..... **WORSHIP NOTES**

Note About Attendance Cards...Remember that the only way we may know you are worshipping with us is by seeing your name on an attendance card. These cards may be completed as you enter for worship and will be collected after the offering. Use one card for each family that is gathered. **Please list the name of each person in worship.** (Parents, please take responsibility for signing in your children) There is a "Member" side as well as a "Guest" side. Please fill out the appropriate side and pass them to the center aisle during the gathering of the offerings. The cards are gathered after the offering has been collected.

To Our Visitors...Our school has a few nooks and crannies, so don't be afraid to ask an usher where things are. Our pastor and any member here today would also be glad to meet and assist you. A guest information packet is available near the guest register in the main (west) entryway.

For All Who Worship...If you are arriving after the service has started, please allow our ushers to assist you with seating. We ask that you avoid entering during the confession, prayers, or Bible readings as these are quiet and meditative moments.

For Parents with Small Children...We love and want children in our services as a part of God's family, to spend time with Jesus, and to learn how to worship. We also know that kids can be kids. If you need assistance, we have a nursery for children up to age 4 manned with people who love to share the love of Christ with little kids in the lower grade wing. The nursery is staffed during Sunday School and the 11:05 worship service. We want you and your children to experience our Lord's love and to have a great opportunity to worship the Lord along with all who are gathered here to praise our Savior's name.

Notes for Worship: As you prepare for worship this day, we invite you to turn to the prayer section of the Hymnal (page 305). In addition to prayers for before and after worship, there are prayers for all aspects of the Christian Life (some of the prayers are also located on the inside front cover of the hymnal). May these prayers be useful in your worship.

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. 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, our faith propels us all into God's mission and gives us confidence that God's amazing grace will supply our needs and move His mission forward.

Before worship prayer

Faithful God, whose mercies are new to us every morning, we humbly pray that You would look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Keep safe our going out and our coming in, and let Your blessing remain with us throughout this day. Preserve us in Your righteousness and grant us a portion in that eternal life which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

We're So Glad God Brought You Here Today!

Opening Hymn: "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB, hymn #912

Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day
When all the blest To endless rest
Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim
In joyful song, Both loud and long,
That glorious name.

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b*
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalms 124:8*
- 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Let us humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God.
(Moment of silent reflection)
- P: Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*
- C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God,
C: **merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
- P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.** *John 20:19-23*

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy (Sung)

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis ~ Glory To God In The Highest (Sung) *Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**

**For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray . . . God of truth and life, through Your Word, You called people in comfort and complacency back to You and to the tasks You had prepared for the sake of Your kingdom. Continue to guide us in the direction of righteousness that we may trust in You rather than in ourselves, serving our neighbors to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

THE READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

(Holy, Holy, Holy)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their

feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:31-39 *(Nothing can separate us from God's Love)*

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Stand

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:25-40

(Always Be Ready)

Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life ? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is

here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be Seated)

Children's Sermon

Sermon Hymn: "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB, hymn #594

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
 He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
 Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
 That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
 I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
 Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
 In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
 Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
 Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
 And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
 When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
 Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
 Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
 Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Sermon: "For Us And With Us"

Romans 8:31-39

Stand (as you are able)

P: Let us confess our faith, using the words of the 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**

(Please be Seated)

Tithes and Offerings/Rite of Friendship

8:30am - Special Music: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Sanctuary Singers

OFFERTORY - Create In Me

LSB, Divine Service 3, pg 192-193

C: (Sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

+ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE +

P: Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your goodness and love in Christ that sustains us each day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is for us and with us in all things. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and sustainer of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Guide, we pray, our congregation in our life together and witness in the world. Grant us Your grace and strengthen Your people through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that each person involved would see opportunities to be salt and light to their neighbors and through various opportunities for mission. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Sanctify our homes with Your presence, reminding us that nothing can separate us from Your love. Unite the members of all families in love toward You and each other. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, we seek Your grace and mercy for those who are ill or injured. We pray that you be with those hospitalized this past week (*Especially, . . .*). Also be with those who continue treatment and healing at home. We pray for them and all those that we name in our hearts . . . (*Silence*). O Lord, Grant relief to all those who suffer from mental or physical affliction, that they may know healing for their wounds and cures for their diseases. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(Additional prayers of the congregation. Each petition concludes with. . .)

P: . . . Lord, In Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

BLESSING AND SENDING

P: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: "Take Heart!" *(NID LWML Theme Song)*

("I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33)

In this world of pain and sorrow
We are driven to despair.
He gives us hope in each new tomorrow!
In Him is joy that we share! *(Chorus)*

(Chorus)
We take heart in Jesus!
He gives us joy, and peace, and rest!
We take heart! He's overcome the world!
In Him we are so blessed!

In this world of lives depleted
We are helpless and not strong.
He overcame the world; it's defeated!
In Him is strength all day long! *(Chorus)*

In this world of tribulation
We are confident of this:
He died and rose to win our salvation!
In Him is heavenly bliss! *(Chorus)*

In this world of deep depression
We are living in its strife.
He comes to free us from its oppression!
In Him is vict'ry and life! *(Chorus)*

In this world of devils luring
We are sharing all God's done.
He makes us bold! His Word is assuring!
In Him the battle is won! *(Chorus)*

In this world of senseless pleasure
We are overcome with sins.
He gives His grace that's free beyond measure!
In Him forgiveness begins! *(Chorus)*

In this world of vain ambition
We are list'ning to His voice.
He fills our hearts and we're on His mission!
In Him we serve and rejoice! *(Chorus)*

See You In Worship Next Week!

After worship prayer

Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

There will be Prayer Ministry Member(s) in each service that will be wearing a prayer ministry tag around their neck. Please look for them if you are wanting prayer for yourself, someone else or prayer for a concern or situation you may have.

Please join us for coffee and donut holes in the cafeteria after Sunday services.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers this weekend are given in loving memory of my husband, Mark on our wedding anniversary, October 20th; also in loving memory of our parents, Evan & Eileen Gradberg and Tom & Eloise Lindsay, brother, Tom Gradberg and granddaughter, Alexandra Faith Gradberg, by Kathy Gradberg; also in loving memory of Cathy, by husband Rob Wood; also in loving memory of my parents, James & Johanna Campbell and brothers, David & Jim Campbell, by Barb Campbell.

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