

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
LWML Sunday
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)
October 10-11, 2026

"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! "To the church of St. Paul's Lutheran, in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace" (see 1 Thessalonians 1:1)..Welcome to all who have gathered to praise God today. May we worship with grateful hearts and reach out to one another in the love and fellowship of Christ.

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: “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”

LSB, hymn #706

Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.

Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

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: Dearest Lord Jesus, you have told us that you came into this world not to be served but to serve.

C: In Your service dear Lord we were granted forgiveness, peace and hope.

P: You dear Lord are the One whom we now serve.

C: We serve You in thought, word and deed.

P: Dear Lord, bless us in our service to You.

C: Lead and guide us dear Lord in all our acts of service.

P: Dear Lord, you tell us whatever we have done unto the least of these Your brothers and sisters.

C: we have done unto You.

P: Bless us dear Lord in our doing.

C: that it would be done unto You and Your kingdom.

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 humble ourselves before our Good and gracious God and confess our sins to God our Father. . . . Most merciful God,

C: 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: 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*

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
C: **And also with you.**
P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, 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

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 4:1-12 *(Love Earnestly)*

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. The time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does. The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies - in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

Stand

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:10-20 *(You Are The Light Of The World)*

[Jesus said:] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be Seated)

Sermon Hymn: "Jesus, Greatest at the Table" *LSB, hymn #446*

Jesus, greatest at the table,
The almighty Son of Man,
Laid aside His outer clothing,
Poured some water in a pan;
As the Twelve lay, hushed in silence,
He the servant's task began.

Marvel how their Lord and teacher
Gently taught them not to vie
As He humbly knelt before them,
Dusty feet to wash and dry,
By His tender touch expressing
True compassion from on high.

Jesus took the role of servant
When upon that gruesome span,
For all human sin He suffered
As a vile and loathsome man;
On the cross poured out like water
To fulfill the Father's plan.

Can we fathom such deep mercy?
Do we see what God has done?
Who can grasp this great reversal:
Love that gives His only Son?
Christ, the sinless for the sinners,
For the many dies the One.

Jesus gave to His disciples
A commandment that was new:
"Show My love to one another,
Do as I have done for you;
All the world will know you love Me
As you love each other too."

Sermon: "Eagerly Supporting The Mission of Jesus"

Matthew 5:10-20

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/Attendance Cards

8:30am - Special Music: "Amazing Grace/Beautiful Savior"

Amber Brinkmann, Piano

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 for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people
according to their needs . . . Almighty Father, You delight in righteousness, and
in Your mercy You have made us righteous. Grant that His righteousness -
bestowed in Baptism - may be seen in our lives, so that Your Church may
preserve what is good as salt and shine with the light of Christ before the
world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord our God, You have made us the sheep of Your pasture and called us to
serve You with gladness. By the righteousness of Christ living in us,
strengthen Your people to use the gifts You have given as good stewards of
Your varied grace - speaking Your Word faithfully and serving with the strength
that You supply. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Gracious Lord, bless the Lutheran Women in Mission as they support the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. Let the righteousness of Christ - given to them and living through them - move their hearts to joyful generosity, faithful service, and steadfast support of missionaries who bear Christ's saving Word to the nations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, because Christ's righteousness covers us and renews us, teach your people to love one another earnestly, to show hospitality without grumbling, and to seek the good of their neighbors. Let Christ's mercy shape our deeds, that His grace may be seen in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, strengthen all who endure reviling, persecution, and fiery trials for the sake of Christ. Let His righteousness be their comfort, His promises their hope, and His cross their confidence, that they may rejoice even when maligned for his name. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Ruler of all, grant wisdom to those who govern and protect our communities. Restrain evil, uphold justice, and bless all who pursue what is good, that cities may rejoice when righteousness - Christ's righteousness - prevails and Your blessing exalts the land. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Compassionate Father, look with kindness on the sick, the troubled, the grieving, and the dying. 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*). Grant healing according to Your will, peace in Your promises, and steadfast faith in Christ, whose righteousness covers all our sin and whose resurrection gives life to the world. 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: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB, hymn #832

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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.

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

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers this weekend are given in celebration of Richard and Nadine Engel's 48th wedding anniversary on October 7th. Also in honor of Bill Arseneau's birthday, by his wife Jill. With thanks to God for His many blessings.

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As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

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 hath need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voices 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 fellowship with Him.