

# St. Paul's Lutheran Church

## LWML Sunday

(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Saturday, October 9, 2021, 5:00 pm & Sunday, October 10, 2021, 8:30 am

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



Our *hearts*  
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

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

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

**Welcome!** Jesus reassured the disciples, "For God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27, NRSV). So today we bring our doubts and fears, our questions and struggles to God, who will guide us through.

**Devotions & Publications** are available in the Main Entryway.  
(Please leave donation envelopes in the offering plate, **not in the envelope basket.**)

### ..... 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 church and school have 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. 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 encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service.

**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: "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"**

*LSB, hymn #915*

Today Your mercy calls us      To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,      Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy      Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us      And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,      And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome      And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,      A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,      A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;      His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather      Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us      How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,      It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,      O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You      When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,      To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,      One ear will hear our prayer.

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*(adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Four)*

- 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.** *Psalm 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*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray . . . O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)*

Hymn: “**Voices Raised to You We Offer**” *LSB, hymn #795 (tune 924)*

Voices raised to You we offer;  
Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
For Your gifts through all our days.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!

All creation joins to praise You;  
Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us,  
We return to You today.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God, Creator, source of life!

Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
Touching earth with heaven’s grace,  
For Your living, suff’ring, dying,  
For Your rising, hear our praise!

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

Spirit, flaming through creation,  
Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
Through our hands Your love impart.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

How can any praise we offer  
Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
Gifts of love we can bestow.

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!

**THE READING OF THE WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson:** Ezekiel 36:22-27 *(A New Heart)*

“Therefore say to the Israelites, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, people of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you before their eyes. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.’”

**Epistle Lesson:** 1 Peter 1:18-22 *(Love One Another From The Heart)*

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead

and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

Stand

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

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Mark 12:28-31 *(Love Your Neighbor As Yourself)*

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be Seated)*

**Sermon Hymn: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"**

*LSB, hymn #704*

Renew me, O eternal Light,  
And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace  
That issues from Your holy face.

Remove the pow'r of sin from me  
And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will  
Temptations of the flesh to still.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,  
That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire,  
And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only You may love  
And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face,  
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

**Sermon:** "Love From A Pure Heart"

*1 Peter 1:22*

Stand

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**

**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: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray, . . . Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. 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 every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. 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 and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for vulnerable neighbors - the unborn, widows, orphans, the lonely, the poor - and all needy and suffering persons, that You, O Lord, would meet all their needs of body and soul according to Your will, 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:** "Serve The Lord With Gladness" *(LWML Theme Song)*  
*(tune: LSB, hymn #662, "Onward, Christian Soldiers")*

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone  
Who redeems 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 then 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!

**See You In Worship Next Week!**

*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, Allen Gehm, who passed away on Oct. 19, 2016, by Joan Gehm & family; also in celebration of Richard and Nadine Engel’s 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 7th, with thanks to God for His many blessings.

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### LWML MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.



**Lutheran  
 Women  
 in Mission**

### 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.

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