

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.

Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The Bell Choir

OPENING HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LSB 901

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two)

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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit 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.

ADULT CHOIR “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”

Refrain: Let all the world in every corner sing;
My God and King! My God and King!

¹The heav’ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow, there may grow

²The church with psalms must shout, No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part, the longest part.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever!

P The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast
love endures forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE **“Glory Be to God the Father”** LSB
506

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful
men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your
unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge
between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in
it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will
remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and
thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no
rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the
men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but
behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 80:7–19

P ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may
be saved!

C **⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the
nations and planted it.**

P ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the
land.

C **¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty
cedars with its branches.**

P ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

C **¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who
pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

P ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the
field feed on it.

C **¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven,
and see; have regard for this vine,**

P ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

C **¹⁶They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

P ¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

C **¹⁸Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

P ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:4b–14

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.


C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

- P Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
- C **This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33–46

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.** 

Jesus said, ³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁶And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

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.**

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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SERMON TEXT

Matthew 21:33–46

SERMON

“Ready for God’s Harvest Day”

Jesus Has Readied You for God’s Harvest Day!

1. Receive God’s gifts; stop _____!
2. Respect God’s Son; stop _____!
3. Rejoice at the resurrection harvest to come; stop _____!

HYMN

“Praise, Love, Serve”

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: *LSB* 361)

Our God and Father, made the earth,
And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here
To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us.
He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into
Our hearts to dwell within.

In gratitude we pledge ourselves,
To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing;
Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we’ll do gladly;
His Gospel we’ll defend;
Our silver and our gold we’ll use —
His Kingdom to extend.

Wherever He has need of us,
We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us,
We’ll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls
Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life
Through fellowship with Him.

INSTALLATION OF THE LWML OFFICERS

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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Adapted from Evening Prayer,

LSB)

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 For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League 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, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For...*(additional bids for prayer may be added here)*...let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

BLESSING

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.
C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, 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!

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ALTAR FLOWERS – Today’s altar flowers are provided by Jon & Jeanette Rettinger in celebration and thanksgiving for their 35th wedding anniversary.

THANK YOU – I want to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers for my surgery and recovery and Pastor Wonnacott for his visits. ~ Ed Coffel

MANY THANKS! – Mildred Bollenbacher would like to thank you all for the many beautiful cards and comfort she received following Lester’s passing. She so appreciates your loving care for her.

BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of October 1, 2020 - \$98,500
This amount represents over 7 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY..... October 4, 2020

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Worship Service..... 11:15 am
LWML Zone Rally..... 2:00 pm

MON:

8th Grade Confirmation..... 4:30 pm

TUES:

7th Grade Confirmation..... 4:30 pm

WED:

Men’s Bible Study..... 6:30 am
Day School Chapel..... 8:05 am
LifeLight..... 6:45 pm

THUR:

PTL Meeting..... 3:30 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel..... 9:30 am

SAT:

PTL Rummage Sale..... 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY..... October 11, 2020

Sunday School & Bible Classes..... 8:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 9:30 am

Worship Service with Communion..... 11:15 am

Parish Fellowship Meeting..... after 2nd service

Bell Choir..... 5:00 pm

Adult Choir..... 6:00 pm

LWML South Bend Zone Fall Rally HERE, TODAY, October 4, begins at 2:00 p.m., with Registration 1:30 p.m. Speaker: Charlotte Campbell, of Kentucky, for M.O.S.T Ministries. Light supper afterward (prepared in individual servings, with appropriate safety precautions), freewill donation. All ladies are encouraged to attend for a time of mission education and fellowship with ladies of our Zone.

LWML Meeting- Monday, October 5, 7:00pm, Bethany Room. We will be learning about the work of Bethesda. All ladies welcome! Refreshments afterward.



End-of-the-Year Rummage Sale

PTL is hosting an end-of-the-season rummage sale on **October 10th**, 8:00am- 4:00pm, in the gym. We are currently accepting donations of gently used clothing, shoes, books, toys, décor, small furniture, and the like. *All donations can be placed on the gym stage until October 9th, 3:30.* We will also need volunteers on October 9th and 10th, to set up and supervise the sale. If you are interested in helping or need help with donating items, please contact Jennifer Harman or Heidi Wildauer. All money collected will be taken as donations to assist the PTL.

Next Scrip Sunday is TODAY, October 4th

POSITION AVAILABLE – The Board of Church Properties is still looking for a new church custodian. Average 15 hours a week. If you are interested or can recommend someone, please contact Todd Haug 574-209-1215.

Youth NEWS

For Grade 6 through High School Youth: We have an opportunity to serve our community by helping out on **Saturday afternoon, October 10th**, at the old St. Paul's church building. We will do some general projects and clean up around the building and property that has historical significance for our congregation. Please let Andy Wildauer know if you can help out so we can plan accordingly.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP BOARD MEETING after 2nd service, next Sunday, October 11, 2020.

Servants for Today's Worship

Administrative Pastor: Roger Rohde 546-2332 or 574-209-0306

Assistant Pastor: Neil Wonnacott 546-2332 or 574-301-9291

Organist: Anita Eichinger

Usher: Jason Russell

Acolyte: Maddison Raskow

Elder: 1st service: Jim Kaiser, 2nd service: Dennis Sienicki



St. Paul's PTL in conjunction with
Bourbon Street Pizza and Subway in Downtown Bourbon
 And ***Bourbon Street Pizza of Nappanee*** at 1411 East Market St..

Will host a fundraiser on
 Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 all day.
 Present this coupon at the restaurant of your choice and St. Paul's PTL will receive the percentage listed on the coupon for the sales from your patronage that day!

You must present a coupon when you pay your bill
for St. Paul's PTL to receive credit!

This coupon may be copied. Give copies to all your friends and relatives and encourage them to support our school, too!!

Questions??? Call the school office at 546-2790



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