

LWML Sunday

Serve the Lord with gladness

Psalm 100:2



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Today we praise our Lord, Jesus Christ, and celebrate the service of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. May our Lord and His Church always be glorified through their mission work.

We welcome everyone to God's House this morning!

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. If you are not partaking of the Lord's Supper but would like to receive a blessing, please come up to the communion rail when sent by an elder, kneel, and cross your arms over your chest. The Pastor will then know that you desire a blessing.

OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD FROM HIS BLESSINGS TO US.

Offerings remind us of the blessings God has given us and are an opportunity to thank Him for what He has done in our lives. Please place your offerings in our Offering Box located in the narthex of the church.

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We welcome children and all the joy and little chatter that comes with them. If for any reason you want to take your little one out, there is a Nursery (Cry Room) available for use, located just outside the sanctuary.

The Bible has a great deal to say about servanthood because the central theme of the Bible is the Servant of all-Jesus Christ. "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). When we give Jesus Christ His rightful place as Lord of our lives, His lordship will be expressed in the way we serve others (John 15:12-13). How can we demonstrate love for God? Our love for God will be expressed in our love for others. "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5). The five words in the New Testament translated "ministry" generally refer to servanthood or service given in love. Serving others is the very essence of ministry. All believers are called to ministry (Matthew 28:18-20), and, therefore, we are all called to be servants for the glory of God. God the Father has served us by sacrificing Christ on the cross for our sins, and we should serve others by giving the gospel and our lives to them (1 Thessalonians 1:5-6). ~ gotquestions.org ~

Bell Choir "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

Opening Hymn 948 "All Glory Be to God Alone"

(Luke 2:10-14; John 1:29, 36; Rev. 5:9-14; 1 John 2:2)

✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b)*

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 124:8)*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *(Psalm 32:5)*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

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. *(John 20:19-23)*

C **Amen**

Adult Choir "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Choir:

1. Will you let me be your servant;
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,

we are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Congregation & Choir:

5. Will you let me be your servant;
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 34:1-3; antiphon: Isaiah 62:11

- P** Say to the daughter of Zion,
C **"Behold, your salvation comes."**
P I will bless the Lord at all times;
C **His praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
P My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
C **let the humble hear and be glad.**
P Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
C **and let us exalt His name together!**

All: 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.

- P** Say to the daughter of Zion,
C **"Behold, your salvation comes**

Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy (Mark 10:47)*

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

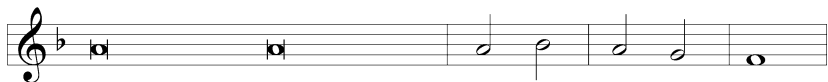
Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest* *LSB 187*
(*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



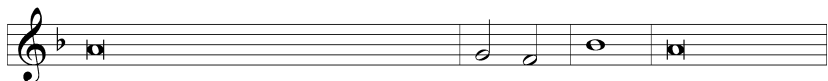
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



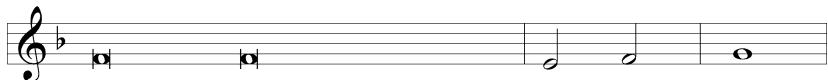
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(2 Timothy 4:22)

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel's message of Your will, we too may hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalms 45:6-7a

P Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.

C **The scepter of Your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;**

P You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

C **Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness.**

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:26–38

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call his name JESUS. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, ³³and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called Holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.

Hymn 937 "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" *(Luke 2:29-32)*

Sermon Text

Luke 1:38

Sermon "Ready to Serve"

Offertory *(Psalm 51:10-12)*

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayers

Lord's Prayer *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

- ☐ **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.**

☞ *Installation of LWML Officers* ☞

LWML Pledge: (All)

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.

Benedicamus *Let Us Bless (Psalm 103:1)*

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

LWML Hymn "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

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

Calendar of Events

TODAY ~ LWML Sunday ~	October 6th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service.....	9:30 am
Scrip Day	After Service
LWML Zone Rally @ Calvary, Ply.....	2:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm
MON:	
LWML Meeting	7:00 pm
TUES:	
PTL Meeting	6:00 pm
WED:	
Prepare Hospitality Meals.....	9:00 am
Day School Chapel	11:00 am
LifeLight	6:45 pm
THURS:	
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Study.....	9:30 am
Preschool Chapel	9:30 am
2nd Thursday Bible Study.....	6:00 pm
FRI:	
Euchre	7:00 pm
NEXT SUNDAY ~ Youth Service ~.....	October 13th, 2024
Sunday School & Bible Classes.....	8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....	9:30 am
Spaghetti Luncheon	After Service
Adult Basketball.....	2:00-4:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....	5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	6:00 pm

Over Fall Break, we will be moving religious non-fiction reading materials from the church/school library to the book shelves in the Emmaus Room. These items will include Bibles, hymnals, theological writings, devotionals, etc. (For you library geeks: the 200’s)

Special Concerns:

That through the Holy Spirit we are equipped and ready to serve the Lord and our neighbors.

For Pastor Rafael & Deaconess Jamielynn Flores and Pastor Micah Wildauer and their work in foreign missions.

That the Lord would bless our offerings that we give today.

For our country and her leaders.

For the Lord's continued grace and protection of our Haitian brothers and sisters during this time of violence and unrest and for all persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For those who serve us in their vocation of policemen and firemen.

Don't forget the Portals of Prayer & HopeFull Living devotionals for October-December are available in the tract rack in the Narthex.

LWML South Bend Zone Rally is today, Oct. 6, 2:00 pm, at Calvary, Plymouth. Registration: 1:30. Light supper afterward (suggestion donation). Speaker Laurie Hayn, who will share how her life changed after an horrific farm accident. **INGATHERING: Phil's Friends.**

Requested: washable markers; colored pencils; small box crayons; comp. books, Sharpie pens black/colors; soft socks; sock hats or ball caps. A box will be located in the narthex. You can find more information on the "Check-It-Out" board.

LWML will meet tomorrow, October 7 at 7:00 pm, , in the Bethany Room. Program: Sacred Hymn Sing. If you choose a hymn outside LSB, please bring the words to copy. You may share the hymn's "history" if you wish, or tell why it's special to you. Refreshments served after. All ladies are welcome. Can't sing, you say. Then let's make a joyful noise, all His people. Amen.

From the Hospitality Crew – Our next meal preparation is this Wednesday, October 9th. We are making chicken & noodles. We are in need of donations of carrots, celery, potatoes, and chicken broth. Thank you so much for your help.

The Father / Son Fun Night is October 17th at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Come to enjoy a night of board games and card games with family. We'll also have delicious refreshments! There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex so we can plan accordingly, or you can call the church office. Bring a friend or family member, or just bring yourself on October 17th.

To listen to the Lutheran Hour any time call 800-876-9880, then hit the # 3. Also, the Lutheran Hour Weekly can be heard on WOWO 1190AM on Sundays at 10:30 am.

The security system has been repaired! If you had a fob and need a replacement, please see one of the secretaries and we will get one set up for you. Please note, a valid email address is required to set up a fob.

YOUTH NEWS

ANNUAL YOUTH SERVICE + LUNCHEON: All are invited to join us for our Annual Youth Church Service on Sunday, October 13th, where Youth of our congregation contribute before and during the service in different ways (through music, Bible readings, and more). Following the service, we are hosting a spaghetti luncheon - for planning **we just need a basic order form completed by today** (forms available in the church narthex). There is no cost for the meal. Free will donations accepted that will go to support those attending the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans.

YOUTH SERVICE EVENT: Youth in Grades 4-HS are encouraged to join us on Tuesday, October 15th to help Bremen Bags as we have in years past. We will meet on site (in the building behind the EMS station/ACE Hardware on West Plymouth street here in Bremen) at 6:30 pm. This is an opportunity for our Youth to serve those around us and give back to our community, as we will also be donating the peanut butter that was collected through September.

Look for more information via our "St. Paul's Youth" GroupMe chat or contact Youth Board Director Andy Wildauer.

SCHOOL CORNER

We have several events coming up in the elementary school:

Thank you, PTL, for organizing the Fall Open House on Friday! We enjoyed the fellowship. . . and ice cream! (The next PTL meeting is Oct. 8th, at 6:00pm.)

October 11th marks the end of our First Quarter, and we are scheduling Parent/Teacher Conferences for Oct. 16-17th. If you have a child in the school, please send in your form to request a time slot!

Coming soon: Fall Break- October 18th-21st; PTL La Parilla Fundraiser- October 29th, all day!

Thank you for all you do to support the school, through prayers, volunteerism, and financially. We appreciate you!

We are still looking for help in our Extended Care Program- hours and days may vary. This is a part-time position, requiring a background check. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Miller or Jennifer Harman. **We are also always thankful to have volunteers to read with and assist the students!** (Also requires a background check.)

Please continue giving to the Lutheran SGO! Our goal is to make a Christian education affordable, so please continue to give, and receive the tax credit and deduction for your donations! **Now, there is a link to donate to the LSGO on the church's website under the School drop-down menu.**

You can also find several (easy) ways to donate at www.lutheranSGO.org/Donate. Donations can be given through a check, IRA, stocks, Donor Advised Funds, PayPal, credit card, and **NOW electronic giving!** Benefits to you are a 50% state tax credit for your donation and eligibility for a tax deduction. These scholarships make a big difference for our families. Please contact Jennifer Harman, in the school office, if you have questions.

We also continue to take donations to St. Paul's tuition assistance fund. Checks for tuition assistance can be made out to the church.

Servants for Today's Worship October 6th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Joe Hughes & Gio Mejia
Acolyte: Kayli & Cory Miller
Elder: Terry Miller
Video Streamer: Ethan Tjernagel

Servants for Next Sunday's Worship October 13th, 2024

Pastor Neil Wonnacott (574-546-2332 or 574-301-9291)
Organist: Anita Eichinger
Ushers: Todd Haug & Eric Thornton
Acolyte: Avery Cannon
Elder: Mike Gumz
Communion Assistant: Larry Britt
Video Streamer: Paul Wonnacott



PTL Fundraiser

Tuesday October 29th, 2024, all day
La Parilla Caliente Mexican Restaurant
119 W. Plymouth St. Bremen

This is dine-in or carry out, and includes gift cards.

PTL will receive commission from the sales.

\$25 Gift cards can be purchased for \$20!
(\$5 from the sale will go to PTL.)

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