SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
LWML SUNDAY – FAITH LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

Order of Worship – 9 AM
+ Service of Holy Communion +

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.

AS WE GATHER - The gift of faith by which we live one day at a time is something to be practiced, not taken for granted. We are each a mysterious combination of our families, teachers, friends, and experiences. Paul invites us to fan into flame the gifts of God we receive through the people in our lives. Not all gifts feel like blessings. Some are the traumas and losses we inevitably undergo. Even so, we have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Jesus invites us to let forgiveness, faith, and service become our daily habit. By following in Jesus’ way, we are empowered to freely share that love with every person we meet.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Tranquil Thoughts” by Nancy Heyward

WELCOME
[MMeans please stand; [Means please be seated]

OPENING HYMN With Joy We Come Together Tune: “O Savior, Precious Savior”
Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer

With joy we come together, Our hearts of one accord, Rejoicing in the blessings Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women, Who've served You through the years, Sustaining one another Through vict'ry, trials, and fears. We follow now their service, Devoted, Christ, to You. No matter what Your errand, We'll strive to follow through.
Through ministries supported, We've seen Your love outpoured.  
With mites that You've provided, We've learned to trust You, Lord.  
Our many hands have served You, Yet much is left undone.  
Your mission must continue in reaching everyone.  

Lord, with Your love and guidance, We'll serve You faithfully.  
Wherever You should lead us, We'll follow willingly.  
May we be bold in witness So others see Your grace.  
That we may one day worship Together face to face.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P  In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C  Amen.  
P  Confident in His steadfast love, we approach our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness.  
C  Merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You in thought, word, and action. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. I have grown timid and afraid when confronted by evil. I have not trusted You completely when facing challenges bigger than myself. For the sake of the atoning work of Your Son, Jesus Christ, my Savior, forgive me. By Your Holy Spirit, lead me to a faith more confident in Your wisdom, grace, and power. Lord, put my faith to work for the sake of Your kingdom. 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.

PSALM  

P  For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.  
C  He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.  
P  How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
C  They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.  
P  For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.  
C  He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.  
P  On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
C  Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.  
P  Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.  
C  Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.  
P  Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,  
C  and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.  
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  For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.  
C  He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.
KYRIE
Have mercy on us, Lord.
Receive our prayers and praise.
Defend us by Your mighty Word
Lord, comfort, help, and save.

Grace all who worship here
With unity and peace.
In all the world, both far and near,
Your kingdom, Lord, increase!

Tune: “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

HYMN OF PRAISE
Look, the Table's spread before us, Foretaste of the feast to come.
Christ, the Lamb of God, victorious, Has for us salvation won!
Join the hymn of all creation, By His blood we are set free.
Saints of ev'ry tribe and nation, Celebrate His jubilee!

Power, riches, honor, glory, Be to God and to the Lamb.
His the vict'ry, His the story, Praise and thank the Great I AM.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Bless the Lord of earth and heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Life restored and sins forgiven!

Tune: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray...
All: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the
prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive
through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

EPISTLE LESSON
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)
A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 1:1–14

ALLELUIA VERSE
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Celebrate what God has done.
Hear the gospel, Spread the story,
God's good news for everyone!

Tune: Refrain of “Father Welcomes”
HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.
(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]

HYMN OF THE DAY For All the Faithful Women

[stand up for v. 4]

1 For all the faithful wom-en Who served in days of old,
2 For Eu-nice and for Lo - is We sing our thanks and praise.
3 O God, for saints and serv-ants, Those named and those un-known
4 All praise to God the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ the Son!

To You shall thanks be giv-en; To all, their sto - ry told.
Young Tim-oth-ey they nur - tured And led him in Your ways.
In whom through all the a-ges Your light of glo-ry shone.
All praise the Ho - ly Spir-it, Who binds the Church in one!

They served with strength and glad-ness In tasks Your wis-dom gave.
Raise up in ev - 'ry house-hold True teach - ers of Your Word
We of - fer glad thank-giv-ing And fer-vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit-ness still,

To You their lives bore wit-ness, Pro-claimed Your pow’r to save.
Whose lives will bear clear wit-ness To Christ, our ris-en Lord.
That, faith-ful in Your ser-vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al-le-Lu-ias And strive to do Your will.


SERMON “A LIVING TREASURE”  2 Timothy 1:1-14

I. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a treasure we are supposed to guard and protect, like a precious work of art.
II. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a treasure we want to give and share, like a lifesaving medicine.
CREEDAL PRAYER

1. Cre-ating Father, by Your Word, All things have come to be,
   From empty void and formless dark To all that we can see.
   At eventide and morning sun, Your tapestry You weave,
   And now in unity we sing, “O Father, we believe.”

2. Re-deem-ing Son, here virgin born From heav’n to earth You came
   To save us all from sin and death; So Jesus is Your name.
   For us You suffered and You died; You rose that we might live,
   And now in unity we sing, “O Jesus, we believe.”

3. Em-pow’ring Spirit, Breath of life, You gather us as one
   Like rain and snow, Your Word comes down, Its purposes are done.
   Your wind blows free, Your fruit is grown, Your many gifts received,
   And now in unity we sing, “O Spirit, we believe.”

OFFERING / CHOIR SELECTION

"I Will Wait for You"

OFFERTORY

All Depends on Our Possessing

1. All depends on our possess-ing God’s ab-un-dant grace and bless-ing, Though all earth-ly wealth de-part.
   They who trust with faith un-shak-en By their God are not for-sak-en And will keep a daunt-less heart.

2. He who to this day has fed me And to man-y joys has led me Is and ev-er shall be mine.
   He who ev-er gent-ly schools me, He who dai-ly guides and rules me Will re-main my help di- vine.

3. Man-y spend their lives in fret-ting O-ver tri-fles and in get-ting Things that have no sol-id ground.
   I shall strive to win a trea-sure That will bring me last-ing plea-sure And that now is sel-dom found.

4. If my days on earth He lengthen,
   God my weary soul will strengthen;
   All my trust in Him I place.
   Earthly wealth is not abiding,
   Like a stream away is gliding;
   Safe I anchor in His grace.
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Friends in Christ, lift up your hearts to God and pray with me. Almighty God, give to your church a boldness of faith which is not afraid to go where You lead us. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We thank You for the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, supporting Your work across the world. By Your Spirit, strengthen and encourage all Christian women as they fulfill their various callings in service to You. Sustain their generosity as they support mission outreach through their LWML Mite Boxes. Lord, by Your power, multiply their gifts for Your kingdom's increase. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bring healing, Lord, to those who are sick [special petitions]. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all who lead in the world and in our nation..., and for those who lead in Your church..., bless them to lead with humility, wisdom, justice, and peace. Protect all who serve us in harm's way.... Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of life, use us, Your people, to provide for the poor and the hungry across the world. Through Your church, preserve and defend the unborn and all victims of hate and injustice. Renew our faith as we serve boldly in Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and blessed us with a living, active faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Here we remember and proclaim all that He has done for us, how He has saved us from sin, death, and hell by His bitter suffering and death and His glorious resurrection. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Sing “Holy, holy, holy!” with all the saints in light.
“Hosanna, loud hosanna, Lord God of power and might!”
We join the ranks of angels in their celestial throng
“Hosanna in the highest!” shall be our endless song!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION
PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command and with His own words, we receive His promises in this Sacrament.

[Remain standing]

AGNUS DEI  

Lamb of God  

Tune: “The Day Thou Gavest”

O Lamb of God, have mercy on us
The sins of all You take away.
O Lamb of God, have mercy on us
And give us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Your holy body crucified for us
Your blood poured out in sacrifice
We now receive in the meal before us.
O Lamb of God, give us Your peace.

Reminder: gluten free wafer (by holding up an index finger to the elder), and non-alcoholic wine (the white grape juice in the center) are also available.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat

Leader

LSB 626

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
3 In His presence now we meet and rest,
4 Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's mighty Word,

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.
In His presence now we meet and rest.
Rise, then, to spread a-broad God's mighty Word.

(continued)
Leader

Our Lord's body let us take together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,

All

Our Lord's body let us take together,
Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,
In the presence of our Lord we gather,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

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Eat This Bread

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Come to Him and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

Cantor or Choir

1. This is His body given for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death until He comes again.

3. Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

5. If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.

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Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,

And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
To all believers life eternal yields;
And take the pledges of salvation here.

Offered was He for greatest and for least,
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow

Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

THANKSGIVING
Tune: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

Father, we thank You for all Your blessings
Food at this table, graces divine,
Oneness in faith, our Savior confessing
His very presence, mystery sublime.

Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the sending.
Yours is the message, rich with Your love,
Ours for the telling, truth without ending,
Ours for the singing, here and above.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O God the Father, we give You thanks that in this meal You strengthen us for service in Your kingdom. Your love in this sacrament motivates us to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, in all of our callings and relationships. By Your Holy Spirit, give us grace to go out with boldness to witness to what we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Amen.
BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
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 His peace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” by E. L. Ashford

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