



# Our hearts in HIS hand

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

**2021 LWML SUNDAY  
Worship Service**

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.

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OPENING HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

*LSB 913*

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C: **who made heaven and earth.**
- 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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ 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.  
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.
- C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 86:5–12

- L: *For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,*  
C: ***abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.***  
L: *Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.*  
C: ***In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.***  
L: *There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.*  
C: ***All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.***  
L: *For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.*  
C: ***Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.***  
L: *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.*  
C: ***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.**

### KYRIE

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

### HYMN OF PRAISE “The Lord My God Be Praised”      LSB 794

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**  
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.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22–27

**22** “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. **23** And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. **24** I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.<sup>[a]</sup>

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:18–22

**18** Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. **20** He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you **21** who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**22** Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 12:28–31**

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

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

**28** And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" **29** Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' **31** The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

*After the reading:*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**LSB, p. 207**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” LSB 704**

**SERMON. “Love One Another from Pure Hearts” 1 Peter 1:22**

## **Word of Welcome and Support For the Ministry**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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: For... (*additional intercessions of the congregation*). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: For communicants who come to Your table to eat and drink Your Son's holy body and blood: May they draw near with humble confidence in Your forgiveness and reliance upon Your promise of nurture as we faithfully walk the heavenward way. 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 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*LSB, p. 209*

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to the saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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”**

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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