

LWML SUNDAY - October 4, 2020

OPENING HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates" 901

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him to answer prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 3) 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

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Glory Be to God" 506

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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!

- 3) 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 Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st: Isaiah 5:1-7 2nd: Philippians 3:4b-14

P: *(After Each Reading)* This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-46

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

THE CREED

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 "Praise, Love, Serve" Tune: 361

- 1) 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.

3) 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.

SERMON

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. (© 1955 LWML authored by Rev. Harry Fricke)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: 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...(additional prayers)...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.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Let the Vineyards" 955

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us A foretaste of the feast to come.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS Tune: 798

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King!
Who was and is the same.
And evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Father, Great I AM! We worship Thee!"

LORD'S PRAYER AND CONSECRATION

P: (*Consecration*) As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD Tune: 346

Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God, Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
[Did] full atonement win.

O Holy Lamb of God, have mercy now upon us.

Under the bread and wine,
Your body now is given us,

Your blood poured out for all,

We now in faith receive.

Grant us Your peace, O Lord,

That we in You may live.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you . . . and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN . . . "Serve the Lord" Tune: 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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Hymn: "Behold the Lamb" v. 2

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Hymn: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

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