

Lutheran Women in Mission
✠ Ready to Serve ✠

PRELUDE

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 112:1; Philippians 1:6*

P Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
C **who greatly delights in His commandments!**

P Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P Holy and merciful Lord,
C **Your people come to You, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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. Thanks be to God.**

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You have adopted us into Your family and made us partakers of Your grace, giving gifts even to everlasting life. Direct us that we may live out this hope faithfully and encourage us when we are wearied by the changes and chances of this mortal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15* (Hate evil; love good; seek justice.)

Seek the Lord and live,

lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate,

and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,

you have built houses of hewn stone,

but you shall not dwell in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,

but you shall not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live;
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,
as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Hebrews 3:12–19* (Take care lest you fall into unbelief.)

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO Make Me a Channel of Your Peace ...Sebastian Temple

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22* (“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CREED *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 Lutheran Women, One And All

**1 Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.**

**We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.**

**2 Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.**

**3 Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
e in heaven shall all be one.**

Tune: LSB 892 Elmer A. Kettner

SERMON

Text: "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

LWML PLEDGE

C 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.

OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED

PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty and everlasting God, look with compassion on Your Church.

C Protect Your children from anything that would lead us away from You.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son warns us against the danger of trusting in wealth and earthly goods.

C Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with our worldly possessions.

P O Lord, have pity on all Your servants afflicted in body or soul.

C Grant health and healing in accord with Your perfect will.

P Gracious God, we thank You for the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

C Bless those who serve You with gladness that Your kingdom of grace may reach many ears and hearts.

P We give thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful of every time and place who heard Your Word and held their confidence firm to the end.

C Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may have our share with them in the eternal inheritance that You have promised;

P 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 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.

BENEDICTION

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

1 "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.

2 “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!

3 “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!

Tune: LSB 662 Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

POSTLUDE

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