

The Order of Morning Worship – Setting Four

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

2018 LWML Sunday Worship Service

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 encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service. As God's children, we rest in the assurance that He loves us and sent His Son to redeem us. God is our rock and salvation. That firm foundation enables us to reach out into a changing world in need of the Gospel.

✠ OPENING HYMN : *"Lutheran Women, One and All"*

**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.**

**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.**

**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, We in heaven shall all be one.**

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Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis

✠ PRAYER of the DAY

P: Let us pray. Let us pray. Almighty God, our sure hope and salvation, grant us rest in Your love and grace. You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Teach us by Your Spirit to trust in You alone and not to make flesh our strength, that we may look to You alone for our salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

✠ OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 6:12-27

Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed."

Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: "Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ GRADUAL: *(Sung by All)*

***He will command his angels con- / cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!***

✠ EPISTLE: Ephesians 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand and Sing Alleluia and Verse on Page 205)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

† STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

† THE LEAGUE PLEDGE

P: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

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;

P: God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 76 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

C: 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.

P: That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

C: 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,

P: We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

C: to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!

(Be Seated)

† HYMN of the DAY No. **575**: *"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"*

† SERMON: *"The Rest We Share"* Psalm 62:1-8

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

Choir Anthem: "Listen, God is Calling"

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that we sinners come to You in faith so that we may share in Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we share in Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

P: Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at St. John's Lutheran Church and Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.

P: Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority and in leadership over us. Bless this land in which we live. Grant that all those who govern us do so diligently. Grant that all those who enforce our laws do so wisely. Grant that all those who serve us do so wholeheartedly. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we share in Christ, upon whose shoulders our government rests.

P: Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.

P: Loving Father, according to the testament of Your only-begotten Son, we come today to receive the fruits of Jesus' cross as we share in His body and blood. Prepare our hearts as we unite with our Savior and join with one another at Your Table. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: we share in Christ, who gave His life for us.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament (p. 208)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Pastor comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

HANDCHIME CHOIR: *Repton*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **597**: *"Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying"*

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
the NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 211***

† CLOSING 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!**

† SILENT PRAYER

† POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Assisting Elders – Rich Conroy & Bill
Schneeloch

Lay Reader – Vicki Riley & Lissette Quinn

Music Director – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Jane McClure

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this
morning are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Eleanor Sienkiewicz
from the Sienkiewicz Family.

TAG SALE and RUMMAGE SALE this coming weekend: Preview night will be Friday,

October 19 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. with a donation of \$1.00. The hours scheduled for Saturday, October 20 are from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Your saleable items in good, clean condition and clean used clothing may be brought to the church as soon as possible. Take this opportunity to clean your homes and help the church at the same time. If you have large items for pick-up questions or want to volunteer some time to help, call Ali Talmadge at 413-627-0800.

RADIO MINISTRY: There are many Sundays coming up that are available for sponsorship. Please help in the continuing outreach mission project of our Radio Broadcast of Sunday morning Worship. Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WHYN (560 AM). The cost for the program is now \$125 per week. If you are interested in sponsoring a broadcast (or a part of a broadcast) in memory of or in honor of anyone please call the church or sign up on the sheet outside the office door. Donations of any amount are welcome.

STOCKINGS for SOLDIERS

During the month of October, the WINGS group will be collecting items that will be donated to the USO. The items needed are:

Baby/Foot Powder, White Socks, Winter Hats and Gloves
Lip Balm, Sunscreen and/or Bug Spray, Individual Coffee Packets
Individual Jerky, Nuts, Pringles, Hard Candy, DVD's (Comedy/Adventure)
Computer Games(Wii/Xbox), Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Floss, Toothpicks
Shampoo, Cotton Swabs, Bathroom Style Flip Flops, Kleenex/Hankies
Individual Package of Wipes, Playing Cards, Game Books, Small Board Games
Clean Reading Material, Batteries, Duct/Electrical Tape, Pens/Pencils/Pads

You can leave your donations in the church office. Thank you for your prayers and support.

OCTOBER FALL FEAST – TICKETS are AVAILABLE for Friday, October 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes Germanwurst, pulled pork, hot dogs, corn chowder, German potato salad, red cabbage, pickled beets and delicious homemade desserts. Takeout is available. The cost is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children and free for children under five. Please invite your family and friends to join in the fellowship and great food. Volunteers are needed to help – please see Sally Sienkiewicz if you are able to help in anyway.