

# L'WML Sunday

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## *Kingdom people produce* **KINGDOM FRUIT**

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people  
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*



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## **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. A special welcome is extended to those visiting with us. 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. God's blessings on your worship this morning!

## **AS YOU PREPARE TO WORSHIP**

- Please sign an attendance card. Pass to the center of the isle (will be collected after offering).
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Children are welcomed in worship! There will be a Children's Time during worship for your child(ren) to go up front with the pastor. If your child becomes fussy, you may prefer to use the nursery room (toys are available in the room and there is audio and video of the service).

## **THOSE SERVING TODAY**

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| <b>Pastor:</b> Rev. Keith Reich         | <b>Organist:</b> Bonnye Wenzel                        | <b>Usher Captain:</b> Paul Christensen |
| <b>Elders:</b> Howard Cox & Doug Wagner | <b>Acolytes:</b> Carolina De La Garza & Myles Marwitz |  |
| <b>Offering Counter:</b> Kay Zschesche  | <b>Greeters:</b> Donna Abdou & Neede Anders           | <b>Trustee:</b> Kerry Kensing          |

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **HYMN — “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” # 901**

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for Him who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee; come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou; let it be Thy temple now!**

**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.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; let me keep Thy gift divine,  
How so-e'er temptations thicken; may Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; let Thy will be done indeed.  
May I undisturbed draw near Thee while Thou dost Thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.**

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**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION — page 184**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I assure you that all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**INTROIT**

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**C: This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

**GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSIS— pages 186-189**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

*(continued on next page)*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good-will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY — page 189**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: (sung) **And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) **Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING — *Isaiah 5:1-7***

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry! (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING — *Philippians 3:4b-14***

<sup>4b</sup> If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (ESV)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** — page 190

**Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.**

## **GOSPEL READING**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C: (sung) ***Glory be to Thee, O Lord.***

### ***Matthew 21:33-46***

<sup>33</sup> "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his

parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet. (ESV)

P: This is the Gospel of Lord.

C: (sung) ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH — Nicene Creed** *(inside back cover of hymnal)*

**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.**

**And 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 the 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN — “Praise, Love, Serve” [Tune: LSB # 361]**

**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.**

**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.**

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**MESSAGE – Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit! – Matthew 21:43**

“As a result of what you have heard from God’s Word today, what is He giving you to believe or do this coming week? \_\_\_\_\_

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**OFFERTORY— page 192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**LWML PLEDGE — (© 1955 LWML authored by Rev. Harry Fricke)**

**In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His bloodbought 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.**

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT — page 194**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: (sung) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God

**C: (sung) It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming

obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### **SANCTUS — page 195**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** 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.

**C: (sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PAX DOMINI – THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C: (sung) A - men.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
Grant us Thy peace. A - men.**

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that as our Lord says, He gives to us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us.*

*(The wine is available in individual cups or the common cup. If you would like the common cup, keep your hands folded in front of you when the pastor goes by with the individual cups and he will return to you with the common cup. There is also available in the center of each tray white grape juice for those unable to receive wine.)*

**DISTRIBUTION — “I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” # 729**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee  
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.**

**I am trusting Thee for pardon; at Thy feet I bow,  
For Thy grace and tender mercy trusting now.**

**I am trusting Thee for cleansing in the crimson flood;  
Trusting Thee to make me holy by Thy blood**

**I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead  
Ev’ry day and hour supplying all my need.**

**I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail.  
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me must prevail.**

**I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.  
I am trusting Thee forever and for all.**

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**“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” # 827**

**Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,  
“Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting  
who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
“Here am I, send me, send me”?**

**Some take up His task in morning,  
to their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday,  
others late in afternoon;  
Even as the sun is setting,  
some are sent into the fields,  
There to gather in the bounty  
that God’s Word so richly yields.**

*(hymn continued on next page)*

**For as rain and snow from heaven  
water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower,  
giving bread to those who toil;  
So the Lord sends forth His promise,  
words of life and joy and peace  
Never void to Him returning,  
bearing fruit with great increase.**

**Hearken to the Lord whose coming  
marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers  
He in glory shall descend.  
Soon the night, the final harvest;  
soon the time for work shall cease.  
Then the souls His grace has garnered  
shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

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**“Christ the Eternal Lord” # 829**

**Christ the eternal Lord, whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured on all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise we stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days and make Your glory known.**

**Christ the unchanging Word to ev’ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard set forth on Scripture’s page;  
Transform our though and mind, enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find the bread of life indeed.**

**Christ the redeeming Son, who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won for ev’ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray, to tell Your love abroad,  
That all my honor Christ today and follow Him as Lord.**

**Christ the unfading Light of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give to servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, till earth’s brief journey ends.**

**Christ the ascended King exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last to know as we are known.**

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**NUNC DIMITTIS — page 199**

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
According to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou has prepared before the face of all people,  
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING and BENEDICTION— pages 200-202**

**P:** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**C: (sung) and His mercy endureth forever.**

**P:** We pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) A - men.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) and with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

**C: (sung) 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: (sung) Amen, amen, a - men.**

**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!**

by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz.