



**October 6, 2024 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - LWML Sunday**

**As We Gather:** Today we join many LCMS congregations in celebrating all that God continues to do through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Their Mission Statement reads — "As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others." The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars people put in their Mite Boxes to help proclaim the message of Christ. This year's LWML theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Mary's words in Luke 1:38.

## **Welcome**

**Hymn:** "With Joy We Come Together" (LWML Hymn by Jean Hansen Kammerer ---Tune LSB 527)

**With joy we come together, Our hearts of one accord, Rejoicing in the blessings Of serving You, O Lord. The gifts that You have given Make us a mighty throng. With thankfulness we raise up Our praise to You in song.**

**We celebrate the women, Who've served You through the years, Sustaining one another Through vict'ry, trials, and fears. We follow now their service, Devoted, Christ, to You. No matter what Your errand, We'll strive to follow through.**

**Through ministries supported, We've seen Your love outpoured. With mites that You've provided, We've learned to trust You, Lord. Our many hands have served You, Yet much is left undone. Your mission must continue In reaching everyone.**

**Lord, with Your love and guidance, We'll serve You faithfully. Wherever You should lead us, We'll follow willingly. May we be bold in witness So others see Your grace. That we may one day worship Together face to face.**

## **Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**Pastor:** 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.

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

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

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People:** **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and just deserve 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.

Pastor: 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 our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**Kyrie – Lord, Have Mercy** (*Words and music in hymnal page 186*)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Gloria in Excelsis - Glory to God in the Highest** (*Words and music in hymnal page 187*)

**All: 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, heavenly 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 the 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.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel's message of Your will, we too many hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading – 1 Samuel 3:1-10** (*The call of Samuel whose response shows he is ready to serve the Lord.*)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Philippians 2:5-11 (*We are called to follow Christ's example and be humble servants of our Lord.*)

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 1:26-38 (*The announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary whose response shows she is ready to serve the Lord.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn:** LSB 826 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

**Sermon:** Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 "The Power of Team"

### **LWML Pledge**

**All: 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

### Offerings

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Communion Liturgy

Pastor: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. (Augsburg Confession-Article X)**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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. Holy are You, and great is the majesty of Your glory. You so loved the world that You sent Your only Son to be our Redeemer and our King. By His sacrificial life, He has brought us salvation and has shown us the path to life eternal. 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:** Holy, Holy Holy (*Words and music in hymnal page 195*)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven 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

**All: 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.**

### Words of Institution

### The Greeting of Peace

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

**People: Amen.**

**Agnus Dei:** Lamb of God (Words and music in hymnal page 198)

**All:** 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.  
Amen.

### **Communion Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns:** LSB 628 "Your Table I Approach"  
LSB 848 "Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"

**Nunc Dimittis:** Song of Simeon (Words and music in hymnal on page 199)

**All:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast 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.

**Pastor:** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**People:** And His mercy endures forever.

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O Christ our King, we give You thanks for having fed us through this Sacrament. Strengthen us, we pray, that we may live in obedience to You and honor Your name in our thoughts, words, and actions; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** 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.

*[Numbers 6:24-26]*

**People:** *(Sing)* Amen, Amen, Amen.

**Hymn: "Serve the Lord with Gladness"** (LWML Hymn by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz 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!

**Voters' meeting** will begin just after the service to vote on selecting a new pastor. Please stay and become a voting member if you are not already one.



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of October 6, 2024**

**Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO**  
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**Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith families**  
**First Lutheran, Neosho - Rev. Steve Gilmore**

**Prayers of Peace and Comfort:**

**Prayers for Health and Healing:**

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**Complete Prayer List:**

**Temporary**

Diana Bauer – (daughter-in-law of Gladys Bauer - health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer - peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)  
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
Lois Gaddy - (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing from cancer)  
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing)  
Jim Troyke – (health and healing from heart issues)  
Gary Lampe – (Pastor's brother - health and healing)  
Randy Owensby – (friend of Harold Lampe – health and healing)

Tabitha Packwood - (health & healing)  
Billy Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – recovery from surgery)  
Debbie Porter – (friend of Harold Lampe – recovery from frostbite)  
Ernest Ramm – (Cheryl Lile's uncle – health and healing from stroke)  
Roxie Sage – (Mother of Sandra Whalen – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
Diane Smith – (Health and healing from eye problems)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Randy Wallace – (brother-in-law of Micki Gettman – health & healing)  
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend – health and healing)

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**Long Term**

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Dorothea Dennis – (health and healing & peace and comfort)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing, cancer)  
Jane Goodman – (health & healing)  
Betty Gordon – (health & healing)  
Vicki Heppard – (relative-Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)  
Sheryl Holle – (Kathy Holle's cousin – health & healing, cancer)  
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother - health & healing)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister-In-Law – health & healing)  
Larry Moennig – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn - (cousin of Joanne Michel - health and healing)  
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)  
Bob & Barbara Steinberg - (health & healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Bill Thompson – (health & healing)  
Koooper Tutten – (Jeeper Meyer's Great-grandson - health & healing)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

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**THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Oct. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour</b> <b>9:30 am - Fellowship</b> <b>10:00 am - Service</b> <b>Voters Meeting – Select New Pastor</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Oct. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Braille</b> <b>LWML at Freistatt – 1:30 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor on Vacation</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor on Vacation</b>

Sunday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am - Happy Half Hour  
9:30 am - Fellowship  
10:00 am - Service  
Bruce Sletten

Monday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Braille 9:00 am 1:30 pm  
Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt – 1:30 pm

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Birthdays: Oct. 6-Amy Garoutte; Oct. 9-Harold Lampe & Nolan Black

Anniversaries: None

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October

**GREETERS:**

**06-Bill & Joanne Michel**

13-Bernie Thomas & Sue Doss

20- Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer

27- Charlie & Edee Chambers

**USHERS:**

**06-Charlie Chambers**

13-Rick Thomas

20-Bill Michel

27-David Lampe



**Portals of Prayer** for October-December are available. If anyone would like a large print version, please see Pastor Ken.

**\*\*Please Pray & review the Pastor Candidate Summary Sheet for the vote today\*\***

**Springfield Lutheran High School Update:** Please spread the word that pre-enrollment is now open for the 2025-26 school year! This applies to current 8th and 9th graders, who will be freshmen and sophomores next fall. Pre-enrolling by October 15 offers the greatest financial benefit for families through our Founding Family Program. Email us at [info@springfieldlutheranhs.org](mailto:info@springfieldlutheranhs.org) to request a pre-enrollment packet with all the details. More information on the bulletin board.