



**October 4, 2020 - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost - LWML Sunday
"Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit"**

As We Gather

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 strong support of missions through Mite Box offerings. Their theme for this Sunday reminds us that as Christians, we are all Kingdom people and are to bear Kingdom fruit.

Welcome

Opening Hymn: "With Joy We Come Together" (Tune LSB 527)

Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer

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.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

All: **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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Psalm: Psalm 80:7–19

Pastor: ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

People: ⁸**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

Pastor: ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

People: ¹⁰**The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

Pastor: ¹¹It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

People: ¹²**Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

Pastor: ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

People: ¹⁴**Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**

Pastor: ¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

People: ¹⁶**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**

Pastor: ¹⁷But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!

People: ¹⁸**Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**

Pastor: ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 (*Isaiah prophesies that God's vineyard, the people of Israel, will be judged for their unfaithfulness and unfruitfulness.*)

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He 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. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷ 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 (*Paul reflects on his heritage and contrasts its value with the blessing of knowing Christ.*)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ 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; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, ⁷ blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ 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 ⁹ 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— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46 (*Jesus warns His opponents that rejecting Him will ultimately lead to their exclusion from the Kingdom of God.*)

³³ “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. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants ³⁵ to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ 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.” ⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ⁴³ this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: "Praise, Love, Serve"

(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, 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.

Sermon: Matthew 21:43 "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit"

The League 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

Hymn: LSB 827 "Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Calling"

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, "Who will go and work today? Fields are white and harvest 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."

Far 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

The 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.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, for You have had mercy on us and blessed us with a living, active faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Here we remember and proclaim all that He has done for us, how He has saved us from sin, death, and hell by His bitter suffering and death and His glorious resurrection.

Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus: *(Tune: LSB 443)*

Sing "Holy, holy, holy!" with all the saints in light. "Hosanna, loud hosanna, Lord God of power and might!" We join the ranks of angels in their celestial throng "Hosanna in the highest!" shall be our endless song!

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.

Pastor: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command and with His own words, we receive His promises and blessings in this Sacrament.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and, when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE GREETING OF PEACE

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

People: Amen.

Communion Distribution

Thanksgiving *(Tune: LSB 789)*

Father, we thank You for all Your blessings, Food at this table, graces divine, Oneness in faith, our Savior confessing His very presence, mystery sublime.

Yours is the kingdom. Yours is the sending. Yours is the message, rich with Your love, Ours for the telling, truth without ending, Ours for the singing, here and above.

Post-Communion Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God the Father, we give You thanks that in this meal You strengthen us for service in Your kingdom. Your love in this sacrament motivates us to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, in all of our callings and relationships. By Your Holy Spirit, give us grace to go out with boldness to witness to what we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Blessing

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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.

People: Amen.

Hymn: "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Tune LSB 662) Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

"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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ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of October 4, 2020

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**PRAY FOR: James Sharp Family & Joseph Highley Family
Grace, Aurora - Rev. Ken Lampe**

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Dick and Jody Buehler & Teri Ediger
Jeff Van Cora – (Friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)
Michael Frerichs – (Grandson of Ardella Frerichs – health and healing)
Jennifer McCoy – (Daughter of Diane Smith – health and healing)
Tonya Janes – (Friend of Jennifer Lampe – health and healing from cancer)
Teri Ediger – (Daughter of Cathy Munden - health and healing from surgery)
Bob Painter – (Friend of David Lampe - Health and healing from surgery)
Brenda Winkle - (Friend of Heidi Costello - health and healing)
Samantha Kennedy - (Friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)

Mark Rosenquist – (Brother of Margaret Morrison—health, healing & safety)
 Corey Gregory - (Friend of Leah Henbest—health and healing)
 Rick Knutson – (Friend of Grace - health and healing)
 Milton Johnson – (Friend of David Lampe – health and healing)
 Cindy Yang – (Friend of Kathy Holle - health and healing from cancer)
 Bill Oldfield – (health and healing after surgery)
 Sherry Oldfield – (health and healing)
 Kamryn Rockett – (Granddaughter of Jeeper Meyer - health and healing after a car accident)
 Karl Fritz – (health and healing)
 Courtney Lynne Thurmon – (Daughter of Cindy Springer – peace and healing from cancer)
 Helen Springer - (health and healing)

THIS WEEK		
Sunday	October 4th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am
Wednesday	October 7th	Pastor in Office Bible Study – 7:00 pm
Thursday	October 8th	Pastor in Office
Sunday	October 11th	Service ONLY – 10:00 am

Birthdays this week: Eric Folsom-2; Victoria Christian-3; Amy Garoutte-6; Nolan Black-9
 Anniversaries: None

October 11 we will have a door offering for the Southwest Circuit Mission Council. Over the past five years the Council has awarded more than \$37,000 for 18 scholarships to young men and women from churches in the Southwest Circuit who were studying at a Lutheran high school, university, or seminary. The Council has also utilized this fund to assist with church-worker debt relief, and to distribute monies to our circuit’s elementary schools (Prairie City, Joplin, Lockwood, and Freistatt), providing tuition assistance to needy Lutheran families. The dollars you give to this fund go directly to forming the next generation of pastors, teachers, church musicians, and other servants of the church, and to providing our children and grandchildren with the same.

Services Only in October and Bible Class on Wednesday evening

In the meeting of the Council it was decided to continue with the current schedule of church services in October and a Wednesday night Bible Study, starting at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. This could change due to virus cases rising in the county.

Reminder: If you should become ill, please contact Pastor or an Elder so that we can notify everyone that attended the service to watch for symptoms. We encourage everyone that can to wear a mask. Masks are on a voluntary basis. Masks are available at the door. In view of the issues currently at Trinity Freistatt, please be thoughtful of others.

Please remember to practice the CDC’s guidelines for proper safety measures. These include:

- Regularly washing of your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice social distancing of being at least 6 feet apart from the closest person to you.
- Avoid touching your face with your hands.
- Wear a mask in public settings and when around people who don’t live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.

Plus One will be collecting socks and underwear for the Blue Barrel Project for the month of "Socktober". Please consider contributing and supporting our school. Check the church website for more information at <https://www.gracelutheranaurora.com/plusone.php>

PASTOR: Pastor will continue to have time at the church. But the best way to contact him is by his cell phone which you can do at any time (417-366-3597). If he doesn't answer, please leave a message and he will return your call.

Men's long sleeve button-up dress shirts are being collected by Sue Doss for the Dress A Girl program. This is a campaign under Hope 4 Women International – a non-denominational independent Christian organization that has been making dresses since 2006. The chapter working here locally is Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri. You can learn more at the Dress A Girl Southwest Missouri Facebook page. If you have any shirts, please get them to Sue. They do not have to be new but they do need to be in good condition and clean.



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Plus One initiative for helping the school is:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QH0uZtEhHfxX8Y60E6KWhjkhL1s0LkQOeM_KrbiKxkM/edit?usp=sharing



Thank you for your support!

October

GREETERS

04 – LWML Members

11 - Micki Gettman & Glenda Enlow
18 – Diane Smith & Edith Chambers
25 - Bernie & Shari Smith

USHERS

04 - Bill Michel

11 – David Lampe
18 - Dale Smith
25 – Charlie Chambers



LWML MITES

- Based on the biblical account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4), the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" – offerings above and beyond the support given to congregations and the LCMS. In the 1953 LWML convention, the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings was reaffirmed. It was suggested that LWML members put their pennies in their Mite Box at the end of each day or empty all their loose change into the box on a specific day of the week. When the Mite Box offerings are collected, the local groups submit these offerings to the district LWML officer. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants and implement the LWML program.

October 2020

**Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Grant #15 —
Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers
Mission Training Center, Africa — \$62,650**

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.

LWML Grant #15 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers. The Lutheran church continues to grow in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. The churches are led by lay leaders and ordained pastors desiring more training. There are approximately 250 people taking part in various areas of study through LCMS Continuing Education courses. The grant will help to provide funds to cover transportation, lodging, and food costs. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.