



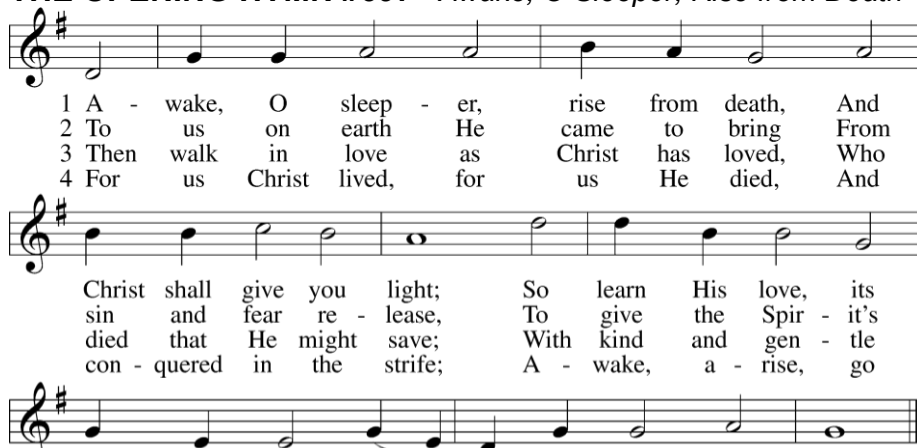
Lutheran Women
in Mission SUNDAY

"Serving the Lord with His Gentle Strength"



THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN #697 *"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"*



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go

length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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(please stand)

THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

P: Dearest Lord Jesus, You came into this world not to be served but to serve.

C: In Your service dear Lord we are granted forgiveness, peace and hope.

P: You dear Lord are the One whom we now serve.

C: We serve You in thought, word and deed.

P: Dear Lord, bless us in our service to You.

C: Lead and guide us dear Lord in all our acts of service.

P: Dear Lord, You tell us whatever we have done unto the least of these Your brothers and sisters, we have done unto You.

C: Bless us dear Lord in our doing, that it would be done unto You and Your kingdom.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

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

C: 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all 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.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE #818 *"In Thee Is Gladness"*



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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 OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 ESV

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 100 (ESV)



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth!*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with | singing!

Know that the LORD, | He is God!*

It is He who made us, and we are His;

we are His people, and the sheep of His | pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His | courts with praise!*

Give thanks to Him; | bless His name!

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures for- | ever,*

and His faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

THE EPISTLE Philippians 4:4-13 (ESV)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these

things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

THE VERSE *(sung) (page 156 in the hymnal)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:10-20 (ESV)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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.

(please be seated)

THE MEMORY VERSE *The 8th Commandment & What does this mean?*

from Luther’s Small Catechism

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF THE DAY #754 "Entrust Your Days and Burdens"



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
maged; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

**5 O blessed heir of heaven,
You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation
When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker
Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly
With heaven's joyful psalm.**

**6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.**

THE SERMON *“Serving the Lord with His Gentle Strength”* Text: Philippians 4:4-13

(please stand)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS (pages 192-193 in the hymnal)

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Each petition concludes with the following phrase: “Lord, in Your mercy;” “**Hear our prayer.**”)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

THE LWML PLEDGE

**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.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ✕ give you peace.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING 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!

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS