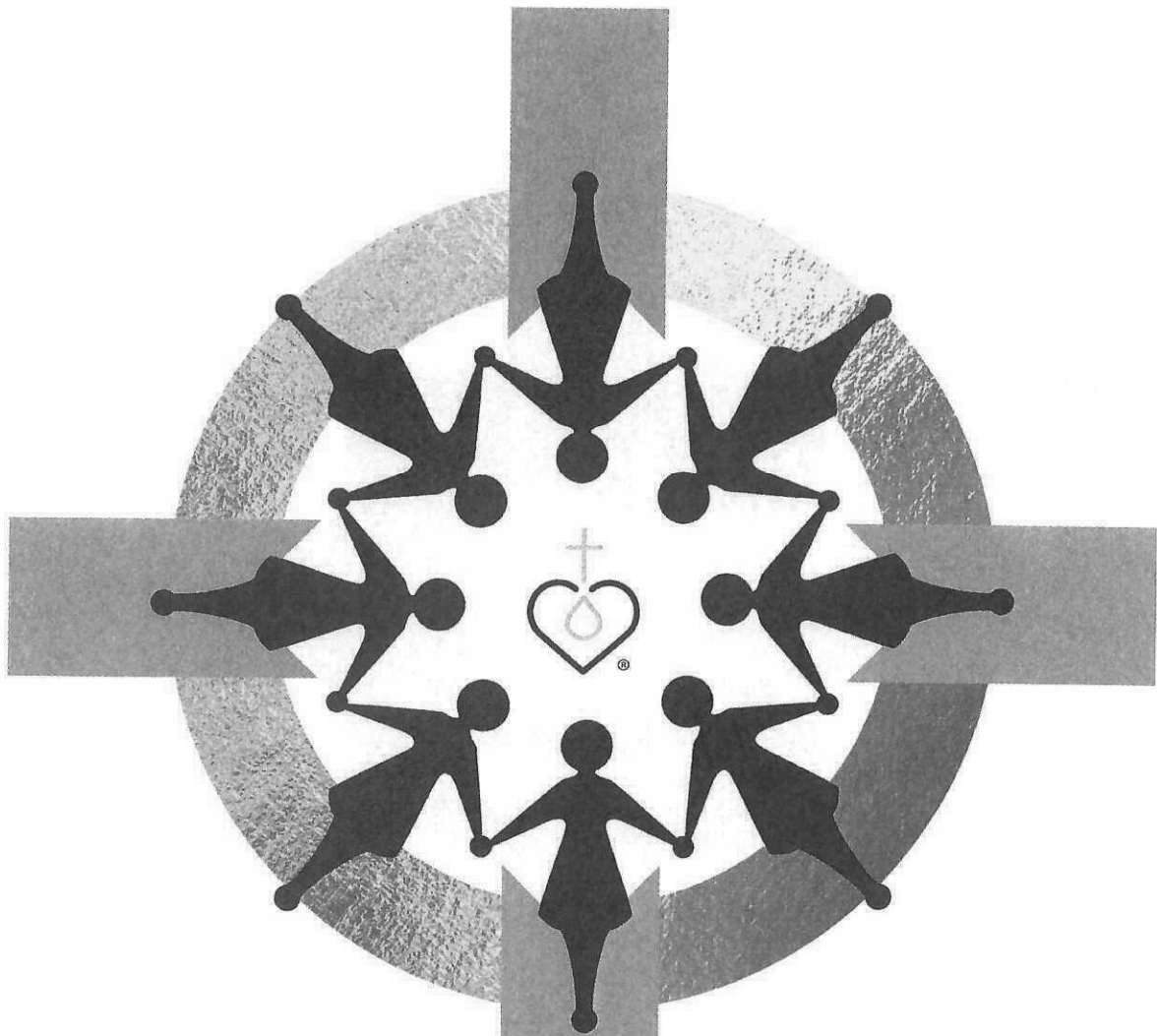




Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

TODAY'S MESSAGE: WHERE THE LORD MEETS US

Everything we do as Christians begins with Christ's message of repentance and forgiveness. The Ascension text of "GO" (Lk. 24:44-53) is the mission emphasis for this year's "Lutheran Women in Mission" Sunday. Before He ascended into heaven, Jesus gave His followers an assignment "that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations." As Christians, we are called to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name so that all people would meet Jesus in this life and, by faith, be prepared to be with Him forever in heaven. "Lutheran Women in Mission" supports, encourages, and uplifts missionaries, and provides physical support and compassion to all people. It is the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name that motivates them – and all of us – to do His work.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

[“Divine Service: Setting One” from LSB p.151]

Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

LSB 979

**God, whose almighty Word, chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight.
Hear us we humbly pray, and where the Gospel day, sheds not its glorious ray:
Let there be light!**

**Lord, who once came to bring, on your redeeming wing, healing and sight.
Health to the sick in mind. Sight to the inly blind. Oh, now to all mankind:
Let there be light!**

**Spirit of truth and love, life giving, holy dove, speed forth your flight.
Move on the water’s face, bearing the lamp of grace and in earth’s darkest place:
Let there be light!**

**Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean’s tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide:
Let there be light!**

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b

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

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

Confession of Sins

1 John 1:8-9

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.**

P: 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 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 the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

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

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 96

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

C: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

C: **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

C: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

C: **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."**

P: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

C: **Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.**

P: He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

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.**

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung, through every land by every tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies Lord. Eternal truth attends your Word. Alleluia, alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All praise to God the Father be. All praise, eternal Son, to thee. Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore, forever and forevermore.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And also with you.

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore you to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Isaiah 62:1-7

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Romans 10:8b-17

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

Jesus said to (his disciples), “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: *(sung)* Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"

LSB 830

**Spread the reign of God the Lord, spoken, written, mighty Word.
Ev'rywhere His creatures call, to His heav'nly banquet hall.**

**Tell how God the Father's will, made the world, upholds it still.
How His own dear Son He gave, us from sin and death to save.**

**Tell of our Redeemer's grace, who, to save our human race,
And to pay rebellion's price, gave Himself as sacrifice.**

**Tell of God the Spirit giv'n, now to guide us on to heav'n.
Strong and holy, just and true, working both to will and do.**

**Enter, mighty Word, the field. Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh how few, for the work there is to do!**

**Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind.
Let the gath'ring nations all, see Your light and heed Your call.**

Sermon

WHERE THE LORD MEETS US

Confession of Faith

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.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

C: **May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

✙ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✙

VISITORS and MEMBERS

Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.

P: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C: (*sung*) **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

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

Psalm 136

C: (*sung*) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 (*sung*)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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 Our Lord

Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed . . .

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

John 20:19

C: (*sung*) A - men.

Agnus Dei (*sung*)

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns

"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB 826

**Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, "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"?**

**If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked, with the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children, to the Savior's waiting arms.**

**If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties, you can do what God commands.
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophets hands.**

**Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying, and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly. Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"**

"Christ the Eternal Lord"

LSB 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 thought 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 may 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.**

"On Galilee's High Mountain"

LSB 835

**On Galilee's high mountain, Christ gave the great command,
In words of strength and promise, which all can understand:
"All pow'r to Me is given, to do what I shall choose."
"Therefore I send My children, their witness I will use."**

**The Lord who, born of Mary, came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, for us was crucified –
This Lord, our living brother, in pow'r at God's right hand,
Has chosen us to carry, His truth to ev'ry land.**

**His strength within my weakness, will make me bold to say,
How His redeeming power, transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me, with courage I am sent.
My tongue-tied silence broken, with grace made eloquent.**

**And not alone to nations, in far away retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast, His love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches, however great or small –
Let them through me see Jesus, who served and saved us all.**

**That ev'ryone He chooses, for reasons of His own,
Will find in Christ his calling, to live His love alone.
His presence always leads us, till time no more shall be.
Christ's strength, His love, His comfort, give us His victory.**

(STAND) **Lord, gather all Your children, wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven, to live eternally.
With You, our loving Father, and Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us, the joy to persevere.**

Song of Thanksgiving

"Thank the Lord"

Psalm 100

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all
who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

ALL: 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. Amen.

LWML Pledge

P: In response to God's gift of salvation, we commit ourselves to serve and follow Jesus.

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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

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

Closing Hymn

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837

REFRAIN Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim!
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.**

REFRAIN

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.**

REFRAIN

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified,
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.**

REFRAIN

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.**

REFRAIN

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.**

REFRAIN

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

REFRAIN