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### To Our Guests and Visitors

We welcome all our friends in Christ who have come to worship with us. If you are a guest, please feel at home with us, sign our guest register, and worship with us whenever you are able. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a part of our church family.

### Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and 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 in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, guests who are not confirmed members of a LCMS congregation and have not previously communed at this altar, are asked to first speak with our pastor. If you are unable to do so before the service, it is out of Christian love and care for your souls that we ask you to refrain from communing this morning. For further study, please see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. If you desire to receive a blessing for yourself or your children, please approach during communion, cross your arms over your chest and bow your head as you kneel at the altar rail.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### OCTOBER 6, 2013

*Upon entering the Sanctuary, please turn off cell phones, pagers, etc. Use the time as a quiet time for personal reflection and meditation in preparation for worship. This is a time for anyone to join in praying for the service, and for the church in general.*

### 2013 LWML Sunday Worship

#### "You Are My Witnesses"

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries, and to support global missions.

**Opening Hymn**      *Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*      **LSB 589**

### Confession and Absolution

- P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
 C: **Amen.**  
 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.**

**Hymn of Praise**      *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*      **LSB 822**

### Kyrie

- P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
 C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
 C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
 C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
 C: **Lord, have mercy.**  
 P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
 C: **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Choir & Congregation:** (sung)

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

Timothy 1:1-14

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.** (sung)

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 17:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn**

*From Greenland's Icy Mountains*

TLH 495

## **Sermon**

### **Nicene Creed**

**C: 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 one 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.**

## Recognition of LWML Women in Their Vocation

*All LWML members (past and present) please rise.*

P: Beloved in the Lord, these women have served our Lord as part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Hear the Word of our Lord concerning those who serve:

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him (Colossians 3:15-17).*

P: In thanksgiving to God for His extravagant grace shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord and for the abundant opportunities given people to serve the Lord with gladness in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, let us speak together the LWML Pledge:

**C: 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; 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.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You have given many and various gifts to Your people. Receive our thanks for Your servants of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Guide them to continue to share the gifts You have given them as they serve You with gladness so that more people may acknowledge Your goodness, mercy and love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is never in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. *(silence)*

P: For the Church, that clothed with power from on high she may vigorously make known the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For President Harrison, the President of our Synod, for President Ken Hennings, the President of our District, and for all commissioned and ordained servants of the Church, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit as they do the work You have given them to do with courage and compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and all auxiliaries of the Church, that they may be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share Christ with joy and serve Christ with gladness, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the leaders of state and all who advocate justice, that the mercy of Christ may be known in all they do, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the poor and the needy, that they would be defended from all danger as their needs are provided according to God's grace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the sick, the suffering, the grieving and the dying, especially those whom we name in our hearts and aloud *(silence for intercession)* that they would be healed, comforted, consoled, and delivered, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For all who receive the Lord's precious Body and Blood, that they may receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation and be strengthened in their vocations of service, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their lives would inspire us to ongoing service as we look in hope to the day of Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Offering

### Offertory (Sung as offering is brought forward)

**C:** 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 to me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit,  
Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

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### Post-Communion Collect

**P:** Let us 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 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: Amen.**

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## Benediction

### The Triple Amen

**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!

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