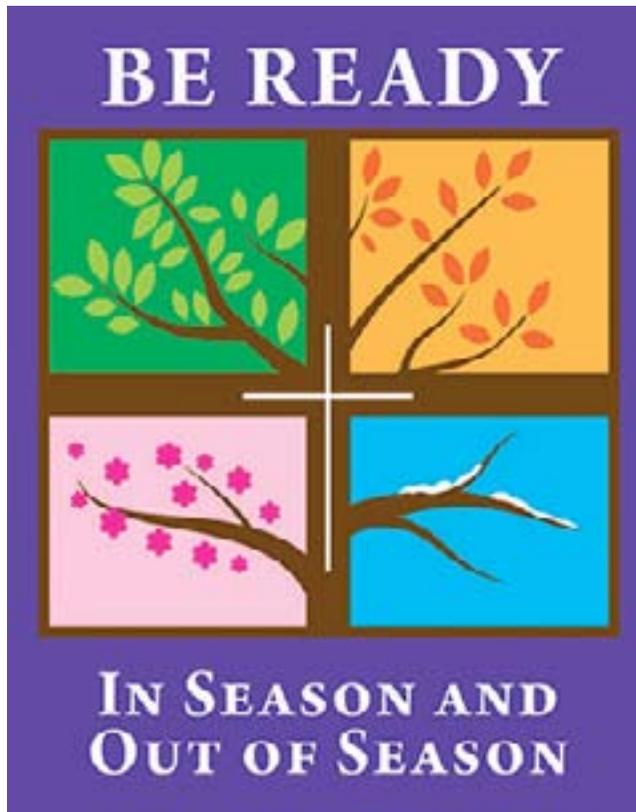


**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**LWML SUNDAY**



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***"Proclaiming Christ to the Nations"***

## **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

### **BE READY TO CONFESS!**

2017 marks two significant anniversaries: the 500th anniversary of Luther's posting of the 95 Theses and the 75th anniversary of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Confessing the faith has not gotten any easier since these two events occurred. In fact, it may be more difficult to speak and to live as Christians now – and the future may even more challenging. Yet God is faithful and has promised that His church will survive all the trials that the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh can throw at us. Building on God's promises, we know that this is our time to be distinctly Lutheran. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ, encouraged and equipped Christian women to live out their lives in active mission ministries, and supported missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. Now is our time to

"Be Ready to Confess!" faithfully and boldly of Christ's redemptive work for us and for all the world.

## **The Church at Worship**

October 22, 2017

### **† PREPARATION †**

#### **PRELUDE, RINGING OF THE BELL**

*(After the ringing of the third bell, please stand)*

#### **OPENING HYMN "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng" (Hymnal 813)**

#### **INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen**

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**All: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our**

**sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

*(Please kneel. A brief silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

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 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**

Pastor: 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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**All: Amen**

*(Please stand)*

**KYRIE~ Lord, Have Mercy**

Mark 10:47



Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



People: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



People: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: 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.



People: Lord, have mer - cy.



Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



People: Lord, have mer - cy.



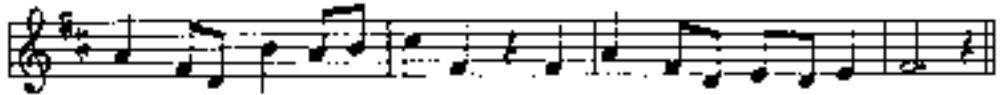
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



People:        A            men

## Hymn of Praise

*Revelation 5:12-13, 19:5-9*



Pastor:        Glo-ry to God in the high-est,    and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



People:        Lord God,    heav - en - ly king,    al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship you, we    give you thanks, we



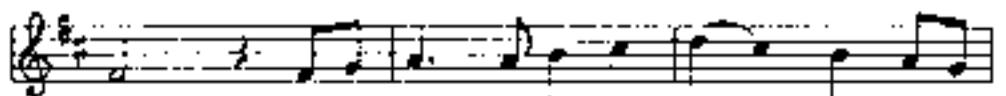
praise you for your glo - ry.    Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther,    Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us.            You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the  
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

† WORD †

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 45:1–7 *(ESV p. 605)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**THE PSALM** Psalm 96:1-9

**C: 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.**

*(Please be seated)*

**THE EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 *(ESV p. 986)*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel Lesson)*



People: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 22:15–22 *(ESV p. 827)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.



People: Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



People: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**YOUTH MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *(Hymnal 940)*

## THE SERMON

*(Please stand for the Confession of Faith)*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL: 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.**

## REDEDICATION OF LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION

*Women may rise and join hands with those closest to them, forming a visible sign of fellowship in mission.*

- P: Sisters in Christ: "Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man" (Psalm 66:5).
- P: In Holy Baptism, the Holy Spirit has called us to faith in Jesus Christ and enlightened us with His gifts for faithful discipleship and acts of service on behalf of many neighbors.
- P: In the Holy Supper, the Holy Spirit gathers us from the four corners of the earth to receive the Lord's body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and unites us to Christ and to one another in joyous fellowship.
- P: We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit, who, through Holy Scripture, comes to us and opens our eyes to see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and the needs of vulnerable neighbors near and far.
- C: Today we celebrate God's invitation to come and see His redemption at work in our lives, and in the lives of others. We rededicate ourselves to the mission of our Lord among and with people of every tribe, nation, and language living both abroad and in our own neighborhoods.
- P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God: You have showered Your people with

many and various gifts. We thank You for calling these women to declare Your glory among the nations here and abroad through their faithful witness and loving hospitality. Continue to fill them with Your Holy Spirit to reach out to and work with neighbors from various ethnic, language, and cultural groups in the extension of Your kingdom.

**C: Amen.**

P: Be strong and courageous for the Lord Your God will go with you wherever you go. The Almighty and most merciful Lord, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs ...

*(after each prayer petition)*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24, Eph. 4:1-3).*

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE OFFERING**

*(2 Corinthians 9:7 ~ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.)*

**CHANCEL CHOIR "God Created the Universe"**

## **THE OFFERTORY**

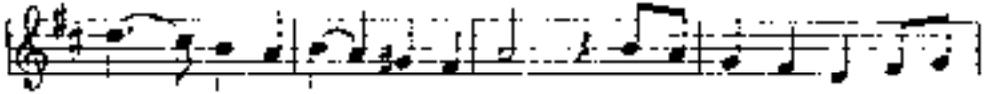
*(As the Offering is brought forward, please stand and sing)*



People: What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all his ben - e - fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sul -



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the



Lord now in the pres - ence of all his peo - ple, in the courts of the Lord's



house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## 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.

## THE LEAGUE 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; 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**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (†) give you peace.

**People: 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!

## **THE POSTLUDE**

# Announcements

For the week of October 22, 2017

## SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

HEAD USHER: Paul Gesso

GREETERS: Nathan James

READER: Garry Gong

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Elena Paradies

ACOLYTES: Maya

**WELCOME** A very warm welcome to all - especially our guests and visitors. The congregation of First Immanuel Lutheran Church is pleased to have you worshipping with us. If you do not have a regular place of worship - "Welcome Home!" Please fill out a *Contact Card* found in this worship folder.

**THE FLOWERS** are given with glory to God and by Don Adam in loving memory of Marilyn.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:** • Prayers of peace and healing for **Bob & Donnie White** • Prayers for **Michael** whose cancer has returned, nephew of Frances Scott • Travel mercies for **Francisco** who is in Nicaragua • We hold up **Mario & Christy and Abbey Reyes & family** for God's guidance, peace and safety • **Prayers of safety, healing and peace for those who are effected by shootings, hurricanes and earthquakes** • Trinity Lutheran Church • C.O.M.E. • We pray for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of their faith

our members celebrating a birthday this week:

10/23 Sorayda Montano

10/24 Juanita Ernst

10/27 Arren Torres

our members celebrating an anniversary this week:

10/31 Francis and Beatriz Scott ~ 30 years

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS:** We are setting up a nursery in the office building for our younger members and are in need of some items. Please consider donating lightly used: Bean bags or body pillows, baby gate, Christian board books, instruments such

as tambourines or toy drums, wooden, plastic, or cardboard blocks, and wooden or plastic cars. Thank you for your support!

**HUNGRY YOUNG ADULTS!** Please sign up to help make dinners on Wednesday nights. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD –**

There is a variety of ways to support Operation Christmas Child:

- \* donate items for the boxes
- \* donate funding for items for the boxes
- \* donate funding to cover the shipping cost
- \* fill a shoebox on your own

There are pre-printed boxes available. Please bring your completed gift boxes and/or gifts for the boxes to church by Sunday, November 5th. If making a cash/check donation, (rather than a shoebox) please mark it “shoebox” fund – it could be put in the collection plates. For more information, please contact Beth Braun at (408-892-9790) or [bethimar@yahoo.com](mailto:bethimar@yahoo.com)

**The church, hall and kitchen are cleaned only once a week. Please be sure to clean up after your event. Floors, garbage, counters. Thank you.**

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League**  
**2016-2018 Mission Grants (District)**

1. St. John's Valley of Faith, S.A.Y. Yes! Center (St. John's Valley of Faith Lutheran Church, Arvin, CA)	\$ 3,715.
2. Bring Youth and Young Adults to Christ (Grace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, CA)	17,000.
3. Operation Barnabas for Comfort Dog Congregations (LCMS Office of National Mission/Armed Forces)	2,000.
4. Solar Lanterns Brighten African Women's Lives (Lutheran Women in Mission at St. Peter's Luth. Church, Lodi, CA)	5,000.
5. Hmong Bibles and Catechisms (Peace Lutheran Church, Sanger, CA)	6,300.
6. Community Cafe Rural Outreach: Nourishing Body and Soul (Our Savior Lutheran LWML, Caruthers, CA)	6,200.
7. Creatively Sharing God's Word with People who have Intell./Dev. Disabil. (Bethesda Auxiliary-CNH Unit, Cupertino, CA (RSO))	9,000.
8. Gospel Hands VBS for Deaf Children (Lutheran Friends of the Deaf (RSO))	3,000.
9. Joy of Harvest Hmong Language School (Joy of Harvest Ministries, Merced, CA – CNH District Mission Agency)	10,000.
10. LINC Bay Area Theological Training (Zone 2, LINC Bay Area, Hayward, CA)	20,000.
11. Vacation Bible Experience with High Enrollment of Children from Marshall Islands (Waikoloa Luth. Church, HI and Our Savior, Aiea)	2,084
12. Childcare Scholarships for High School Parents (St. John's Lutheran Church, Fallon, NV)	6,600.
13. Mission Outreach to Children of N/A Single Mothers (First Lutheran Church, Yuba City, CA)	3,120.
14. Blessings from Heaven Preschool Roofing Project (Messiah Lutheran Church, Ewa Beach, HI)	10,000.
15. Bringing the Gospel to Muslim Seekers in Calif.-Making Tech. Personal (POBLO International (RSO))	8,900.
16. The Lutheran Church of Nigeria Nursery/Primary School Project (L.W.G. Of Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Cupertino, CA) * *\$2,081 – partial payment	10,000.
Total Grants 2016 – 2018 - \$115,000.	

**Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
2017-2019 Mission Grants (National)**

1.	Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children (Mercy meals in Siouxsland)	\$ 40,000.
2.	Mercy House for Women and Children (Avenue Mission, Flint, MI)	100,000.
3.	Christ for Veterans and their Families (LCMS Ministry of Armed Forces)	27,750.
4.	Tanzanian Serving Center 25,000. (Evangelical Lutheran)	
5.	Current Missionary Need 100,000. (LCMS International Mission)	
6.	Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide 100,000.	
7.	Christian Hope through Mass Media in Egypt (Lutheran Hour Ministries)	100,000.
8.	NOLA 4H: Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless and Hurting (Christian Families United for Progress)	100,000.
9.	Lutheran World Relief Quilt and Kit Shipping Fund	80,000.
10.	Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti – Ministry in Mission	100,000.
11.	Training Lutheran Middle Eastern Missionaries Biblical Orthodox Lutheran	93,000.
12.	Completion of Lukonda Luth. School Buildings (Uganda Lutheran Church, Uganda)	48,000.
13.	Equipping Youth to Witness for Life – Y4 Life – Lutherans for Life	25,000.
14.	Laborers of Love – Lutheran Braille Workers	100,000.
15.	Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities – Bethesda Luth. Comm.	100,000.
16.	Education Loan Repayment Assistance Grants – Ministry Focus	100,000.
17.	Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team (LCMS Office of International Mission)	25,000.
18.	Restoration Programs for Native Hawaiians – Lutheran Indian Ministries	75,000.
19.	RECONNECT to the Body of Christ, Circuit 28 – Texas District	50,000.
20.	Prison and Jail Ministry	36,500.

(Synod-wide Conference in 2018)

21. Family Scholarships for Short term Mission Trips (MOST Ministries) 60,000.

22. Raising Pastors and Deaconesses  
97,000.

(Evangelical Lutheran Church of Liberia)

LWML MISSION GOAL - \$2,075,000.

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