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**LWML SUNDAY**  
**"Fragrant Sacrifice and Offering"**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the recognized auxiliary of The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod to coordinate the women of the church. The LWML continues to be a leading force in mission and ministry around the world through their sacrificial gifts of mites, tithes, offerings, and tireless service. The work of these Lutheran Women in Mission reaches people of all walks of life, foreign and domestic, in the interest of the advance of witness, mercy, and life together for all those who are loved into life through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Countless millions have been reached and saved alive for Christ through their service.

**VISITORS – WE WELCOME YOU** to this house of prayer this morning. May you feel at home among friends as we worship together. We invite you to sign your name in the guest book in the back of the church and hope you will return again soon.

This morning we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord's Supper. As it can be received to one's blessing or to one's harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord's Table must be approached with a sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That's why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord's Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). Therefore, we welcome to the Holy Supper all members of Immanuel who have been confirmed and those confirmed members of sister congregations with whom we are in fellowship through unity in teaching (LCMS and TAALC). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with Pastor Sorenson before the service. The faith that we believe and confess is a beautiful gift of God. If you are new to Immanuel, we warmly welcome and encourage you to learn about this faith.

Prelude  
Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

Invocation

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

**C: Amen.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise: #790, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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: In gratitude for Lutheran Women in Mission, their years of sacrificial service, and gracious offerings for the work of the Kingdom, let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Glory: #506, "Glory Be to God the Father"

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Most Gracious God and Father, we give You thanks this day for the service and work of all Your saints, especially today for our Lutheran Women in Mission, and we pray that You will continue to receive us all and our labor in faith as thank offerings for the work of Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Old Testament Reading ..... Isaiah 5:1-7  
Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Philippians 3:4b-14

Response

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel ..... Matthew 21:33-46  
Responses

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

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*(The Gospel is read.)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed .....back cover of the hymnal

Sermon Hymn: #784, "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Sermon: "God's Fragrance" Ephesians 5:2

Offering

Offertory: #781, "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Rededication of God's People in Mission

*(You are invited to join hands with the people closest to you.)*

P: We remember the grace of Baptism, that saves all who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk. 16:16).

P: We celebrate the great salvation which has been won for us in the fragrant sacrifice and offering of Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him" (John 3:16-17).

P: We rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit who empowers us in service to our Lord and King. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

P: We rededicate ourselves to the purposes of our gracious God and Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to continue to be active and involved in the good works prepared beforehand that we may walk in them. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

**C: We offer ourselves to You, Holy Jesus, once again, as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to God as our reasonable service of worship. Anoint us to this end for the advance of Your Kingdom and the purposes of our King. May our lives be offered to God our Father and our Lord Jesus! Thanks be to God and to God alone be all glory, honor, and praise. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Proper Preface

Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy" #507, vss. 1, 4  
Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Lord's Prayer .....back cover of the hymnal

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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

**C: Amen.**

*(The worshippers greet one another now in the name of the Lord, saying,  
"Peace of the Lord be with you," as a testimony to their oneness in Christ.)*

Distribution (by continuous line)

#633, "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

#547, "The Lamb"

#680, "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

Post-Communion Collect

The League 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.

Benediction

P: 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.

**C: 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!

Chimes/Silent Prayer

Announcements

Postlude

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