



# Welcome to

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**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)** is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service. As God's children, we rest in the assurance that He loves us and sent His Son to redeem us. God is our rock and salvation. That firm foundation enables us to reach out into a changing world in need of the Gospel.



## 784 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

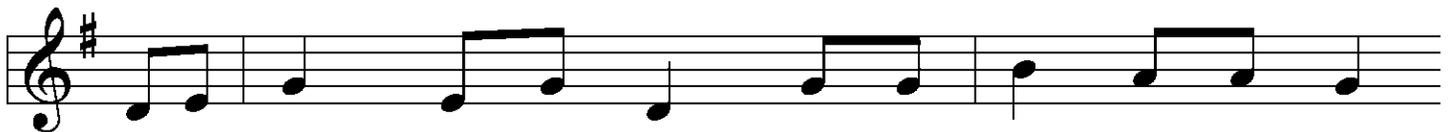
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

# WELCOME & CHRISTIAN GREETING

## 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made the heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**P** You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you (Isaiah 26:3).

**C** **Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock** (Isaiah 26:4).

**P** For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation (Psalm 62:1).

**C** **He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken** (Psalm 62:2).

**P** Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any" (Isaiah 44:8).

**C** **In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears** (Psalm 18:6).

**P** The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

**C** **my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold** (Psalm 18:2).

**P** O my Strength, I will watch for you, for you, O God, are my fortress (Psalm 59:9).

**C** **O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love** (Psalm 59:17).

# KYRIE

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-bring of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



- 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, our sure hope and salvation, grant us rest in Your love and grace. You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Teach us by Your Spirit to trust in You alone and not to make flesh our strength, that we may look to You alone for our salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: DANIEL 6:12-27**

Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." Then they answered and said before the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or the injunction you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day." Then the king, when he heard these words, was much distressed and set his mind to deliver Daniel. And he labored till the sun went down to rescue him. Then these men came by agreement to the king and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no injunction or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed." Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of

anguish. The king declared to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm.” Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. And the king commanded, and those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and cast into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. And before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: “Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people are to tremble and fear before the God of Daniel, for he is the living God, enduring forever; his kingdom shall never be destroyed, and his dominion shall be to the end. He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 6:10–17**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25–30**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**G** Glory to You, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and

understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **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.**

## The LWML Pledge

**P** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

**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;

**P** God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 76 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

**C** 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.

**P** That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;

**C** 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,

**P** We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.

**C** to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!

## 575 MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## SERMON

## OFFERTORY AND OFFERING



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of

all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**G Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G** **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.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**G** **Amen.**

# **“Serve the Lord With Gladness”**

Tune: (LSB 662, LW 518) Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

## **1 “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.**

## **2 “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!**

**3 “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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