

# 17th Sunday After Pentecost

## LWML Sunday



### AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate LWML Sunday, Lutheran Woman in Mission. Through prayer, service and mites, the LWML supports missions all over the world. In our Gospel lesson, the Lord teaches Martha about the importance of priorities. Like Martha, we find ourselves worried and distracted by many things, but only one thing is necessary.

### SPECIAL MUSIC 10,000 Reasons

*St. Matthew Choir*

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**People: 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.

**People: Amen.**

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE – This is the Feast

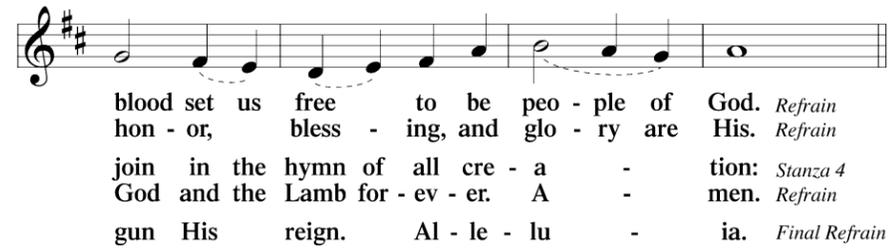
*LSB 155*

*Refrain*

**☐** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup>a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; <sup>3</sup>a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; <sup>4</sup>a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; <sup>5</sup>a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; <sup>6</sup>a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to

keep, and a time to cast away; <sup>7</sup>a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; <sup>8</sup>a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup>What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup>I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup>He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup>I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup>also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM**

*Psalms 62:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

<sup>4</sup>**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

<sup>6</sup>**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

**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.**

**THE EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 5:15-21*

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

*LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 10:38-42*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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.**

**SERMON HYMN - Crown Him With Many Crowns**

*LSB 525*

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave

Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

**5. Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time  
 Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime  
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail, throughout eternity.**

**6. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n, The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns, As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.**

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**THE SERMON**

**THE OFFERING** (*Offering plates are located in the back of the church.*)

**LWML 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.

**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. Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Ruler of time and

eternity. Give us the wisdom to put aside those things that only seem urgent, that we may focus on the one thing necessary, spending time with You through Your Word, Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that each person involved would see opportunities to be salt and light to their neighbors and through various opportunities for mission. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost. Lord in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those who are sick, in mourning, or in any need, [especially...], Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PEACE**

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Pastor: 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**

*LSB 161*

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 163*

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

### HYMN - Serve the Lord With Gladness

Tune: LSB 662

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!

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN – For All the Faithful Women

LSB 855



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
2 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, Who toiled with pot and pan  
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
While Mar - y sat in si - lence To hear the Word a - gain.  
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
Christ, keep our hearts at - ten - tive To truth that You de - clare,  
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
And strength - en us for ser - vice When work be - comes our prayer.  
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank the Lord**

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor: 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 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.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN - O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

LSB 733



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

**5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,**

**Soon bears us all away;**

**We fly forgotten as a dream**

**Dies at the op'ning day.**

**6 O God, our help in ages past,**

**Our hope for years to come,**

**Be Thou our guard while troubles last**

**And our eternal home!**

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**Sun: Linda Tobin**

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