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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE I
LWML SUNDAY / THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PROPER 23)
October 10 & 11, 2026

WELCOME

(10:30) SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

Preschool "If I Were a Butterfly" & Elementary "Beautiful Savior"

(10:30) HYMN "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740, sts. 1-3

(5:30 & 8:00) HYMN "Our Father, by Whose Name" LSB 863, sts. 1-3

INVOCATION

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.

P. Let us 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.

KYRIE (Sung)

A In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

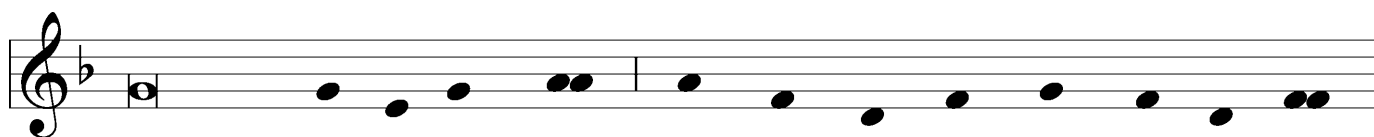
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A 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.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Gloria in Excelsis – Glory to God in the Highest”

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C 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.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹“Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the just decrees that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 127:1-5 (read responsively)

P. ¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.

C. ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep.

P. ³Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.

C. ⁴Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth.

(continued...)

P. ⁵Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.

All: 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.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:1-4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²"Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³"that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

P. This is the Word of the Lord

C. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 19:13-14

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹³Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, ¹⁴but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

P. Honor your father and your mother. What does this mean?

C. **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**

APOSTLE'S 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.**

TITHES & OFFERING 8:00 – “Grace” *Trinity Choir*

10:30 – "Still Waters (Psalm 23)" *Emma, Solo*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN “Oh, Blest the House” *LSB 862, sts. 1-5*

SERMON *The Rev. Alex Slotter*

CANTICLE “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.

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!

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!

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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** A - men.**HYMN “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”** *LSB 867*, sts. 1-5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHERAN WOMEN MISSION PLEDGE

- L. Since 1942, when the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was started, Lutheran Women in Mission have joined as congregations, zones and districts to support the mission work of the church through their activities, prayers and the collecting of "mites". Through the years, millions of dollars of these "mites" have funded mission projects throughout our country and throughout the world. At each League meeting, the women pledge their determination and willingness to serve in whatever ways the Lord leads them by reciting the League Pledge. I invite you to join together now in reading the League Pledge for Lutheran Women in Mission, for this pledge is one we all should make as we see opportunities for the mission of Proclaiming Christ and Sharing the Gospel.
- 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 voices 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. Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- C. Thanks be to God.**

*** * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * ***

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