

2020 LWML SUNDAY
Worship Service
Holy Cross Lutheran
October 4, 2020 – 9 AM



Kingdom people produce
KINGDOM FRUIT

*"The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits" (Matthew 21:43).*

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official 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 women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

As We Gather Today, we celebrate the Lord's work through our Lutheran Women's Missionary League. Many pastors will be sharing today a message to remind us that our LWML see vital needs of people who may or may not know Christ and they seek to fill those needs. If those needs are not filled, they become an emergency and lives now and eternally are at risk. The message theme for the LWML Sunday is based on today's scripture lessons of bearing fruit for the Kingdom of God. That means simply seeing needs and filling them before it is too late. We give thanks to the Lord for the mission work of the LWML and their mites and other offerings that help spread the Good News of our Savior's salvation around the world to save lives now but also for eternity. The Lord bless your worship celebration of women in mission for Christ and His Kingdom here at Holy Cross!

† IN DOMINE JESU †

(In the Name of Jesus)

PRELUDE

WELCOME **"This is the Day that the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it."** *Ps. 118:24*

GATHERING HYMN **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"** *LSB 901*

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him to answer prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

INVOCATION

(adapted from LSB, Divine Service, Setting Two)

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.

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 fully lived as Your kingdom people. We have not brought forth the fruits of righteousness as we ought. 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, walk in Your ways, and bear kingdom fruit to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together, **Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

† THE LIVING OF WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

(The vineyard of the Lord is judged.)

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b–14

(Paul witnesses to the congregation at Philippi.)

⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE (*in parts*)

M: Alleluia! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

W: This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. Alleluia.

(The parable of the tenants in the vineyard)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] ³³“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY**"Praise, Love, Serve"***Tune: LSB 361*(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: LSB 361)

**Our God and Father, made the earth, And when we went astray,
Our God, the Son, descended here To take our sins away.
With His own blood He bought us. He broke the bonds of sin.
Then God the Spirit came into Our hearts to dwell within.**

**In gratitude we pledge ourselves, To Him with all we have.
Our hands will work; our voices sing; Our lips proclaim His love.
His errands we'll do gladly; His Gospel we'll defend;
Our silver and our gold we'll use — His Kingdom to extend.**

**Wherever He has need of us, We will His call obey.
Whenever He calls out to us, We'll answer right away.
His will is ours that lost souls Will turn away from sin
And come to have eternal life Through fellowship with Him.**

SERMON **“Don't Wait for the Emergency – Preventative Care Brings Life!”**

“The kingdom of God will be ... given to a people producing its fruits” (*Matthew 21:43*).

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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Adapted from Evening Prayer, LSB)

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: For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world, and to support global missions through the gathering of mites and providing of mission grants, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all Your kingdom people that they may produce kingdom fruit to Your glory and for the expansion of Your kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For...(additional congregational prayers may be added here)...let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

† CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER †

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: In preparation for the Lord's supper we pray the prayer Jesus taught us: **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 PREPARATION *(please take your communion vessel in hand for our Lord's Words of Institution)*

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to His 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 after supper, He took the cup, and after giving thanks He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is My † blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

ONE BODY IN CHRIST *(We take Communion as one body together as brothers and sisters in Christ with our invitation of the following words)*

P: Take and eat this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ given into death for all your sin.

P: Take and drink this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sin.

P: The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast, in the one true faith, to life everlasting. Go in peace, joy, love and forgiveness. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray together, **Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the kingdom feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us as Your kingdom people throughout our days that we may bear fruit in keeping with repentance till that day when we celebrate the feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

SONG OF SENDING

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: LSB 662

Text: Ernest Lewerenz,

“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!” 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!

“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!

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace and join Jesus and our LWML on His mission!

C: Amen! We will! Amen!

THE POSTLUDE

† SOLI DEO GLORIA †

(To God be the Glory)

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Holy Cross Happenings

October 4, 2020-October 11

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS! Welcome to the Lord's House. God bless you as hear the Good News today of His unconditional love! Jesus promised wherever two or three are gathered in His name, His presence is there. Jesus is here! We pray and know He will bless you with faith, hope, and love for your daily life through His Word and Spirit! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to one of our ushers or greeters.

QUOTE: October 4 "Whenever I read Scripture that talks about how much God loves each of us, that He has created us, and that He wants us to share His love, I am always struck by the lack of qualifiers. I do not see where God makes distinctions about who He loves and calls into His family. He loves and calls all—each and every one of us." Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda Lutheran Communities – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org

Did you know... Women's Ministry at Holy Cross offers education, inspiration, and service where faith and missions are the focus. We are Lutheran Women in Mission who are finding avenues to use our God-given talents as we meet the challenges to share the Gospel message.

As Lutheran Women in Mission we are part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, an organization that been around since 1942. Normally our group meets once a month, September to May for faith, fellowship and service activities. Due to COVID our time together may look different.

We'll be meeting in October for a Bible Study on the 13th at 6:30pm at church. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for future dates of activities. We will change it up and meet every so often by Zoom too. All ladies of Holy Cross are invited to attend.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH: **Thank you** — for the countless times you have stretched out your hands in service to others in times of need. **Thank you** — for the early Sunday mornings and many hours in preparations for your sermons. **Thank you** — for the thousands of prayers you have prayed for your congregation and others. **Thank you** — for the time spent out of church to help those who needed help, or need a friend. **Thank you** — for not judging people, and always embracing everyone with open arms.

LWML Mite Boxes: Over the years, many Lutheran Women's Missionary League groups used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Instead of "mite boxes" some groups called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes."

Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. In fact, the LWML has collected over **\$100 million dollars** since 1942. Yes ... these coins have and will continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.

Today you'll find a large purple Mite Box in the back of church; drop your coins/mites in the box and join us in making a difference and spreading the Gospel around the world. Mites are collected at our monthly Women's Ministry events and gatherings too.

The Board of Christian Education is needing some assistants, as well as some assistance! :-) One or more people who like to plan/organize just one or two small events. One event is **service oriented** - and is underway already. That is **Operation Christmas Child promotion** and collection organization. Vivian needs help to brainstorm and organize this. The website/page is ready for receiving donations and the goal is 20 boxes, end date, Sunday, Nov. 15.

Pray & Play: The second is a **fall Pray & Play fellowship activity (various ages involved) on Sunday, October 25**. Pumpkin Carving is planned for now, but Vivian needs help to, yes again, brainstorm ideas for doing something more or as an alternative to go along with the pumpkin stuff. It is also the celebration of Reformation that Sunday, so . . . I just need some support to formulate the plan.

Say a prayer and ask if God is calling you to "venture out" by joining the Christian Education team at Holy Cross, by helping with one event, OR by joining to work together to build up one another in our faith! Contact Vivian by phone (call or text) at 913-486-2626 or email: vrjobst@gmail.com

Informal prayer time - We will be having an informal time of prayer at Holy Cross on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. All are welcome. We will be praying for Holy Cross, our nation, Covid concerns and any other prayer requests. We will provide a list of what to pray for and bring along your personal prayers also. Please pray about joining us for all or some of these Wednesday nights.

Sunday School/Christian Discipleship classes for children and youth begin Sunday, September 27 at 10:15-11:00 AM following the 9 AM worship service. **Lots of things have changed, but God's Word stays the same along with His love and faithfulness for all people! Yeah God!** Please remember to come with your Bible, mask and open hearts and minds for growing in your spirits and being flexible in all things.

Adult Sunday Morning Bible Class will begin today Sunday, October 4. This group will meet in the sanctuary for space. The OT book of Nahum will be led by Rev. Robert Nowak. The teaser for you to participate... Robert "finds it fascinating and so much like the world we live in today"! Come for ancient history, Assyrian empire origin information, and more!

The new Sanctuary Course (8 weeks long) with a focus on the broad subject of mental health will be led by Pastor Jim. **See the October Holy Crossings for details.** Anyone can participate and we need to know of your interest in participating to plan for materials and if the class will meet in person and/or online by Zoom. Please contact the church office, Pastor Jim by email (pjjobst@gmail.com) or on his cell (612) 615-2939 or Vivian Jobst by email (vrjobst@gmail.com) or on her cell with a call/text (913)486-2626. If you have any questions you may contact Vivian about those as well. This class will begin October 18th.

New Opportunity - Haiti Lutheran Mission Society has announced, "We have the opportunity to have up to \$10,000 in matching funds (from a generous donor) for the outreach of the HLMS between now and October 31, 2020." Those donating should write "matching funds" on the memo line. As with all donations to HLMS, 100% of all monies donated goes to missions.

McKenna visiting – If anyone is interested in visiting Lohart on Wednesday at 10 am outdoors where they set up a special outdoor distancing, people can meet Pastor, Janean or Nancy and attend with them when they visit. If rain and lightning the visit cannot be done. Please contact the church office if interested.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Our belief and practice is Confessional. Jesus clearly teaches He is truly present in His supper in the bread and wine. We receive miraculously, in the gift of faith, His true body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you have been baptized and confirmed in our church body, please commune with us. If you have questions about communing, please wait to commune until receiving instruction in one of our communion classes. Thank you.

Church Attendance – 09-27-2020

Worship: 31 Communion: 28 +7 Drive-up = 35

Responding to God's Grace

Contributions needed/month (General Fund): \$21,982.50 Contributions received in August \$15,657.07

SERVING TODAY THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE 9:00 am

Communion:	Brit Weimer	Acolyte:	Colin Kruse
Lector:	Carol Albrecht	Ushers:	Jason Kruse
AV:	Jason Eickhoff	Offering:	Meg Batchelder & Michele Lein

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020 9:00 am

Communion:	Dave Albrecht	Acolyte:	Blake Dobberstein
Lector:	Jason Eickhoff	Ushers:	Norma & Evelyn Jabs
AV:	Vivian Jobst	Offering:	Wendy Fitzwater & Doug Schulze

THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

Sunday	October 4	18th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am		Worship w/Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:15-10:45 am		Drive-up Communion
10:00–10:45 am		Christian Education Bible Study & Sunday School
Monday	October 5	
7:00 pm		Church Council Meeting Zoom LINK TBD
Tuesday	October 6	
8:00 am		Men's Bible Study LHM Video Luke Bible Study
Wednesday	October 7	
12:00 pm		Happenings Articles Due
7:00 pm		Informal Prayer (<i>sanctuary</i>)
Thursday	October 8	
6:30 pm		MOR Prayer Training
Friday	October 9	
Saturday	October 10	
9:00 am		Church Cleaning
Sunday	October 11	19th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am		Worship W/ Holy Communion also via Zoom
10:15 am-10:45am		Drive-Up Communion
10:00 am-10:45am		Christian Education Bible Study & Sunday School