



**Redeemer Lutheran Church
San Antonio, Texas**

**October 5, 2025
2025 LWML Worship Service**

NOTES: Offerings will not be collected by passing plates. Please place your attendance cards and offering in the plates located by the narthex. There is no specified seating for bible class or worship. We offer large print copies of the liturgy.

Masks are not required, but you can wear one at your own discretion.

Prelude

We begin, positioned first in prayer with calling out to God on behalf of His people, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor: Let us pray for the needs around us; the world, our nation, our communities, and our congregations... (when prompted: "Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer").

Pastor: "Therefore, you should pray like this:

All: Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. "For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. But if you don't forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing." (Matthew 6:9-15)

Opening Hymn: “Serve the Lord with Gladness”

Tune: “Onward Christian Soldiers” — 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!

(Litany of Praise, Repentance, Confession, Forgiveness)

A reading from **1 Chronicles 16:23-36** (LWIM Reader #1)

“Let the whole earth sing to the Lord. Proclaim his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples. For the Lord is great and highly praised; he is feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. Ascribe to the Lord, families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him. The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken.”

(LWIM Reader #1)

“Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, ‘The Lord reigns!’ Let the sea and all that fills it resound; let the fields and everything in them exult. Then the trees of the forest will shout for joy before the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his faithful love endures forever. And say, ‘Save us, God of our salvation; gather us and rescue us from the nations so that we may give thanks to your holy name and rejoice in your praise. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting.’ Then all the people said,”

All: “Amen” and “Praise the Lord.”

Psalm 32:1-5

Pastor: How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How joyful is a person whom the Lord does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit! When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the summer’s heat.

All: Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

We pause in private confession to our Lord

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

Congregation: Be gracious to me, God, according to Your faithful love; according to Your abundant compassion, blot out my rebellion.

Wash away my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. For I am conscious of my rebellion, and my sin is always before me. Against You — You alone — I have sinned and done this evil in Your sight. So You are right when You pass sentence; You are blameless when You judge.

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of your salvation to me, and sustain me by giving me a willing spirit.

Pastor: Your sins, which are many, are forgiven for the sake of Jesus our Lord and Savior who lived for you, died for you, and rose for you, bearing the wounds of your punishment and

banishment. He has reconciled you to the Father. You may have peace. Share this joy with the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Zephaniah 3:14-17 (LWIM Reader #3)

“Sing for joy, Daughter Zion; shout loudly, Israel! Be glad and celebrate with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed your punishment; he has turned back your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is among you; you need no longer fear harm. On that day it will be said to Jerusalem: ‘Do not fear; Zion, do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will be quiet in his love. He will delight in you with singing.’”

Reader: These are the continuing words of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: “With Joy We Come Together”

Tune: “O Savior, Precious Savior” — LSB #527

With joy we come together,
 Our hearts of one accord,
 Rejoicing in the blessings
 Of serving You, O Lord.
 The gifts that You have given
 Make us a mighty throng.
 With thankfulness we raise up
 Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women,
 Who've served You through the years,
 Sustaining one another
 Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
 We follow now their service,

Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand,
We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported,
We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided,
We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You,
Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue
In reaching everyone.

Lord, with Your love and guidance,
We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us,
We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness
So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship
Together face to face.

The Gospel Reading: John 12:20-22

“Now some Greeks were among those who went up to worship at the festival. So they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and requested of him, “Sir, we want to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord,

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Message Hymn: “Christ the Eternal Word” — LSB #829

The Message: *Who am I, Who are You, Who are WE?*

Key verses and concepts regarding disciple multiplication include **2 Timothy 2:2**, which describes entrusting the gospel to those men and women who are faithful, and who can teach others, forming a chain of multiplication. **Acts 6:7** directly states that "the number of the disciples multiplied greatly," showing this process in the early church. The core idea of multiplication is that disciples make more disciples, creating a process of exponential spiritual reproduction rather than just adding to a group.

(Woman at the well of Samaria, **John 4:3-42**; Paul's ministry team, **Romans 16:1-16**)

Loving
Welcoming
Inviting
Multiplying

The Benediction: Romans 15:13

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Sending Hymn: "Praise, Love, Serve"

Based on the LWML Pledge

Tune: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" — 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.

Announcements:

Postlude

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