



Our *hearts*  
in HIS *hand*

*Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).*

**2021 LWML SUNDAY  
Worship Service**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin  
October 3, 2021

# *Our Hearts in HIS Hand*

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

## **OPENING HYMN: ♪ "O HOLY SPIRIT, ENTER IN"**

**LSB 913**

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be  
Truly living,  
To You giving  
Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.**
  
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us  
By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching  
And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.**
  
- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace  
On us shower;  
By Your power  
Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.**

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*Stand*

## **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 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, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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.

## **PSALM**

**PSALM 86:5-12**

**P** For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

**C** abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

**C** In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.

**P** There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**C** All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

**P** For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

**C** Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

**P** I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

**C** 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.

## **KYRIE**

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: ♪ "VOICES RAISED TO YOU WE OFFER"**

**LSB 795**

**1** Voices raised to You we offer;

Tune them, God, for songs of praise.

Hearts and hands we bring in tribute

For Your gifts through all our days.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Triune God, to You we sing!

- 2 All creation joins to praise You;  
Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us,  
We return to You today.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God, Creator, source of life!**
- 3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
Touching earth with heaven's grace,  
For Your living, suff'ring, dying,  
For Your rising, hear our praise!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!**
- 4 Spirit, flaming through creation,  
Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
Through our hands Your love impart.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Spirit, Helper, breath of life!**
- 5 How can any praise we offer  
Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
Gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to You we sing!**

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### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

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### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

### **EZEKIEL 36:22–27**

“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new

spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM**

**PSALM 51:1–2, 6, 10–12**

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**C** **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**C** **and cleanse me from my sin!**

**P** Behold, you desire truth in the inward being,

**C** **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**

**P** Cast me not away from your presence,

**C** **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**P** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

### **EPISTLE**

**1 PETER 1:18-22**

knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

*Stand*

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**MARK 12:28–31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

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

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **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.**

## **CATECHETICAL VERSE**

*What is the Office of the Keys?*

**☩ The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

*Where is this written?*

**☩ This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22–23)**

*What do you believe according to these words?*

**☩ I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

*Sit*

## **SERMON HYMN: ♪ "RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT"**

**LSB 704**

- 1 Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**
- 2 Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity  
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3 Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4 Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above  
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

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**SERMON: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER FROM PURE HEARTS"**  
**BY PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDT**

**1 PETER 1:22**

*Stand*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

**OFFERTORY**

- C**  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

**RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT LWML ANNIVERSARIES**

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**LWML PLEDGE**

- 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 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**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. 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 and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.  
**P** For the daily bread that sustains us in life: For food and health, for housing and clothing, for employment, for moderate weather, for justice and peace in our community and nation, that in every time of abundance and time of need, we may know Your peace in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** For... (*additional intercessions of the congregation*). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** For communicants who come to Your table to eat and drink Your Son's holy body and blood: May they draw near with humble confidence in Your forgiveness and reliance upon Your promise of nurture as we faithfully walk the heavenward way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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**

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **AGNUS DEI**

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen**

*Sit*



## **DISTRIBUTION**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB"**

**LSB 740**

*LWML:*

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.**

*All:*

- 2 Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.**
- 3 Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.**

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING"**

**LSB 706**

- 1 Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.**
- 2 Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.**
- 3 Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end.**

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### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♪ "LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY"**

**LSB 623**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.**
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**
- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.**
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.**

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*Stand*

### ***NUNC DIMITTIS***

**☩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ***THANKSGIVING***

**☩** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**☩** and His mercy endureth forever.

**☩** 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.

**☩** Amen.

### ***SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS***

**☩** The Lord be with you.

**☩** And with thy spirit.

**☩** Bless we the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

### ***BENEDICTION***

**☩** 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.

**☩** Amen, Amen, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: ☩ "SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS"***

***TUNE 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!**

--Written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

### ***SILENT PRAYER***

### ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

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