



*Kingdom people produce*  
**KINGDOM FRUIT**

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

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SUNDAY

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in our worship  
in our study  
in our fellowship  
in our lives.

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in our worship  
in our study  
in our fellowship  
in our lives.

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**Altar Flowers** have been given to the glory of God by Jim & Kathy Schroeder in honor of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, September 29, 2020.

**Altar Centerpiece** is in honor of Holly Hulskotter and Colby Adams' wedding on Saturday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Holly is the daughter of Mitch & Cinda Hulskotter and granddaughter of Dick & Carol Hulskotter

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*You will find the songs for our 10:30am Service in italics*

***“Open Up The Heavens”***

***Preservice #1***

*We've waited for this day  
We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You  
Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth*

*You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

*Your presence in this place Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes*

*You're the reason we're here  
You're the reason we're singing*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

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Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart  
Filling every part of our praise*

*Show us show us Your glory  
Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

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Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord*

*Open up the heavens we want to see You  
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## ***“Sing A Song”***

## ***Preservice #2***

*I want to sing a song for You, Lord  
Lord, for You I want to sing a song  
And I want to lift my voice to Heaven  
And listen to the angels sing along*

*Chorus:*

*A song of Your faithfulness  
A song of Your grace  
And of Your loving kindness  
To the glory of Your name  
With everything that's in me, Lord  
Listen to me say  
I want to sing a song for You  
I want to sing a song*

*I want to live my life for You, Lord  
Lord, for You I want to live my life  
I want to praise the name of Jesus  
Pray above all things You're glorified (chorus)*

*And I sing about Your mercy  
And I sing about Your love  
Your goodness, Lord  
Your righteousness  
I want to sing. . . (chorus)*

*And we'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll shout holy, holy  
Are You Lord almighty*

*And we'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll sing holy, holy, holy  
We'll shout holy, holy  
Are You Lord almighty (chorus)*

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## **OPENING HYMN**

## **"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901**

1) 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!

2) 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!

3) 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.

## ***"Song of Blessing"***

## ***Opening Song***

*Come dear Lord, be our guest, as we gather together.  
May our heart glow with love, keep us close to you ever.  
Friendship and joy, may they bloom and grow, bloom and grow forever,  
Bless our homes, bless our friends, Bless our common endeavors.*

*May the Lord, mighty God, Bless and Keep You Forever.  
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.  
Lift your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.  
May the Lord, Might God, Bless and Keep you forever!*

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## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(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.**

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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for steadfast love endures forever! The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

C: **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**



P: This is the day that the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: **Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

### **HYMN OF PRAISE (4:00, 5:30, 8:00) “Glory Be to God the Father” LSB 506**

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit; Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run.

Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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

P: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** (with the Presentation of “Faith Alive” Bibles to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students in the 10:30am Service)

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

<sup>2</sup>He 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.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

<sup>4</sup>What 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?

<sup>5</sup>And 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.

<sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

<sup>7</sup>For 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.**

## PSALM

Psalm 80:7–19

L: <sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!

C: <sup>8</sup>**You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

L: <sup>9</sup>You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

C: <sup>10</sup>**The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.**

- L: <sup>11</sup>It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
- C: <sup>12</sup>**Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**
- L: <sup>13</sup>The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
- C: <sup>14</sup>**Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**
- L: <sup>15</sup>the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- C: <sup>16</sup>**They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**
- L: <sup>17</sup>But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- C: <sup>18</sup>**Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!**
- L: <sup>19</sup>Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## SECOND READING

## Philippians 3:4b–14

<sup>4</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, 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 <sup>9</sup>and 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 — <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not 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. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, 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, <sup>14</sup>I 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

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 21:33–46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>33</sup>“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. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They 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.”

<sup>42</sup>Jesus 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’?”

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And 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!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Praise, Love, Serve"**

*(Based on LWML Pledge, Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer, Tune: LSB 361)*

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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.

### ***“How Many Kings”***

### ***Sermon Song***

*Follow the star to a place unexpected  
Would you believe after all we've projected  
A child in a manger  
Lowly and small the weakest of all  
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother's shawl  
Just a child  
Is this who we've waited for 'cause*

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones  
How many lords have abandoned their homes  
How many greats have become the least for me  
And how many gods have poured out their hearts  
To romance a world that is torn all apart*

*How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior*

*All that we have whether costly or meek*

*Because we believe*

*Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure*

*And myrrh for the cross He'll suffer*

*Do you believe*

*Is this who we've waited for*

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones*

*How many lords have abandoned their homes*

*How many greats have become the least for me*

*And how many gods have poured out their hearts*

*To romance a world that is torn all apart*

*How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*How many kings stepped down from their thrones*

*How many lords have abandoned their homes*

*How many greats have become the least for me*

*How many gods have poured out their hearts*

*To romance a world that is torn all apart*

*How many fathers gave up their sons for me*

*Only one did that for me*

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**SERMON**

**“Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit”**

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

**HYMN RESPONSE:**

**#691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing**

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| 1 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing,<br>May we ripen and increase,<br>Fruit to life eternal growing,<br>Rich in love and joy and peace.     | 3 Rooted deep in Christ our Master,<br>Christ our pattern and our goal,<br>Teach us, as the years fly faster,<br>Goodness, faith, and self-control. |
| 2 Laden branches freely bearing<br>Gifts the Giver loves to bless;<br>Here is fruit that grows by sharing,<br>Patience, kindness, gentleness. | 4 Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending,<br>May we grow till harvests cease;<br>Till we taste, in life unending,<br>Heaven’s love and joy and peace. |

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**LWML PLEDGE**

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**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**

...let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**Lord’s Prayer**



**C 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.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

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

**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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

### **“Serve the Lord with Gladness”**

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,

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!

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!

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, Tune: *LSB 662*

### ***“Soul On Fire”***

### ***Closing Song***

*God, I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart  
Till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire*

*God, I'm running for Your heart  
I'm running for Your heart  
Till I am a soul on fire  
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways  
I'm waiting for the day  
When I am a soul on fire  
Till I am a soul on fire*

*Lord, restore the joy I had  
I have wandered, bring me back  
In this darkness, lead me through*

*Until all I see is You*

*God, I'm running for Your heart*

*I'm running for Your heart*

*Till I am a soul on fire*

*Lord, I'm longing for Your ways*

*I'm waiting for the day*

*When I am a soul on fire*

*Till I am a soul on fire*

*Lord, let me burn for You again*

*Let me return to You again*

*Lord, let me burn for You again*

*Let me return to You again*

*God, I'm running for Your heart*

*I'm running for Your heart*

*Till I am a soul on fire*

*Lord, I'm longing for Your ways*

*I'm waiting for the day*

*When I am a soul on fire*

*God, I'm running for Your heart*

*I'm running for Your heart*

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