



Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

LWML Weekend

3rd Weekend after Epiphany

January 24 & 25, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Two, Page 167

AS WE GATHER

The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and “the shadow of death” (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (v. 17). It may seem like a minor detail that Matthew says Isaiah’s prophetic words were fulfilled when Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to live “in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali” (v. 13). Yet even this little fact testifies to how real the words of the Old Testament are and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ.

Likewise, it may at times seem insignificant and even unimportant when the light of the Gospel is preached in our hearing and in our world today. How many of us have heard God’s voice directly saying, “Follow me”? Those who were baptized as infants have no memory of ever being apart from God or His church. The life of faith in God may just seem normal or even routine to us—nothing out of the ordinary. Still, our sins remind us of the temptation to ignore God. Like the Christians in Corinth, we have sinful pride that causes divisions and quarreling among us. And while that’s no different than anywhere else in our world, to be a disciple of Jesus means to be truly different than the world. Repentance means being transformed by love of God and love of neighbor. Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, “Repent” and “Follow Me,” even in the ordinary details of life.

· **PRELUDE** “Serve the Lord with Gladness” Setting by Stephen P. Folkemer

· **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

· **LWML MOMENT**

| **CHIMING OF THE TRINITY** *(The congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.)*

OPENING HYMN

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"



1 Serve the Lord with glad - ness! It is He a - lone
 2 Serve the Lord with glad - ness! He gave us com - mand
 3 Serve the Lord with glad - ness! There's no great - er joy



Who re - deemed us sin - ners, Guides us as His own
 To pro - claim His Gos - pel Now in eve - ry land
 Than to serve the Mas - ter, Work in His em - ploy.



To en - joy the bless - ings Of His love and grace,
 So that fel - low sin - ners May, like us, be blest.
 As we build His king - dom An - gels, too, re - joice



Will at last in glo - ry — Meet us face to face.
 Lead - ing them to Je - sus, — We can serve Him best.
 O - ver eve - ry sin - ner — Brought to hear His voice.

Refrain



On - ward, then for Je - sus! — Let this be our aim:



Serve the Lord with glad - ness! Glo - ri - fy His name.



| INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

| CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

| LWML PRAYER

Pastor: In thanksgiving to God for His mercies shown to us in Jesus Christ, and for the opportunities for service in His kingdom through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, let us speak together the LWML Pledge:

People:

**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.**

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

| OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; You have increased its joy; they rejoice before You as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, You have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

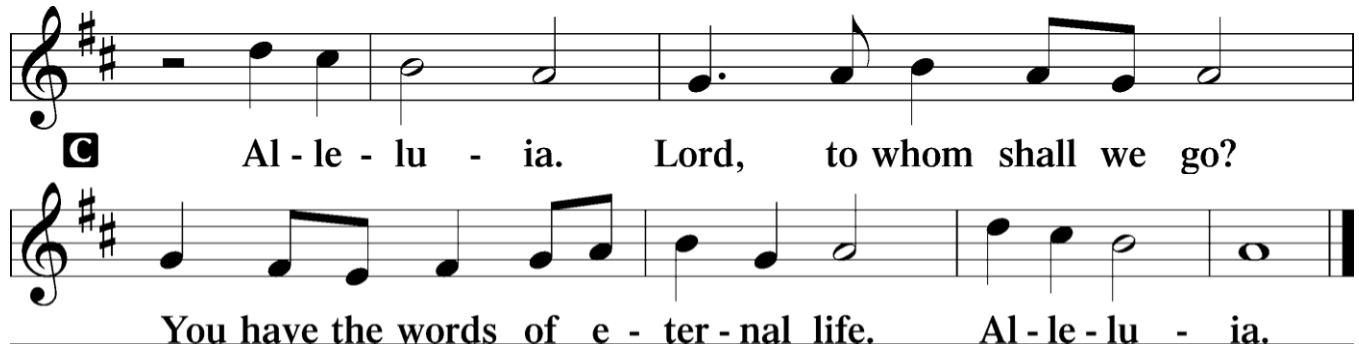
| EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



| HOLY GOSPEL

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.



Matthew 4:12-25

Now when He heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.





1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

SERMON

"A Fractured Family"

Pastor Donald Treglown

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

APOSTLES' 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.

OUR GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Prayer Requests: Please print prayer requests on the blue “Prayer” card and hand it to an usher during this time.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”
Setting by Mark Bender

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE (5:00)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

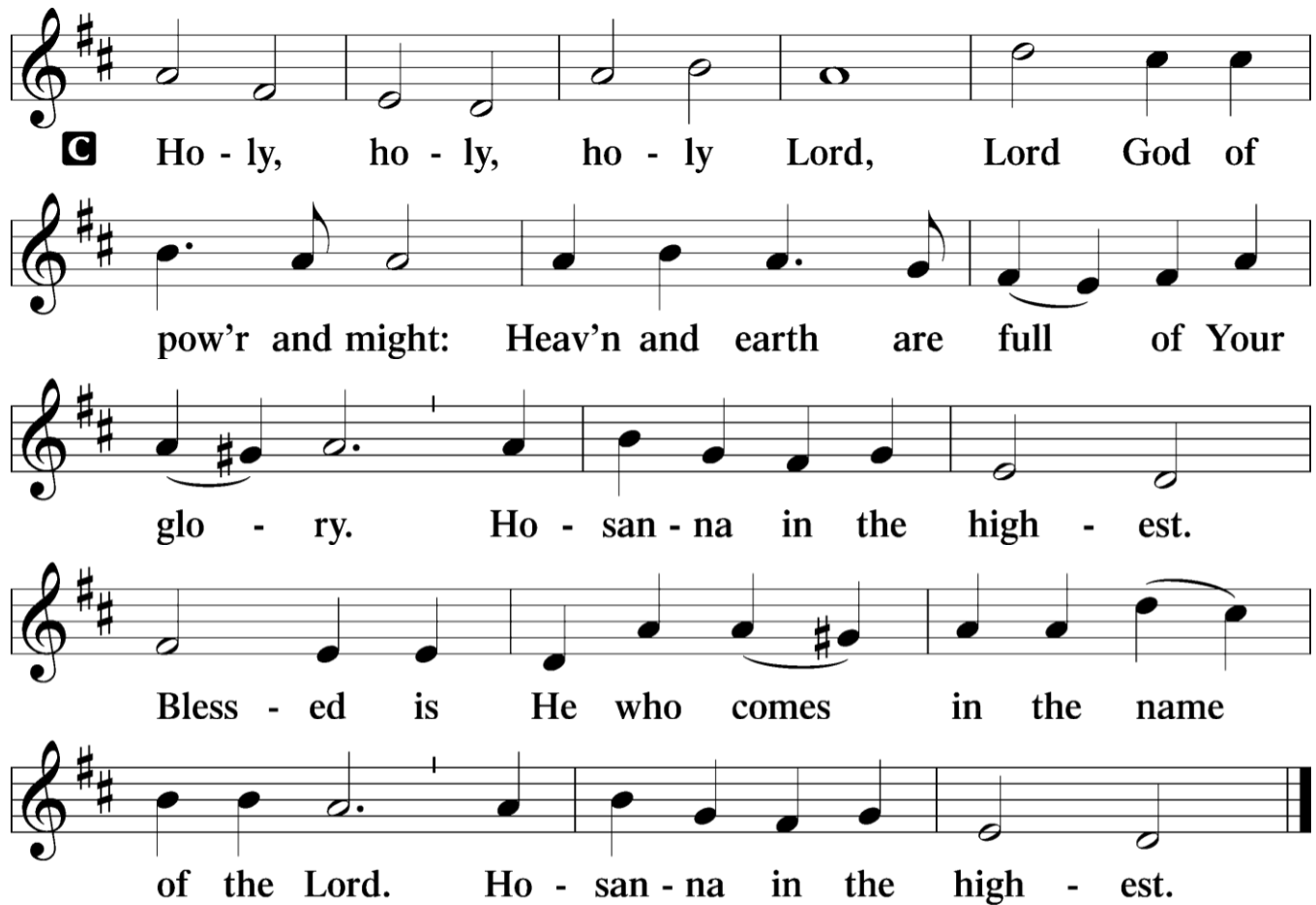
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 (5:00)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

| WORDS OF OUR LORD (5:00)

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

| PAX DOMINI (5:00)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: Amen.

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION (5:00)

*“Whoever takes Holy Communion here confesses the teachings of this congregation”
 (1 Corinthians 11:26.)*

If you do not agree with or do not know what we teach, you may still come to the rail – simply cross your arms as a sign that you do not wish to commune at this time. For more information, see our statement in the front of the hymnal or talk to a pastor.

| BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless You and keep you; the LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look on you in favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

| SENDING HYMN

“Lutheran Women One and All”



1 Luther-an wo - men, one and all, We have heard the Gos - pel call.
2 Luther-an wo - men, young and old, Well we know His chal - lenge bold:
3 Luther-an wo - men, coast to coast, In the Lord a might - y host,



We by faith have seen our Lord Cru - ci - fied and then re - stored.
Help to take the Gos - pel light To a world in dark - est night,
Let us all u - ni - ted be In the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty,



We have seen Him pay the price, For our sins a sa - cri - fice.
By ex - am - ple in the home, by in - vi - ting those who roam,
One in faith, in hope, and love, Work - ing for the Lord a - bove,



Him we Lord and Christ ac - claim And u - nite to praise His name.
By our prayers for sin - ners lost, By our gifts for mis - sions' cost.
Till, our earth - ly la - bors done, We in heav'n shall all be one.

POSTLUDE

OFFERTORY INFORMATION

From time to time, a hymn captures our imagination because of its simplicity and transparency. Such a hymn is *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light.”* In singing this hymn, we feel the spirit of Epiphany unfold. A folk-like melody conveys a text based upon a wide range of scriptural allusions and biblical images. *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”* communicates deep conviction and personal sincerity, while avoiding any hint of pretense. The first-person perspective invites the singer to join Christ, the Light of the World, in discipleship – a journey of faith. The second line of each stanza deepens this commitment. As in most gospel hymns, it is the refrain that carries the essence of its meaning; and indeed, it is this refrain, with its scriptural allusions that virtually quote from Revelation 21 and 22, that distinguishes this hymn from many earlier expressions of discipleship. While a deeply personal expression of piety, the poet roots her devotional expression firmly in Scripture, avoiding the maudlin and simplistic notions of some gospel songs.



1947



1991



To the next 75 years of mission

Lutheran Women in Mission 2025–2027 MISSION GRANTS

1. **Regional Disaster Response LERT Shower Trailers**
LCMS Office of National Mission,
Disaster Response Ministry, U.S. \$81,500
2. **Help for Ukraine's Orphans and Displaced Persons**
Orphan Grain Train, Europe \$100,000
3. **Portable Laundry Trailer**
Forged by Fire Services, U.S. \$100,700
4. **The Perpetual Call for Pastors and Teachers**
LCMS Office of Pastoral Education, U.S. \$100,000
5. **Growing Together to Share Braille and Large Print**
Lutheran Braille Workers, U.S. \$100,000
6. **Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients**
Phil's Friends, U.S. \$100,000
7. **Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers**
A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc., Wisconsin ... \$75,000
8. **Building a Place of Care**
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$60,000
9. **Introducing Muslims to the Savior**
Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Global \$100,000

11. **NOT ALONE: Gospel Help for Families in Crisis**
Lutheran Family Service, Iowa \$92,500
12. **Gospel Outreach through the Digital Mission Field**
Lutheran Hour Ministries, U.S. \$100,000
13. **Reaching God's Children in Haiti**
Trinity HOPE, Haiti \$61,782
14. **Reaching Jewish People with the Gospel in Israel**
The Apple of His Eye Mission Society, Asia \$100,000
15. **Arch Books for Immigrant Children in the USA**
Concordia Publishing House —
Concordia Gospel Outreach, U.S. \$125,000
16. **The Teaching of Lutheran Pastors in West Africa —
Sierra Leone and Liberia**
Project: Pastoral Education West Africa \$86,000
17. **Mobilizing After School Care for Teens**
Our Place After School Care Inc., Hastings, Nebraska \$69,500
18. **Scholarships to Support International
Deaconesses — Tanzania**
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Africa \$100,000
19. **Support Rev. Roberto and Katie Weber**
LCMS Missionaries to the Dominican Republic,
North America \$10,000
20. **Mercy Triumphs: LCMS Prison Ministry**
LCMS Office of National Mission, U.S. \$84,500

LWML Mite Boxes

How They Began



Perhaps inspired by the various "cent" or "mite" societies of the early 1800s, the Woman's Mission to Woman (Baptist) urged members in its first circular letter in 1871 to use their new Mite Box to raise funds. The entire family was encouraged to contribute. The garnet-colored paper box had an opening on the top and the words, "Woman's Mission to Woman," in gold letters on the side.

Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran

Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totaled \$6651.31 in 1930. Ninety-six years later the mission grant goal for 2025–2027 biennium is \$2,622,270.00.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, formally recognized by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in 1942, required by the newly adopted constitution and bylaws, that 25% of all missionary contributions be given to the national organization, shared from the districts.

At the 1953 convention, delegates reaffirmed the policy of raising funds only through voluntary offerings. Instead of "mite boxes" some societies called their ingathering devices "blessing boxes" or "mission boxes" or "thank offering boxes." The first Mite Box design had space for districts to imprint local messages. In publications and speeches, Leaguers were reminded not to just tuck their Mite Box away out of sight and then on the day of the meeting take out a dollar bill, put it in an envelope and hand it to the secretary. Among the suggestions offered were:

- Put your pennies in the box at the end of each day.
- Say "thank you" with an appropriate amount whenever calamity or misfortune has been averted.
- Empty all your loose change from your kitchen coin bowl into the box on meeting day.

Throughout the decades, Lutheran women have stepped out in faith, setting goals and trusting God to move the hearts of His people to give generously to LWML to proclaim the Gospel.

"And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins [mites], which make a penny"
(Mark 12:42)



LWML Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission,
we joyfully proclaim Christ,
support missions,
and equip women to honor God
by serving others.

Serve the LORD with gladness! (Psalm 100:2).

CORE VALUES:

Christian Women | In God's Word | Mission Focused
Sisters in Christ | Servant Leaders

