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Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.*

LWML SUNDAY

October 4, 2026

WOV – SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER pg. 46

Prelude – “O Day Of Rest And Gladness” – setting, Donald Busarow

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 521 O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

DIALOG – pg. 46

You are the treasured people of the Lord.

Cong – a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

Cong – talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

Cong – but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG – pg. 47

I – Women & Children II – Men



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.



Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul-er of all the na-tions.



Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



Sal-va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev-er.

III For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All

na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,

for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

☪ Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

Bill Wise, Elder

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

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; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people 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 expected 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 it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; 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 people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

(Choir will sing before and at the R)

(The Psalm will be sung alternatively, beginning with Choir)

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
⁹You cleared the | ground for it;
 it took root and | filled the land.
¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R
¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
 and its branches | to the river.
¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**
look | down from heaven;
¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;
 preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

Bill Wise, Elder

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

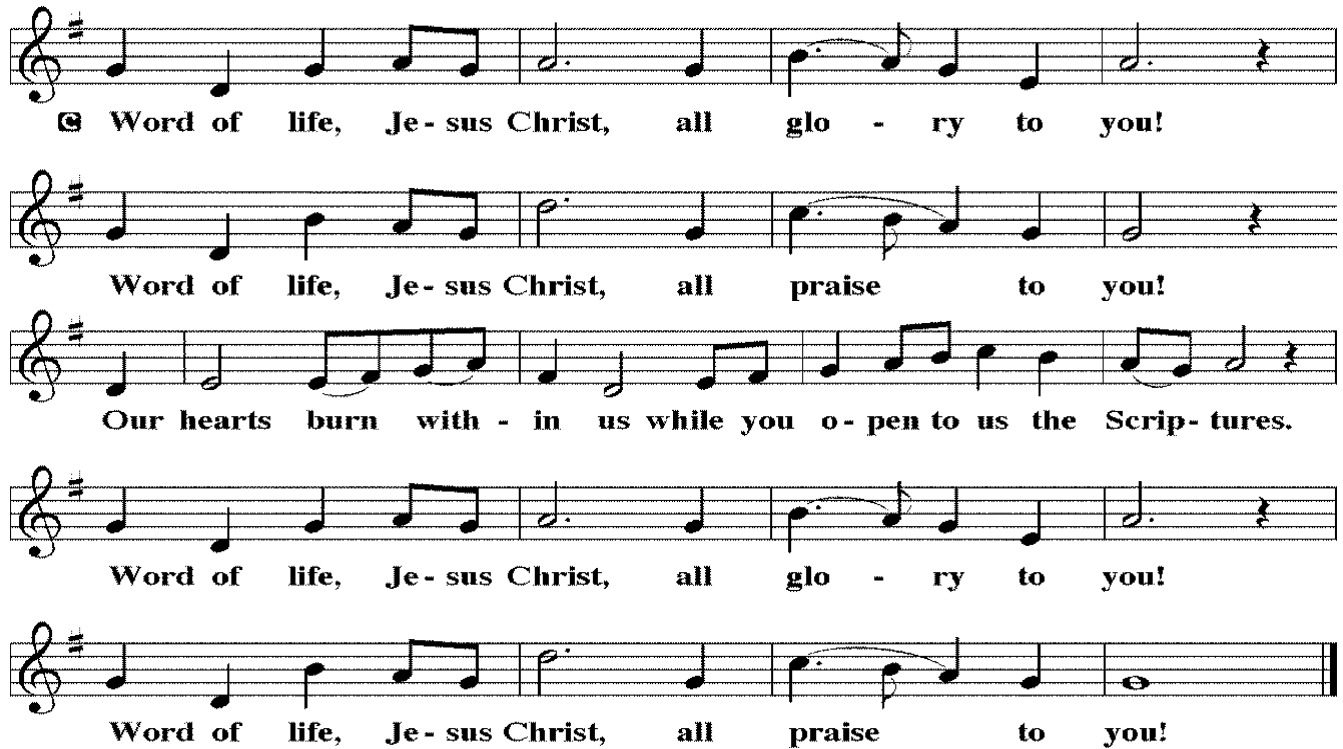
[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard 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 one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own but this 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 heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – pg. 48



Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip- tures.

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je- sus Christ, all praise to you!

Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor Karl Rein

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. 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 get his inheritance.' ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when 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 lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." 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 amazing in our eyes'? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Alicia Driver

SERMON – “By God’s Grace We Manage” Matthew 21:43

Pastor Karl Rein

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 343 MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

v. 3 – Women & Children

v. 4 - Men

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – pg. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

Cong – We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

Cong – Pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

Cong – Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Cong – Everything old has passed away; Behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Cong – Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Cong – Amen.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – pg. 50-51



Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERTORY PRAYER – pg. 51

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Cong – you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Hear us, O God.

Cong – Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong - Amen.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION - DEDICATION OF GIFTS

Mite Offering: Ladies may bring their mites forward at this time.

Friends in Christ, lift up your hearts to God and pray with me.

Almighty God, give to your church a boldness of faith which is not afraid to go where You lead us. We thank You for the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Women in Mission, supporting Your work across the world. By Your Spirit, strengthen and encourage all Christian women as they fulfill their various callings in service to You. Sustain our generosity as we support mission outreach through our LWML Mite Boxes. Lord, by Your power, multiply our gifts for Your kingdom's increase. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Cong – Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 545 LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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Holiday Bazaar - Saturday, November 14th, 2026!



Save the date!

Our Annual Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Please share this on social media along with neighbors, coworkers, and invite friends and family!

We will once again ask our bakers to get out their favorite recipes for cookies, sweet breads, cinnamon rolls, fudge and buckeyes.
Our kitchen will once again serve home-made soups, sandwiches, chips & drinks.
Our shoppers & vendors love our lunch menu!

ATTIC TREASURES Get down those items from the attic that you no longer use to decorate your tree or home for Christmas. Our Bazaar shoppers love these items! Please price these items.

CRAFT VENDORS: If you know of someone who is interested in a table for the bazaar, they may contact Alicia Driver at (937) 974-5010 or alicia.a.driver@gmail.com. Table rentals are now \$40.00 (new price!).

Here is the form for vendor sign up: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeURDHYu9KQsWzpL-3vAJqtCwZyg3lxlh8VTqffjr9whWwpUg/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=104669149652316362710>

If you would like to Chair our Baked Goods (display & price items) or our Kitchen, please see Susan Armstrong or Alicia Driver.

Watch for future articles in the Newsletter and bulletins! Let's make this year's Holiday Bazaar our best one yet!

O Day of Rest and Gladness

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1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
 2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
 3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n - ly man - na falls;
 4 New grac - es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

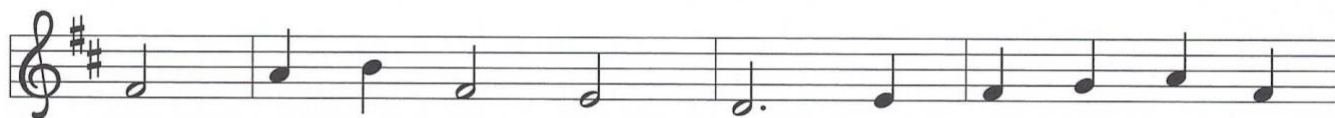
O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
 on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
 to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum - pet calls,
 we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
 on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
 where gos - pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
 We sing to you our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
 and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three - fold light was giv'n.
 and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh - ing streams.
 the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

My Song Is Love Unknown

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way and his sweet prais - es
 4 We cry out, we will have our dear Lord made a -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might
 stow; the world that was his own would not its
 sing; re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of



love - ly be. Oh, who am I that
 Sav - ior know. But, oh, my friend, my
 to our king. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is
 life to slay. Yet cheer - ful he to



for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend!
 all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.
 suf - f'ring goes that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say? Heav'n was his home
 but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, 1624–1683, alt.

Music: John Ireland, 1879–1962

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LOVE UNKNOWN

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Alternate tune: RHOSYMEDRE

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil - der-ness.
 Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
 Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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