

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT: November 11th, Veteran's Day, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center in Punta Gorda. The King's Singers from Cambridge, England, a world-famous acappella singing group who have performed world-wide and are considered the best in the world by many professional critics will be performing. In 2008 The King's Singers were awarded a Grammy Award for Best Crossover Album. If you are interested in seeing The King's Singers perform, please contact either Pastor Kress or Rick Vassallo. Tickets are \$40.00 or \$50.00 each and the performance begins at 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU: A special thank you from the Youth Group and Lisa Vassallo for all who supported and helped with the Golf Outing Fundraiser on October 3rd.

T-SHIRTS: Lisa Vassallo is now taking orders for the new lime green Redeemer Lutheran Church t-shirts!!! The cost is \$10.00. If you are interested, please see Lisa in the narthex after the service.

BELL-RINGERS: The Salvation Army is in need of volunteer bell-ringers from November 13th to December 24th, Monday through Saturday. If you can contribute two hours of your time at Publix, Winn-Dixie or Wal-Mart locations, please call 475-3060. Thank you.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Don't know about the basic truths about Islam or what the Muslim believes? This is the Bible Class you need to attend. Every Tuesday morning at 10:00, Pastor Kress will teach a 'topical' Bible study. Presently he is comparing Islam vs. Christianity; comparing the basic teachings of God, His revelation, and His salvation for mankind. He is also comparing Mohammed vs. Jesus; in regard to character, miracles, fulfillment of prophecy and more. Pastor Kress looks into the Qur'an taking note as to what the Muslim believes about the Trinity, the Deity of Christ, and the resurrection. He then compares their beliefs with the Word of God as contained in the 66 Canonical Books of the Holy Bible.

LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS: Ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend Bible Class on Thursday morning at 10:00. The class is instructed by Pastor Kress. Presently he is walking through the *GOOD NEWS* magazine under the topic of Prayer. All material is provided for you to keep. You are welcome to bring your own Bible and even a lady friend.



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST LWML SUNDAY

**ORDER OF SERVICE
SETTING ONE**

OCTOBER 11, 2009

**Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care
6465 MAYPORT RD.
East Englewood, Florida 34224 PH: 475-2410
Child Care Phone: 475-2631**

**WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:00 and 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM
ADULT BIBLE CLASS: 9:15 AM**

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**Pastor: Rev. James T. Kress, Sr.
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Prelude

Call to Worship

Greetings and Announcements

Today we celebrate the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML), which support Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) missions through the collection of funds in "Mite Boxes" and encourages women to witness and live the Christian faith. Portions of the Divine Service this morning will follow elements of the liturgy celebrated at the LWML convention in Portland, Oregon, earlier this summer in June 2009. The theme for the convention was drawn from Psalm 121 and Isaiah 52, "Look to the Hills...God Reigns!"

Opening Hymn: "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" **LSB 843**

Please stand at the singing of the final stanza of the Opening Hymn

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8-9*

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 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.**

John 20:19-23

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 **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

week we will have the opportunity to study either one of the above topics or review Lutheran Worship; what is the heart and center of Lutheran worship, what does 'Divine Service' mean, and how does Lutheran worship reflect Lutheran theology? We hope to see you today or next week at 9:15 for Bible Class.

HALLOWEEN CANDY: The Board of Outreach will again be passing out candy (labeled with Redeemer information) at the Halloween Safewalk on Dearborn Street on October 31. To help allay costs, if you would like to donate candy for this use, please bring bags/boxes of individually wrapped candies, suitable for distribution to children. There is a box in the Narthex for this purpose. Thank you.

CPH CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS BOOKS: It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping. And now you can save 35% on our newest Christmas titles. The new titles include *The First Christmas Present*, *Christmas Around the World*, *Silent Night*, and *Savior of the Nations: Born on Christmas Morn*. These children's Christmas books are available at www.cph.org or by calling 1.800.325.3040. Offer good through October 15, 2009. Mention code YRM to receive the savings.

YOUTH GROUP - CONGREGATION OUTING: ***THE HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE*** in Orlando on November 13th-14th (over night). The bus leaves on November 13th at approximately 4:30 PM and returns November 14th at approximately 7:00 PM. Sign up in the narthex beginning this week until November 8th. Payment is due by Nov 8th.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Stephen Ministers are lay Christians that provide effective Christian care. They make a commitment which includes 50 hours of training, ongoing supervisory meetings and an average of 1 hour per week with the person receiving their care. We are beginning our training in January. If you have an interest and would like to know more please call Carol Carlos at 941-255-3354. If you are not interested in becoming a Stephen Minister but have an interest in our classes which provides enlightenment in all aspects of our lives we invite you to join us.

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY: The Blood Mobile is here today, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are able to give, please visit the bus. Time slots are still available. Thanks to your generous gifts, many lives may be saved. Most medicines no longer prevent you from donating (exception: coumadin). Also, you may now donate after 1 year following completion of cancer treatment. ALL DONORS RECEIVE FREE HAMBURGER AT LICKETY-SPLIT.

SCRIP: Pat Wilcoxon will be taking orders **TODAY** after the 8:00 a.m. Worship service and before and after the 10:30 a.m. Worship service in the Narthex. Orders will be ***returned next Sunday, October 18th***. The ***proceeds support the missions of the Ladies Guild/LWML.***

USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please pick your date and service time (8:00 AM or 10:30 AM). Sign up on the board in the narthex. If you have any questions, or are unsure about being an usher, call Tom Kirkland at 474-6407. He will do a walk through of usher duties upon request.

DONATIONS TO CHILD CARE AND/OR ANGEL FUND: Members and visitors – If you make a donation to the Child Care or Angel Fund, please make checks payable to Redeemer Child Care. They now have their own checking account. Thank you.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH!: Pastor Kress has set aside Saturday nights at 7:00 PM for you to come play games, watch a movie, talk about real issue for real teens, or just hang out. This is your “Saturday Night Alive”! Bring a friend or two, but most importantly, bring yourself. If you have any questions feel free to call Pastor Kress or text him (YES – He’s text literate!) on his cell phone, (941-979-2976).

CHOIR PRACTICE: Choir practice is on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM in the choir room of the sanctuary. If you have ever wanted to sing to the Lord a new song, this is the time! Give it a chance! We welcome you! Male voices are especially welcome.

PASTOR’S CLASS: Class continues to meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kress.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Youth confirmation has begun. Fourth and fifth grade instruction takes place from 3:00 – 4:00 PM. Sixth, seventh and eighth grade instruction takes place from 4:15 – 5:30 PM. All students are picked up by the church van at their respective schools. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or call Pastor Kress.

HULA CLASS: Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM - Hula class in the fellowship hall! Cost is \$6.00 per session. It is absolutely the best thing you can do for yourself!!! Great loads of fun!!! **NO CLASS THIS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13th.**

THE LUTHERAN STUDY BIBLE: The Hardback Edition from Concordia Publishing House is now available. This new Bible is the first in English to be developed from the ground-up with notes that are uniquely Lutheran. *The Lutheran Study Bible* draws together a depth of scholarly notes with rich devotional insights to provide meaningful perspective for both young and mature Christians.

TODAY IN BIBLE CLASS: Through Rev. Dr. Barry’s “What About ... Series,” we will take a closer look at either Pastors; how God give us pastors, how are they described and what does God expect of them, or we will look at being a Lutheran; what really is a Lutheran, what is a ‘confessional’ Lutheran, and what is an ‘unconditional subscription’ to the Confessions? Next

Hymn of Praise: “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Invocation and Litany

The sign of the cross **T** may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
C **Our God reigns!**
- P** and of the **T** Son
C **Our God reigns!**
- P** and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Our God reigns!**
- P** I lift my eyes to the hills. Where does my help come from?
C **My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.** *(Psalm 121:1-2)*
- P** How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring
good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
C **who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”** *(Isaiah 52:7)*

Hymn of Praise: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen
Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 121:1-8



I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.

He will not let your | foot be moved;*
He who keeps you will not | slumber.

Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slumber | nor sleep.

The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

The sun shall not strike you | by day,*
nor the moon | by night.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will keep | your life.

The LORD | will keep*
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and for- | evermore.

OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH: Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year **to honor their pastors** and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. A simple card, an invitation to lunch, a promise to pray for them, small gifts, wash a car or mow a lawn make wonderful statements.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Today's altar flowers are given by Barbara Duff in memory of James Duff.

LWML SUNDAY: Today is LWML Sunday. LWML is a mission service organization that funds Mission Grants with our Mites. Every little bit of change that you give brings about a change in someone's life. A large Mite Box is located in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to take a complimentary small mite box.

VOTER'S MEETING: The Town Hall Voter's Meeting is October 25th at 12:00 PM! The meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon.

TALENT SHOW: The Talent Show will be November 20th at 7:00 PM!!! Start getting your act together! We'll be nagging you! For more information, please contact Doris Dykhuizen.

CHILD CARE BASKET: Don't miss the Child Care basket located near the men's restroom for needed supplies of non-scented baby wipes, paper towels, trash bags, and snacks. Thank you very much for your support.

ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND: The pantry is in need of the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Mac-N-Cheese and Rice.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE: "Elijah and the Prophets of Baal" serves as the lesson focus for Sunday School. Just as the true God revealed Himself on Mount Carmel's altar, so on the cross-shaped altar of Mount Calvary, Jesus revealed once and for all that He alone is the real God who loves us enough to die for us. *Parents could ask, "How did God demonstrate His power on Mount Carmel? How does God reveal Himself to us?"*

TALK RADIO FOR LUTHERANS AND FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO KNOW... NICENE CREED SERIES...How did we get the Nicene Creed? How is it similar and different from the Apostles' Creed? What does it mean that Jesus is "God of God, Light of Light?" How is the Holy Sprit the "Lord and Giver of Life?" You'll find answers to these questions and more in a five-part radio series on The Nicene Creed. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. You can listen to this series at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org.

SERVING IN THE LORD’S HOUSE TODAY:

Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM – _____, 10:30 AM – Joe Carlos
Acolyte: 8:00 AM – Billy Ruccatano, 10:30 AM – Alexandria Murphy
Coffee Hour: LWML – Ladies Guild
Organist: 8:00 AM – Bill Bowers, 10:30 AM - Doris Dykhuizen
Altar Guild: Sam Jolley & Carol Sheahan
Greeters: 8:00 AM – Ray & Dolores Altmann , 10:30 AM – Roger & Pat Luedtke
Ushers: 8:00 AM – Harold Hale, Ray Janssen, Lisa & Rick Vassallo
10:30 AM – Shirley Zatkalik, Barbara Duff, Tom & Karen Kirkland
Choir Director: Doris Dykhuizen

CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 12th THRU OCTOBER 18th

MONDAY: 7:00 AM Men’s Group Meeting at the Country Hound
3:45 PM Child Care Chapel
5:30 PM Weight Watchers
7:00 PM Council Meeting

TUESDAY: 9:00 AM Hula Class
10:00 AM Bible Class
7:00 PM AA Meeting
7:00 PM Youth Meeting

WEDNESDAY: 10:00 AM Outreach Meeting
7:00 PM Pastor’s Class
7:00 PM Choir Practice

THURSDAY: 10:00 AM Senior Fellowship
10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study
3-5:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class
6:30 PM Stephen Ministry

SATURDAY: 7:00 PM Saturday Night Alive!

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM Worship Service with Communion
9:15 AM Sunday School
9:15 AM Adult Bible Class
10:30 AM Worship Service with Communion

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*
From where does my | help come?**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit

Feeding of the Lambs: *“Fear, Love, and Trust”*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 52:7–10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

P The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 91:11; 103:1



**He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.**

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

- P** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have

Postlude

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WELCOME! It is our pleasure to worship with you this morning here in God's house. It is our sincere desire that the Holy Spirit will deepen the faith of each one of us through God's holy Word and Sacrament. **We ask ALL members and visitors to please PRINT their name, children, local address and phone number in our *Record of Fellowship* book in the pew. Visitors, please be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor as you leave the sanctuary.**

A QUIET REMINDER: Worshipers are reminded that the “quiet times”...during the pre-service Prelude and the Offering ...are intended for personal meditation and prayer. **Please keep conversation to a minimum.** You are encouraged to make use of our beautiful narthex for visiting. Thank you.

Gratitude For God’s Blessings: Hebrews 3:12-19: Each day we have opportunities to encourage and help each other. God’s maturing stewards know that using our time wisely and well is a critical part of our stewardship life. Each day is another gift from God to be managed in a way that honors Him and helps others.

PRAY FOR

SHUT-INS: Ilse Berner, Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Earl Gossett, Ruth Jansch, Clara & Walter Mitchell, Jaye Nistendirk, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Henrietta Appold, Wilbur Bruce, Marie Elphick, Sharon Eisele, Roland Hansen, Jim Hollis, Bob Johnson, Charles Keller, Cliff Larsen, Leona Morrison, Harriet Payne, Steve Procuik, Tom Poyer, Bonnie Roussin, Sharron Schultz, Joe Scarangella, Sam Simonson, Ed Sita, Jim Straub, Pastor Thomason, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, and Barbara Wolgast.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Paulette Bryden, Georgia Bush, Carly DeFeos, John Denick, Chase, great-grandson of George and Doris Dykhuizen, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Glory Herget, Michelle Hickner, Bill Hillis, Aaron Hingos, Jeremy Hoivik, Tom Holt, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Erin Kress and unborn child, Rev. Howie Krienke, John Lichty, Marie Liebl, Elsie Malecki, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Mike Pedretti, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, and Andrew Wolgast.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Stephen Geib, Brian Hollis, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Jennie Janssen, Keith Janssen, Joshua Jones, Scott Morris, Steven Siegmundt, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

Benediction

P Confident that our God reigns, go and share His love.

C We serve the Lord with gladness!

P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, **T** the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and strengthen you for faithful service in His name.

C Amen.

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn:

“For All the Faithful Women”

LSB 855



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
2 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, Who toiled with pot and pan
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
While Mar - y sat in si - lence To hear the Word a - gain.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
Christ, keep our hearts at - ten - tive To truth that You de - clare,
We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
And strength - en us for scr - vice When work be - comes our prayer.
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

kept from my youth.”²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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 **T** everlasting. Amen.

Please sit

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832

Sermon: "Treasure in Heaven"

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Please sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings:

(Choir – 10:30 AM – "Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word")

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, God of hosts, You continue to abide with Your people and grant eternal life to all who trust in Jesus Christ, Your Son. Receive the intercessions and petitions we bring to You this holy hour.

Response following each petition

P ... let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, in Your mercy.

P Merciful Lord, God of Hosts, hear and answer the prayers of Your people who in faith commend themselves to Your promise that You will always hear Your children when they call upon You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

The 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.