



SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

**HYMN: “One Mission, One Message, One People in Christ!”** (tune: “Immortal, Invisible”)

One mission, one message, on people in Christ! Empow’red by His Spirit, together we rise.  
To praise and adore Him who now as of old, Continues to care for us within His fold.

One mission, one message, one people of God! Together we follow and speak out His Word.  
Together we tell of His great love abroad. Together we serve Him throughout the whole world.

One mission, one message, one people: Proclaim! And heed Christ’s commission to go in His name. Baptizing and teaching His Word far and wide, Through peril and trouble He stays by our side.

One mission, one message, one people: Rejoice! Sing out Jesus’ mercy with united voice.  
Join in celebration – in Christ we are one! Extol God the Father, the Spirit, the Son.

*Ruth and Daniel Mattson 2007*

SERMON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 "**Enduring in Labor and Work**"

*(A sermon outline with the Scripture reading is printed in the bulletin to aid your meditation on God's Word)*

**RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD:** *(LWML Pledge)*

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 brining the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

**OFFERING + RITE OF FELLOWSHIP** *(Please sign fellowship book at end of pew.)*

Video Presentation: “What is the LWML?”

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

P. Heavenly Father, stir Your people everywhere to share Christ Jesus as the Light of the world with those who are yet living in the darkness of sin.

C. GIVE US ENDURANCE IN OUR LABOR AND WORK OF SHARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE AND SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF YOUR LIFE-GIVING AND LIFE-CHANGING WORD.

P. For those who serve as our missionaries across the globe, especially Amy Kashenov,  
C. GIVE THEM COURAGE AND BOLDNESS IN SHARING THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST.

P. Lord Jesus, for the work we engage in together as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and the work we seek to do as a congregation,

C. BLESS OUR EFFORTS TO THE GLORY AND HONOR OF YOUR MAJESTIC NAME.

P. Spirit of God, the Counselor who leads us into all truth and comforts us in our trouble and sorrow with the promises of Your Word, we remember those in need, especially... (special prayer requests)...In Your mercy,

C. GIVE HEALING, HELP, COMFORT, AND HOPE TO ALL FOR WHOM WE PRAY.  
AMEN.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING:** *(From 2 Thessalonians 2:16,17)*

P. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father,

C. WHO LOVED US AND BY HIS GRACE GAVE US ETERNAL ENCOURAGEMENT AND GOOD HOPE,

P. Encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

C. AMEN.

**SONG: “For The Lord Is Good”** ( ) *sung by praise band*

**(For the Lord is good and His love endures forever....Psalm 100:5)**

**Chorus:**

For the Lord is good, and His love endures forever; He’s a faithful God to all generations.

For the Lord is good, and His mercies will not fail us; They are new each day,

O, lift your voice and say, “The Lord is good!” (Repeat)

**Verse:** Great is your faithfulness, O Lord (Great is your faithfulness, O Lord)

Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.

Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise. (Songs of praise)

They fill our hearts, (they fill our hearts) They fill our days.

*Chorus—Verse—Chorus*

Ending...The Lord is good, The Lord is good, The Lord is good!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS + POSTLUDE

PRAISE BAND SCHEDULE FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER:

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 Service

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Mayer LHS Wind Ensemble instead of Praise Band  
(Reformation Sunday)

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5**

**"Enduring in Labor and Work"**

*1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. 2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.*

1. As Paul thanked God for the work the Thessalonians were doing, whose work do we thank God for today?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What work of ours might people have reason to thank God for?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Work involves a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How does Christ's loving labor change us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. What is "endurance"?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. What danger do we face in our work as believers in Christ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Why was Jesus able to endure in his work as our Savior?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What is Christian hope based on?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. How does hope help us endure in the work Jesus gives us to do?