

CLOSING HYMN

With Joy We Come Together

To the tune of
O Savior, Precious Savior

- 1 With joy we come together,
Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings
Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given
Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up
Our praise to You in song.
- 2 We celebrate the women,
Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another
Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service,
Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand,
We'll strive to follow through.
- 3 Through ministries supported,
We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided,
We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You,
Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue
In reaching everyone.
- 4 Lord, with Your love and guidance,
We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us,
We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness
So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship
Together face to face.

Text: Jean Hansen Kammerer
Tune: Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

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HYMN OF INVOCATION

Serve the Lord with Gladness

To the tune of
Onward, Christian Soldiers

- 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.
- 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!
- 3 "Serve the Lord with gladness!"
There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
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: Ernest Lewerenz, 1884–1966
Tune: Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900

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The League 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 bringing
the lost and the erring
into eternal fellowship
with Him.
Amen.

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Blessing of the Quilts

- L** We gather today in the name of our compassionate Savior, to give thanks for women like the biblical Dorcas who use their willing hands to give comfort and life's necessities to those in need.
- C** **We thank You, Father, for Dorcas of old and the women who follow in her footsteps, using their talents with needles and thread.**
- L** To You, merciful Lord, we give thanks for all the faithful women who, alone in their homes or in small groups, cut and sew together the colorful scraps of fabric to form tops of spectacular patterns and hues.
- C** **Lord, we ask Your blessings for these women as they create their labors of love.**
- L** Lord, Source of all Comfort, we express our gratitude for the caring women who gather in members' homes and in church basements and fellowship halls to quilt, tie, and bind the "comforters."
- C** **We thank You for the quilters and ask You to bind our hearts in love for the people these quilts will comfort in times of stress.**
- L** Father, we now dedicate this rainbow of quilts to the glory of God and ask that You shower blessings upon the people of many colors who will use them for warmth, for shelter, for luggage, and for sustaining life.
- C** **Lord, teach us, also, to use our talents to reach out to the world's downtrodden people as these quilters have learned to do.**
- L** Jesus, we ask that You continue to bless the work of the quilters, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, and LCMS World Relief.
- C** **Bless their work, O Lord, and may it draw people to You.**
- L** For to You, O Lord, is the glory forever and ever.
- C** **Amen.**

