



SERMON

based on Psalm 100:1

LWMLC Sunday 2026

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Shalom!

Let's read together Psalm 100. (look up in hymnal or have on screen)

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing!
Know that the Lord, He is God!
It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord is the theme for this LWMLC Sunday.
Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Canada celebrates a special
Sunday each year as we serve the Lord with gladness.

Psalm 100 begins with a heartfelt command to rejoice. God warmly invites
all people everywhere to praise Him with genuine joy. Worship is not meant
to be silent or empty, but overflowing with gratitude and gladness.

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A “joyful noise” means praising God sincerely from the depths of our hearts. You may not sing perfectly, but God delights in sincere worship, not flawless voices. When we remember His boundless goodness, steadfast mercy, and abundant blessings, joy naturally wells up within us.

This verse also says “all lands,” meaning everyone is warmly welcomed to worship God. No matter your background, age, or struggles, you are invited to come before the Lord with praise. One of the most beautiful moments Pastor Aredo of Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church has personally witnessed is when the Oromo-speaking congregation and English congregation come together to worship in one service as one body of Christ. It is a profound blessing to see how two very different cultures from distant lands unite to serve, praise, and rejoice in the same God!

Another striking truth in this psalm is that our joy is not rooted in fleeting feelings, but in the unchanging character of God. The psalm does not call us to rejoice because life is always easy or predictable. It calls us to rejoice because the Lord is good, His mercy endures forever, and His truth remains steadfast from generation to generation. When we worship, we are not pretending that everything in life is perfect. We are choosing to trust the character of a God who is perfect.

The Lord is good. He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to earth to live, die, and rise again. His mercy stands firm to us sinful people. This truth remains steadfast forever.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the peace of God be with you all.
Amen.

Reverend Assefa Aredo is pastor at Shalom Oromo Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, and missionary at large for Lutheran Church - Canada.

He states, “It is truly a privilege and a blessing to serve. I was honoured to be asked to share this message for LWMLC Sunday.”

