

**God’s Grace for our Lives**

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18).*

What a blessing to be together with nearly 3,800 fellow Christians in Omaha, Nebraska for the 41st Biennial Convention of Lutheran Women in Mission ***Growing in God’s Grace***! What a privilege to lift hearts and voices to the Lord, as the Spirit worked through God’s Word, worship, mission speakers, and fellowship to strengthen our faith and fill us with renewed purpose for our work spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ! You too can participate in the LWML gathering; speakers and events of the June convention can be accessed in video form through the Convention link on *lwml.org*! Cue up the video on your computer and share a special Mites in Action talk or Bible Study with your LWML group this fall!

How can we “hit the ground running” after the exhilarating mountaintop experience of convention? How can we best serve Him as Lutheran Women in Mission in our district and our groups? Convention Bible Study leader Christina Hergenrader reminds us to depend on the Lord for this as in all things, to wait on the Lord’s perfect timing, not to become too preoccupied with our own busy plans. “*With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day” (2 Peter 3:8b).* Instead of looking through the lens of the telescope backwards, magnifying our own concerns, look to see each day as a colorful thread in the divine fabric of God’s eternal story: an opportunity to grow in grace and faith, to live lives of gratitude and service as the Spirit leads. Let God and His Word be our guide, rising above our own impatience and beyond our endless “to do” lists. About that list (we all have them!) . . . pray about that list, listen with your heart to the prompting of the Spirit, recognizing that all the work of our hands and our intellect belongs to the Lord. He will prosper our efforts for God’s Glory and God’s plan on His own timeline. He will grow the seeds of love and faith that are planted. Trust in the Lord!

I’d like to share with you the words of the song ***Write Upon My Heart***, written by David Angerman and Joseph Martin for our convention choir (SSA published for Lutheran Women in Mission Convention Worship 2025 by Shawnee Press). Since the convention, one of my friends carries a plasticized copy of these words in her purse as a prayer for God’s continual grace and renewal in her life.

*1Write upon my heart, Lord Jesus;*

*Inscribe Your Name upon my life.*

*Start in me a sacred work,*

*Make my life an open book,*

*Let others know your truth, through me.*

*2Fill my life with praise, Lord Jesus;*

*Let Your music echo through my soul,*

*Make in me a living song,*

*Let it sound for you alone.*

*Let others share Your love through me.*

*3Renew me, Lord, with Your Spirit,*

*Plant in me the Word of Truth.*

*Let me reflect Your love and grace*

*Until I see You face to face.*

*Let me share Your love in all I do!*

*4Paint upon my life, Lord Jesus;*

*Sculpt me as a potter works the clay.*

*Make in me Your work of art,*

*A reflection of Your heart.*

*Let others see Your love in me.*

*5Let others know Your truth, Lord Jesus.*

*Let others hear Your voice, Lord Jesus.*

*Let others see Your love . . . in me.*

Yours in Christ,

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