



Salem Lutheran Church
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Welcome to the House of the Lord

Fifth Sunday after Easter – Mother's Day
May 10, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.



On this day set aside to honor and remember mothers,
we give you thanks for our mothers.

We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them,
and that they received the gift of life from God's hands and gave it to us.

Thank you mothers,
for the sacrifices made in carrying us and giving us birth.

We give thanks for the women who raised us,
who were our mothers in childhood.

Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother
or someone else,

we thank you for those women who held us and fed us,
who cared for us and kissed away our pain.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

BELLS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

R1: Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us, comforting and carrying us in her arms:

R2: *"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you...."* (Isa. 66:13)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

R1: Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us. He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:

R2: *"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"* (Isa. 49:15)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

R1: David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace, trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms:

R2: *"But I have stilled and quietened my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me."* (Ps. 131:2)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

R1: Jesus spoke of himself as a mother, longing to wrap his arms around us, like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings:

R2: *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."* (Matt. 23:37)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

R1: Paul writes about his missionary ministry and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care:

R2: "...but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children." (1 Thess. 2:7)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

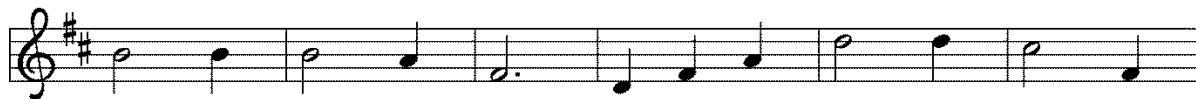
GATHERING SONG

Mothering God

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1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mothering God, we give thanks to You for mothers everywhere. We give thanks for their love, care, concern, and compassion. We lift up to You especially those who have struggled in their roles as mothers, where the path has not been smooth. We pray for those whose mothers perhaps failed in any way. Bring hope in the midst of their lives, whether as mothers or as children.

For those relationships that are strained, grant reconciliation. Where there is pain, bring the healing of your grace and mercy.

May our own hearts of love extend to all mothers everywhere; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Proverbs 31:25-31

A reading from Proverbs concerning a capable wife and mother.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: ²⁹"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. ³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 139:4-18

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸**I try to count them — they are more than the sand; I come to the end — I am still with you.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God word of Life,

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-34

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Offering

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Good and loving God, your love is the model for all parents, and we thank you for the ways in which our mothers showed us that love in comforting our sadness, quelling our fears, teaching us about the world and our place in it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grateful for the gifts these women have given us, we pray for all women to whom you have given the blessing and labor of motherhood. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For young mothers, learning to care for their children and their needs, for experienced mothers, learning to let go of their kids, for mothers who cannot or will not care for their children and women who would be mothers if they could. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

For women who have seen the wisdom of finding their babies another home, and mothers who have provided that home and protection. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

For foster mothers, or mothers of heart and mind, if not in body, for all women who have protected, nurtured, and taught, and who have sacrificed themselves for the next generation and future generations of children. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant to all mothers stamina and patience, let them take pride in the children they have reared, and help us to honor our mothers in the way we live our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always

And also with you.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

God of Great gifts, we give you these gifts today knowing that you are the Father of gifts. You mother us constantly providing for us, caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work that you give us to do, the work of the church, to care for those who are poor. Accept these gifts in Jesus' name.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

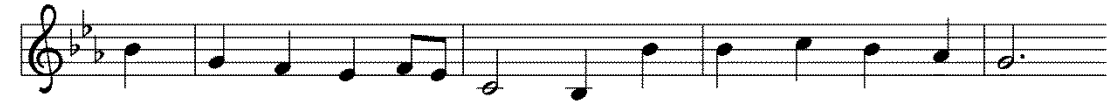
BLESSING

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us:
 may God, who became incarnate by an earthly mother, bless us:
 may God, who broods as a mother over her children, bless us.
 May almighty God bless us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
 now and for ever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

For All the Faithful Women



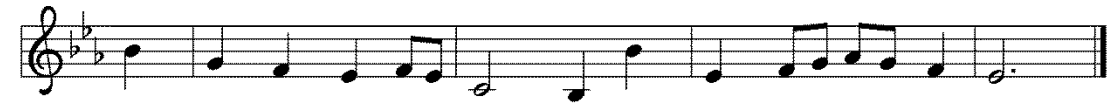
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
Insert one or more of stanzas 3-11 or this general stanza 2:
 2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,
Last All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
 in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
 All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
 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.
 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.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Preaching: Pastor Joel Guttormson Organist: Ruth Sheldon	Altar Guild for May: Shelley Hagenson
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