

## MOTHER'S DAY

Faith-Filled Women, Faithful God

May 7 & 8, 2016

5:00pm & 8:00am

### AS WE GATHER

Thank God for mothers! The celebration of Mother's Day is not part of the traditional Church Year calendar. Rather, it is an informal celebration that presents an opportunity to give thanks to God for His gift of mothers. In observing the day, we are connected with the biblical record of mothers and grandmothers and are reminded that motherhood is a special vocation. Although the customary celebration of Mother's Day is focused on family relationships, we can extend our gratitude to God for His faithfulness to all the faithful women who have been blessings in every generation.

### WELCOME

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ,  
set your hearts on things above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN #895 "Now Thank We All Our God" *Rise for the last stanza*

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

(Rise) All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;

**People: fools despise wisdom and instruction.**

Pastor: Hear, my son, your father's instruction,

**People: and forsake not your mother's teaching,**

Pastor: for they are a graceful garland for your head

**People: and pendants for your neck.**

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is instruction in wisdom,

**People: and humility comes before honor.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful Lord, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, undeserving of your mercy. We admit that we have sinned against you in countless ways. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not always been the family members we could be, taking for granted the gifts that come to us through our mothers and other Christian women. We have not always given our family lives the priority they should have and have been thoughtless in our words and careless in our deeds. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of your holy name.**

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repent and turn to Him in contrition. In kindness and love, He promises pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #811 “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”** Stanzas 1, 2, 4

Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God, with thousand tongues!  
My heart which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more;  
Put forth the strength that God has granted! Your noblest work is to adore.  
O soul and body, join to raise With heartfelt joy our Maker's praise.

All creatures that have breath and motion, That throng the earth, the sea, the sky.  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion, Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.

**SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, it is by your grace that we are nurtured and grow. Look with favor upon your people as they live out their callings to your glory. Bless all mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and aunts as they give expression to their faith in you through the witness of their words and the testimony of their lives. Give courage, patience, and strength to all who have special vocations of care and responsibility that your people may know peace and joy in every generation. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

**People: Amen.**

(Be seated)

**✘ WORD ✘**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 Samuel 2:1–10* (Hannah cares for her child, Samuel.)

Then Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; in the Lord my horn is lifted high. My mouth boasts over my enemies, for I delight in your deliverance. "There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. "Do not keep talking so proudly or let your mouth speak such arrogance, for the Lord is a God who knows, and by him deeds are weighed. "The bows of the warriors are broken, but those who stumbled are armed with strength. Those who were full hire themselves out for food, but those who were hungry hunger no more. She who was barren has borne seven children, but she who has had many sons pines away. "The Lord

brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grace and raises up. The Lord sends poverty and wealth; he humbles and he exalts. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. "For the foundations of the earth are the Lord's; upon them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his saints, but the wicked will be silenced in darkness. "It is not by strength that one prevails; those who oppose the Lord will be shattered. He will thunder against them from heaven; The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed."

**EPISTLE 2 Timothy 1:1–7** (Paul reminds Timothy of his faithful upbringing.)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 19:25–27* (Jesus commends His mother to His disciple's care.)

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

(Be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN #819 “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”**

Sing Praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness And came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, Who is by one and all adored:  
To God all praise and glory!

He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation;  
He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads His own, His chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

**SERMON**                      **"The Blessing of Godly Mothers"**                      **2 Timothy 1:1-7**

(Rise)

**THE APOSTLES' CREED** *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, ***please sign our attendance book*** located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

At the conclusion of the prayers:  
Pastor: . . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

**"Lamb of God"**

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN #649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christians love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

**HYMN #857 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”**

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.

You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow’r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servant-hood; In lowliness You died.

No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You and live by Your commands.

You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.

Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.

**HYMN #594 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are you, heavenly Father, for you have once again fed and  
nourished us at your Table through the body and blood of your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that, as  
sisters and brothers gathered at your Table, we may live resurrected and  
renewed lives in baptismal grace and show forth your love through  
acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending  
feast in your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give  
you peace.

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN “We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers” Tune LSB #644**

We thank You, Lord, for mothers Who Your great kindness share  
Through loving deeds for others As emblems of Your care.  
May we true honor show them And joyfully express  
That they are gifts among us To cherish and to bless.

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