

**Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Sunday, May 9, 2021  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

*Thought: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all! Mothering God, we draw on the image of you as one who nurtures, who gathers, who protects. We pray for those women who have nurtured us as mothers and who are no longer with us and whom we miss dearly. We reflect upon those women who have influenced our own lives in so many ways, and we give thanks.*



**Prelude – Teach Me to Walk (Monica Scott)**  
<https://youtu.be/3wGJenxosy0>

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prayer Concerns**

**Sharing of God's love and Peace**

*“May the love and peace of God rule in your hearts!”*

## Call to Worship

A: And Jesus said, "Come!"

**C: To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"**

A: To the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"

**C: To all who long to be mother: he said, "Come!"**

A: "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy-laden,  
and I will give you rest.

**C: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and  
humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."**

## Baptismal Remembrance

P: Mothers, Fathers, Godparents and others who would bring nurture in  
your life as you became "wet" in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit, watched and loved.

We pour this water to remember that this gift never dries out and you have  
been gifted with the Holy Spirit to bring love to others.

**C: We live our baptismal promise and give thanks!**

## Gathering Music – Blest Be the Tie That Binds

<https://youtu.be/P6lzTJfWdmk>

## Invocation

### Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

P: God of grace, thank you for the gift of motherhood: for the joy of giving  
birth, for the delight of loving a child, for the unfolding of a relationship  
over time. From mothers cradling babies, to adults care-giving for aging  
parents, the relationship of mother and child is a gift from you!

**C: Thank you for all who mother us – biological or adoptive mothers,  
caregivers, relatives and friends; whom who have been there for us,  
who have made us who we are. We are not perfect people, and in  
our intimate relationships, we are imperfect. For all the ways we  
have as mothers, disappointed or failed our children, forgive us.**

**For all the ways we have as children disappointed or failed our mothers, forgive us. Give us the grace to say, “I’m sorry,” and the wisdom to make amends. May we model gracefulness in stressful situations.**

P: Above all these we ask for love, pressed down, shaken together, running over! We ask this in the name of Jesus, who knew the love of a mother, faithful and true to the end.

**C: Amen.**

### **Greeting**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen and Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise – O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

<https://youtu.be/ZiZ9xXoZ1Mk>

Westminster Chorus

## Prayer of the Day

A: O God, you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond understanding.

**C: Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## The Word

### First Reading – Acts 10:44-48

*The Spirit poured out on the Gentiles*

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands*

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6**

*Everyone who loves the parent loves the child*

<sup>5</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

<sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith.

<sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel – John 15:9-17**

*Christ the friend and lover*

<https://youtu.be/ZQjEahTt17Y>

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children of God Message**

<https://youtu.be/HHAoZnA5HIU>

**Homily – Pastor Barnes: “You Make the World a Better Place”**

<https://youtu.be/3bI5-hoS1KE>

**Music – Let There Be Peace on Earth**

<https://youtu.be/LuN8ibZdW3c>

Rise Up Junior Choir

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead,**

**on the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

A: Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig Von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Offering/Offertory Prayer**

A: You have sent your Son into our world, O God.

**C: You have sent your Spirit into our hearts.**

A: Accept these gifts –

**C: they are the prayers of your people.**

A: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **Lamb of God**

<https://youtu.be/LcgpnvQPoaQ>

## **Preface**

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

**C: You so love the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

P: We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

## **Words of Institution**

### **The 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **Distribution**

### **Communion Music**

Here Is Bread, Here is Wine  
<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

OR

Lillian Pinkston - Piano

## Post Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

A: Your joy is in us, O Christ.

**C: Our joy is complete**

A: Strengthen us through this meal's healing power.

**C: Then we will abide in the Father's love.**

A: We bless you now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

**Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace – Philip Chircop**

<https://youtu.be/F2eVIFY5rGk>

**Sending Music – Love One Another**

[https://youtu.be/reQOzkCs9\\_w](https://youtu.be/reQOzkCs9_w)

### Dismissal

A: Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God.

**C: A love that is sweeter and more tender than any we have ever known. Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

