

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day



Thought: Today is a day we honor those who in love, compassion and giving have shared the role of mother. To our mothers and all who have shared that special relationship, we give thanks. Dorcas/Tabitha gave of her gifts as a disciple, to those in need, loving and being loved. This is the day to remember as we also understand we have a “mothering” God who will never let us go.

Prelude – Lillian Pinkston

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer Concerns

Sharing of the Peace

Invocation

A Mother's Day Litany

P: Loving and nurturing God, we thank you for mothers.

A: For all they mean or have meant to us.

C: We thank you for the love they have shown and the care they have given. For the many times they gave us hugs and held us close.

P: Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the qualities of mothers.

A: For their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding, in so many ways reflecting who you are.

C: We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and for this special day of saying 'thank you' to them.

P: Loving and nurturing God we thank you for the wonder of your mothering.

A: As a mother protects her children, you watch over us day by day.

**C: We thank you for your arms which always encircle and protect us,
Your hands shield and deliver us from harm.**

P: Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's Day brings heartache rather than celebration.

A: We pray for those who have never known their mother or whose mothers have died.

C: We thank you for your mothering heart and your tender love , Which nurtures all who feel abandoned and lost.

P: We wait with those who long to be mothers but as yet have not had their own children.

A: We grieve with those who ache because they will never be mothers.

C: We thank you for their mothering hearts which long to be expressed. Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.

P: We pray for those who struggle with the way their children have chosen to live their lives.

A: And grieve with those who are orphaned or have a difficult relationship with their mother.

C: We thank you that when we long for a mother's love you do not abandon us. Lord in your mercy, mother us all with your love.

P: May all of us have the comfort of knowing that your mothering love is constant,

A: Your understanding is perfect and your compassion is never-ending.

C: We thank you that you gave birth to all of us with delight and joy, Lord in your mercy mother us all with your love.

Amen

Gathering Hymn

"Our Father, by Whose Name" ELW # 640

<https://youtu.be/R5H7-cJ0Y4M>

"More Than Enough" – m4 Primary (A Mother's Day Song)

Greeting

P: 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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: 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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ELW # 502 vss. 1-2

<https://youtu.be/il1OeQfkVyl>

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Mass Of The Rock

Prayer of the Day

A: Heavenly Father, your voice rumbled, the stone rolled, you awakened your Son,

C: The great Shepherd of the sheep.

A: Even now our Shepherd calls us.

C: Help us to listen.

A: Even now the Spirit guides us.

C: Help us to follow.

A: That we, joy of joys, might do our Shepherd's work:

C: To seek out the lost, to heal the injured, to feed the starving.

A: May the sound of his voice awaken in us a hope that will linger,

C: And a joy that will dance.

A: Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Word

First Reading – Acts 9:36-43

Tabitha, a disciple raised from the dead by Pete

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed

in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading – Revelation 7:9-17

He will guide them to springs of water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and

to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

Holy Gospel – John 10:22-30

<https://youtu.be/LmlbFogPO6A>

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

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

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name

testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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

Children of God Time

https://youtu.be/_0fN6xZKzTM

Homily – “No One Will Snatch Them Out of My Hand”

<https://youtu.be/BE8-u1PNfLs>

Hymn of the Day

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” ELW# 764

https://youtu.be/C7881_qnFWQ

Have No Fear, Little Flock – Immanuel Lutheran Church

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

P: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives (*especially*). God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation (*especially*). Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

A: Christ, our Shepherd, we do not want. In your fold you offer peaceful protection,

C: and joyful togetherness.

A: As you have enriched us with every good thing –

C: bless us, too, in our giving.

A: So shall all the world be blessed.

C: We praise you now and evermore. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

“Here Is Bread” ELW # 483

<https://youtu.be/GgysV3EZKas>

Here is Bread – Chet Valley Churches

Consecration

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,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Music – Lillian Pinkston

Post Communion Blessing – Pastor

Post Communion Prayer

A: O Holy Shepherd, you have led us to your table,

C: a foretaste of the feast to come.

A: Lead us now as we go our separate ways, motivated by the
hope of a cup that overflows,

C: in the house of the Lord, forever.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction from Numbers 6

Sending Hymn

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” ELW # 763

<https://youtu.be/vpmeW-c51W0>

My Life Flows On in Endless Song – Beyond the Walls

Dismissal

A: Held always in the hands of our Good Shepherd, we go to serve.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Lillian Pinkston

