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Easter

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Communion

Happy Mother's Day

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship our Mothering God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.
This is our God.
Let's worship together!

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
the *Atlantic ocean, the Lahave river, Mush A Mush Lake* ,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water.
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.
We praise you, O God, for baptism.
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O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing! - Evangelical Lutheran Worship #385
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4D8K9zNCNE>

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

Let us pray,

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep.
Make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in
your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Now 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. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her
in a room upstairs. Since 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.' So 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. Peter 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. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green past

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

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.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

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

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And 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 worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honour

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I 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.

For 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.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre 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.'

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING – Luke 10:22-30 (NRSV)

The holy gospel according to John

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So 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.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is- Evangelical Lutheran Worship #502
Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHnrF3rPZQ8>

APOSTLE'S 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

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.

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,
hear our prayer.

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,
hear our prayer.

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. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**
Let's share a sign of peace with one another.

OFFERATORY PRAYER

Living God,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Let us pray.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Loving One, compassionate Three,
we offer our praise and thanksgiving:
for your good creation,
for your presence in our brokenness,
for the stories of the ancestors,
and the hope your companionship inspires.

On this day,
as we turn to you in public worship,
we remember:
the coming of Jesus in poverty and oppression,
the feeding and healing he shared,
the stories of ordinary things which point us to you,
and his embrace of the suffering and the dying.

We especially remember
on a night of betrayal and desertion,
that Jesus took bread and gave thanks,
broke it and gave it to those he was with, saying,
Take and eat; this is my body, broken for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

And he took the cup after supper,
again gave thanks,
and gave it for them to drink saying,
This is the covenant, renewed in my blood,
poured out for you and for all,
for forgiveness and reconciliation.
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, loving One, compassionate Three,
we do remember, and we proclaim again:
his life of service and solidarity,
his dying and rising,
and his promise of new life,
given and renewed each day.

By the coming of your Spirit,
in this meal, in our gathering,
and in every daily interaction:
strengthen our faith in your promise,
inspire our grateful response,
and fire us with hope for the world.

By the promise and presence of Jesus,
break open our hearts to share the love you are;
pour us out in service to your hurting world;
bring creation to fulfillment, and make us new.

We offer these prayers in the name of the Loving One,
trusting the faithfulness of the compassionate Three,
now and always.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 191)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God,
We give you thanks for feeding us
with grace to meet the journey's needs.
Send us into this week
To be living signs of your presence.
Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY POEM (by Heidi Carrington Heath)

Happy Mother's Day to the BIPOC mamas, and others, raising babies in a world made for white women. Thank you for your fierceness, tenacity, and perseverance. In the spirit of this day, may we overthrow and recreate the systems that harm you.

Happy Mother's Day to all of the women and femmes who have been told in some way that we cannot know joy or "real" love until we too are mothers. You are holy and wholly loved exactly as you are right now.

Happy Mother's Day to all of us whose relationships with our mothers are marked by trauma, abandonment, loss, abuse, and the things we don't speak about. I see you and you are loved.

Happy Mother's Day to those battling infertility and enduring the cascade of pregnancy announcements and family photos through your tears. You are not alone.

Happy Mother's Day to those who raise and mother other people's babies, who desperately wish to be mothers, and who love children who are not your own.

Happy Mother's Day to the mamas who have shared your babies with other mamas through adoption, and to the mamas loving the babies brought into your families not by birth. I see you in all of the complexities, joy, sorrow, and beyond.

Happy Mother's Day to those walking through the fog of grief, because your Mama died this year. Peace be with you.

Happy Mother's Day to the justice warriors, activists, mischief makers, co-conspirators, and rabble rousers who remind us what the history of today is all about.

Happy Mother's Day to the mamas for whom this day has always been complicated, but this year is finally full of joy. May you celebrate!

Happy Mothers Day to the mamas with babies new, old, and not here on earth.

Happy Mothers Day to the mamas for whom this day is full of great joy, laughter, love, and fond memories.

Happy Mother's Day to every mama, everywhere.

Happy Mother's Day to all who do the gritty, joyous, painful, holy, humbling, heart-filled work of mothering. This day belongs to all of you.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast - Evangelical Lutheran Worship #362

Sing Along: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDVPiNe5cCU>

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Tell what Mothering God has done.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Camp Mush-a-Mush** Clean up Sunday May 14 any time after 9 a.m.
- Kelly will be away on vacation from May 18-26, **church office** will be closed during this time. **Sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.**
- **Musique Royale presents:** Capella Regalis Men & Boys Choir @ St. John's Lutheran Church on Wednesday May 25 @ 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 at the door with an advance rate of \$20 if people book online or email janellelucyk@gmail.com. Students are \$10 at the door!
- **Walking Group Returns:** Please join Pastor Brooklynn Wednesday morning @ 9:30. Meet at the front of the church for a leisurely walk and fellowship. All are Welcome!

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