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## *May 10, 2020 ~ Easter 5*

*On this wonderful Mother's Day, we lift up all mothers in our prayers to God. May the Holy Spirit grant them joy and peace. Today, we rejoice that you've come to worship the One who set us in families.*

### ***Gathering***

Prelude

*Chris Lehne, Organist*

#### **Mothers' Day Welcome & Announcements**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, In the beginning, you birthed the world. You loved your creation and called it and us 'good.' Through the Scriptures of the Hebrews and the stories of Jesus, you showed us that your love for us was like that of a mother - caring, protecting, nursing, nurturing, challenging, calling us to grow to love you and each other more each day.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

**C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you. Sometimes we have followed your example and grown into your likeness of love and nurture. Sometimes our human propensity for self, the experiences of our lives, and the choices we have made have not proved loving or nurturing. We are sorry. Forgive us for when we have not been channels of your love and grace. Help us to forgive others when we are hurt or disappointed. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### **Apostolic 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.**

Gathering Song

**“Holy Spirit”**

*There's nothing worth more*

*That could ever come close; No thing can compare; You're our living hope; Your presence, Lord  
I've tasted and seen; Of the sweetest of loves; Where my heart becomes free; And my shame is undone;  
Your presence, Lord*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for; To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord*

*There's nothing worth more; That could ever come close; No thing can compare; You're our living hope  
Your presence, Lord*

*I've tasted and seen; Of the sweetest of loves; Where my heart becomes free; And my shame is undone  
Your presence, Lord*

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for; To be overcome by Your presence, Lord  
Your presence, Lord*

*Let us become more aware of Your presence; Let us experience the glory of Your goodness  
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Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for; To be overcome by Your presence, Lord*

Mothers' Day Litany

P: All who gather here are sons or daughters. **All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.**

P: For mothers brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

P: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

**All: We pray for peace.**

P: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

**All: We pray for healing.**

P: For mothers who have died, that live no longer with us, but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories,

**All: We pray for those that mourn, and give God thanks for life eternal.**

P: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

**All: We weep with those with broken hearts.**

P: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

**All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.**

P: For those who are preparing emptier nests,

**All: We both celebrate and mourn with you, and hope their wings are as strong as their roots are deep.**

P: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

**All: We pray for wisdom and patience.**

P: For Grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

**All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for them.**

P: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for adoptive process to be fulfilled.

**All: We wait eagerly with you, and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.**

P: For women who teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

**All: We give God thanks and praise.**

P: For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world. For the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life. For women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others. For women caring, compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ. For the caregivers, prophets, preachers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers. For Moms, in their wide variety and many forms. **All: We give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...

**C: Lord, you who are mother and father, transcending gender because there is no one else like you, reveal yourself to us this day. As a hen gathers her chicks, gather us once more. Enfold us into your arms of love. Enable us to see you, to hear you, and to experience you offering us a relationship of love, acceptance, forgiveness and joy — a relationship stronger and more stable than any parent we have ever known. Come amongst us, Mother God. Amen.**

Hymn

***“Be Thou My Vision”***

*Hymn № 793*

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart - Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night - Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light  
Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word - I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son - Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one  
High King of Heaven, my victory won - May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall - Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all*

**Word**

Psalm

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

*Beau Johnson*

In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. <sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. <sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, <sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. <sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God. <sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. <sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Response

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Acclamation

***“Alleluia”***

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

\*Gospel

*John 14:1-14*

P: The holy gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

\*Response

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**“Dwelling in Honesty, Acceptance and Gratitude”**  
*“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places.” John 14:2*

Special Music

**“Blessings”**

*Kelsey Collins*

\*Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

*After each petition, please respond with “Hear our prayer”*

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## ***Thanksgiving***

Offering

*It is a blessing to have you listening or watching with us this morning. Offerings are given as an act of worship for those who consider Grace Lutheran or Providence Valley Lutheran their home congregation. Visitors should not feel obligated to give an offering for our ministry. During this time of uncertainty, our congregations still rely on the gracious giving of our members. Grace Lutheran has options to give online via our website, [gracedawson.org](http://gracedawson.org) under the Online Giving tab or you can download our offering app on your phone! Simply search for “Give +” in your App Store and set up your account! As a reminder to Thrivent Financial members, please direct your Choice Dollars to Grace or Providence by March 31, 2020. Donations for Grace or Providence can be brought to the Grace Church Office at anytime. Offerings can also be mailed to:  
Grace Lutheran Church PO Box 549 Dawson, MN 56232  
Providence Valley Lutheran Church C/O 2722 100th Street Dawson, MN 56232  
Contact the office for help with any of these options.*

\*Offertory Hymn

**“In Christ Alone”**

***In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm; What heights of love, what depths of peace;  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease; My Comforter, my All in All; Here in the love of Christ I stand***

***In Christ alone, who took on flesh; Fullness of God in helpless Babe; This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save; ’Til on that cross as Jesus died; The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live***

***There in the ground His body lay; Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again; And as He stands in victory; Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine; Bought with the precious blood of Christ***

***No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in me; From a life’s first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny; No power of hell, no scheme of man; Could ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home; Here in the power of Christ I stand***

**\*Thanksgiving for the Word**

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: 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.**

*Sending*

**\*Blessing**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song**

**“O God, My Hope in Ages Past” (Vs. 1,2,6)**

*Hymn № 632*

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure,  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,  
 5 Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all of us a - way;  
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.  
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
 we fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op - ening day.  
 be now our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

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## ***This Week at Grace***

### ***Sunday, May 10–***

*Happy Mothers' Day!*

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

### ***Monday, May 11–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

7:00 Youth Board Zoom Meeting

### ***Tuesday, May 12–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

1-4:00 Dawson Area Food Shelf Open

### ***Wednesday, May 13–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

2:00 Channel 8 Worship TV Broadcast

### ***Thursday, May 14–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

### ***Friday, May 15–***

11:00 Student Meal Pickup at Main Entrance

### ***Saturday, May 16–***

### ***Sunday, May 17–***

8:30 Worship Radio Broadcast

## ***Announcements***

*Keep in mind during this time of uncertainty that any and all events are subject to change with little or no notice. All events scheduled at Grace Lutheran and Providence Valley Churches have been postponed and/or cancelled until further notice. Please stay safe and healthy!*

### **Senior Sunday**

Graduation seniors and parents! Keep an eye out for a special delivery this week from the Youth Board! And tune in next week as we honor you and your growth in life and our congregation!

### **Upcoming Scheduled Events**

- ✚ The Youth Mission Trip to the Cheyenne River Reservation this summer has been cancelled.
- ✚ Vacation Bible School has been postponed.

### **Worship Opportunities**

Worship will continue to be broadcast over the radio at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Video of each worship will be available on both the Grace and Providence websites, Grace's YouTube Channel and Wednesday afternoons on Channel 8. Bulletins will be available for download on the websites and for pick up in the main entry of the church. Please contact the office if you would like a bulletin delivered to you.

Also, visit the new "Grace & Providence Faith Connection" Facebook page throughout the week for devotions, prayers and other ideas to keep the faith in this time of uncertainty.

### **Food Shelf**

Dawson Area Food Shelf continues to be open on Tuesdays from 1-4:00pm. Please read signs as you come in. The Food Box behind First Presbyterian Church is available 24/7. Take when you need & give when you can!

### **Giving Made Easy!**

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