

WORSHIP SERVICE
May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

†**BLESSING OF ALL THOSE WHO PROVIDE MOTHERLY CARE**

P: Loving God, today we ask you to pour out your blessing on all mothers and all those who provide motherly care.

C: You have made them in your image, and have given them people to care for and love.

P: Bless them with a heart like your heart:

C: loving and kind, comforting and strong, nurturing and grace-filled.

P: As they strive to share your unconditional love,

C: give them long-suffering patience and a lively sense of humor.

P: As they model your mercy,

C: help them extend the forgiveness they have received freely from you.

P: And Lord, while Mother's Day is one of celebration, we know that for many it is also a difficult day;

C: give all those who struggle a reminder of your constant presence and your comforting peace.

P: All this we ask in Jesus' name. And the people of God said . . .

C: Amen.

♪ **GATHERING HYMN ~ For All the Faithful Women**

ELW #419

Verse 1

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.

They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

Verse 8

Recall the outcast woman
with whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
to quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning:
Christ offers us his word.
Then may our lips be burning
to witness to our Lord.

Verse 9

We praise the other Mary,
Who came at Easter dawn
and near the tomb did tarry.
but found her Lord was gone.
As joyfully she saw him
in resurrection light.
may we by faith behold him,
the day who ends all night.

Verse 11

For Eunice and for Lois,
we sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
and led him in your ways.
Raise up in ev'ry household
true teachers of your word
whose lives will bear clear witness
to Christ, our risen Lord.

†**GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

†OPENING LITANY

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Creator of all, the earth is yours,

C: The earth is yours, and everything on it.

P: You have entrusted us with gifts,

C: Abundant gifts to use in your mission.

P: Empower us now to be your good stewards

C: Stewards who use your gifts wisely and with love.

WORD

♪ **ACCLAMATION ~ *More Precious Than Silver***

PSB #31

Lord, You are more precious than silver,

Lord, You are more costly than gold;

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,

and nothing I desire compares with You.

†**LESSONS**: Multiple Old and New Testament Readings Reflecting God's Ownership of All

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

†**SERMON**

Pastor Dana O'brien

♪ **HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *Let All Things Now Living***

ELW #881

Verse 1:

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

Verse 2:

God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

†**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

P: Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior Who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

†SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the Peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Please share that peace with one another.

†OFFERING

Please pass the offering plates as directed by the ushers.

♪ **OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *All Things Bright and Beautiful*** by John Rutter

Glory Tones Choir

†OFFERING PRAYER

P: Please stand and join me in our offering prayer:

C: Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world. Amen.

MEAL

†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.

♪ **MUSIC ~ *Oh, How He Loves You and Me***

PSB #39

Oh, how He loves you and me!

Oh, how He loves you and me!

He gave His life, what more could He give?

Oh, how He loves you,

Oh, how He loves me,

Oh, how He loves you and me!

†WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†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.**

†THE MEAL IS SHARED

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table for Holy Communion. Those at home will be communed first. The ushers will direct you to the altar to receive the gifts. You will receive gluten free bread from the Pastor. Then the assisting minister will offer you a prefilled cup of wine (dark) or grape juice (light).

♪ COMMUNION SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *In Thee is Gladness* by Giovanni G. Gastoldi

Glory Tones Choir

♪ COMMUNION HYMN - *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

ELW #843

Verse 1:

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Verse 2:

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Verse 3:

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

†COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Let this meal be a reminder of God's triumph -- love over death, hope over fear, and joy over sadness. Let us all be the message of new life we have experienced today. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

SENDING

♪ BENEDICTION

P: Receive God's blessing as you are sent to partner with God in God's redemptive mission in the world. Go with joy and see others as God sees them – beloved children of God. Live as the church in your neighborhoods and community – serve others as you have been served, love others as God has first loved you. And go with the blessing of the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

♪ SENDING SONG ~ *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*

ELW #369

Verse 1:

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

Verse 4:

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

†**DISMISSAL**

P: May the loving power of our God who raised Jesus to new life, strengthen you in hope, enrich you with love, and fill you with joy. Go in peace, and feel the presence of the Risen Jesus go with you, now and forever.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

♪**POSTLUDE**

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

At Glory of God Lutheran Church, we are committed to bringing people to Jesus and His love by doing all things in love (1 Corinthians 16:14). We share Christ in ways that are accepting, compelling, creative, and inspiring —welcoming all into a life transformed by His grace.

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