



*We celebrate faith by:*

*ROOTING our lives in a relationship with our God.*

*REJOICING in the gifts of life and love our God graciously offers.*

*REACHING out to our world with God's healing and hope!*

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

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***Pastor: Rev. Joel Samuelson***  
***Minister of Discipleship: Michelle Hintz***  
***Organist/Piano Accompanist: Rhonda Gowen***

## **GATHERING**

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

### **MOTHER'S DAY LITANY**

**L:** Creator God, You are our perfect Heavenly Parent. For the miracles of new life You continually create...

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS!**

**L:** For the miracle we witness in the birth of every child and for the gift of our own lives...

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS!**

**L:** For the lessons about Your love that are reflected in a mother's tenderness...

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS!**

**L:** For the opportunities we each have to share Your love through caring, nurturing, and unselfish deeds...

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS!**

**L:** Bless, O Lord, our mothers and all who reveal to us the selfless and tender nature of Your love.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **OPENING SONG**

***"We Are Called"***

***Red #720***

### **GREETING**

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

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**L:** Let us pray...

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**L:** Gracious God, you have chosen us as Your own. Form the minds of Your people into Your one will. Empower us to love what You command and desire what You promise. Amid all the changes of this world, let our hearts be fixed where true joy is found, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: AMEN.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**- STAFF APPRECIATION**

## WORD

*God speaks to us through Scripture, Preaching, and Song.*

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"This Joyful Eastertide"*

*Red #391 (v. 1)*

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-fourth Chapter.

ALL: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"We All Are One in Mission"*

*Red #576*



*Today's Message:*

*By Pastor Joel Samuelson*

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*(Red p. 127 top right column or See Projection)*

## THANKSGIVING

*We respond with gratitude for God's gifts.*

### OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

### OFFERING RESPONSE

*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

*Red #715 (vv. 1&5)*

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

LORD'S PRAYER

*(See Overhead)*

## SENDING

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

### BENEDICTION

## **MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER**

**L:** I speak this prayer to you now in gratitude and praise for the gift of mothers. My mother, those of my friends, relatives, those I'll never know, all mothers. Thank you for the role they play in the family unit. Thank you for their teachings, their wisdom, their patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess. I pray that you help mothers across the world to be a blessing to their children. Whether delivering affirmation or discipline, I pray that you help them in their daily responsibilities. Remind children of all ages to take time to honor their mothers, and recognize all the ways they love so selflessly.

**ALL: AMEN.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

***"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"***

***Red #538***

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Carry the Light of Christ to the world!

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

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For many of us, the month of May signals the "end of the year" when operating on a school calendar. This is the month when our schedules fill up quickly with sporting activities, graduations, softball practices and summer plans. It is also the month that we recognize staff members in many professions. At House of Prayer, we would like to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to our hard-working staff. These wonderful people serve twelve months out of the year. While many of us will be at sand volleyball courts on Wednesday nights or cooking breakfast at our camper on Sunday mornings, the HOP staff will continue to keep our church running, beautiful, and full of activities for our congregation to benefit from and enjoy. Please let these staff members know how much they are appreciated!

Marie Schaff - Custodian

Pat Gilhooly - Maintenance

Jessica Sester - Choir Director/Sunday Service Musician

Krishna Fuller - Wednesday Service Musician/Senior High Coordinator

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