

Mother's Day Litany

R: Mothers come in many different forms,
and today we celebrate them all!

C: Thank you Lord for mothers!

R: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

C: Thank you Lord for my mother!

R: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers of the past.

R: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her child right now.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers of today.

R: For all the women who are expecting,
but aren't quite mothers yet!

C: Thank you Lord for the soon-to-be-mothers.

R: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers with hearts so big.

R: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers who are so strong.

R: For all the women who have wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

C: Thank you Lord for the mothers who are spiritual mentors. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.

Confirmands: Today we confirm eight 8th graders into the family of faith at St. Mark's. Allison Krugh; Delani Knoch; Evali Esparza; Hayden Saunier; Joslynne Ricker; Kody Hamilton; Lulu Ross; Xavier Tyas.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 9:36-43

Peter in Lydia and Joppa

³⁶ 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. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ 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." ³⁹ 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. ⁴⁰ 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. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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**Psalm 23                      The Divine Shepherd**

R: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**C:     He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
         he leads me beside still waters;**

R: he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**C:     Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
         I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
         your rod and your staff—they comfort me.**

R: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C:     Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
         all the days of my life, and I shall dwell  
         in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

Revelation 7:9-17      The Multitude from Every Nation

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> 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 worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup> for 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."

**R: The word of the Lord.**

**C:     Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation (10:30**

**service)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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P: The Good news.....

C: Glory To you O Lord!

John 10:22-30 Jesus Is Rejected by the Jews

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ 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." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022—CONFIRMATION SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 8:45 a.m. Confirmands Reception-The Gathering Place**
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion with Confirmands**
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

MONDAY

- 5:30 p.m. Crisis Care Board Mtg. in The Gathering Place**

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers
- 4:15 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice
- 6:00 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting**

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022—GRADUATE RECOGNITION

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service with LPE**
- 8:45 a.m. Graduate Reception-The Gathering Place**
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion—Graduate Recognition**
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cards for Dakotah: Dakotah Nihiser, age 15, is receiving chemotherapy due to cancer.

Send a card of encouragement to:
Dakotah Nihiser
13788 Wetzell Road
Van Wert, OH 45891

Today is the 100th birthday of Betty Weddle. The address to send a birthday card is:

Betty Weddle
c/o Deb Rain
5023 Windsor Oaks Drive
Fort Wayne, IN 46835

Communion Bread: The communion bread you receive today was baked by the 2022 Confirmation Class at their recent lock-in. Thank you to Kelli Thompson for leading our confirmands in this project.

Next Sunday is High School Graduate Recognition. Reception 8:45-10:15 a.m. in The Gathering Place. Recognition during the 10:30 service.

On Sunday May 1st, the Passing of the Peace returned to its familiar form at both 8 & 10:30 services. **Holy Communion around the altar** on the first Sunday of the month for the 10:30 service also returned on Sunday, May 1st. Communion packets for pew communion will still be available. *Participation in the Passing of the Peace and Holy Communion around the altar are left to the choice of each individual.* This is per Church Council decision at their April 19th meeting.

Congratulations to Mitchell & Katie (Coplin) Lindsey who were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, May 7th, at St. Mark's.



Eagle's Wings Class Outing on May 1st

Last weekend the Eagle's Wings Sunday School class went to an Escape Room in Fort Wayne for an outing of fellowship, faith and fun. Thank you St. Mark's for supporting your youth!