

Mary the Mother of Our Lord Sunday

August 16, 2026

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We warmly welcome you to worship today! No matter who you are, or how you are joining us, in person or online, please know you are welcome. Thank you for worshiping with us!

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Introduction

Mary's role is not limited to giving birth to Jesus and mothering him in his childhood. In John's gospel, she is among the women standing near the cross; in Acts, she is among the disciples awaiting the gift of the Spirit. Through all that happened she continued to see how God was at work through her son, keeping the ancient promises to her ancestors, brushing aside the rich and powerful, and focusing on those as poor and powerless as Mary herself.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN: We invite you to stand as you are able and join us in our opening Hymn.

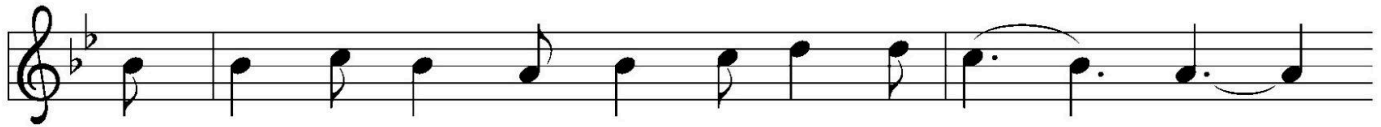
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
thy son shall be Em-man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



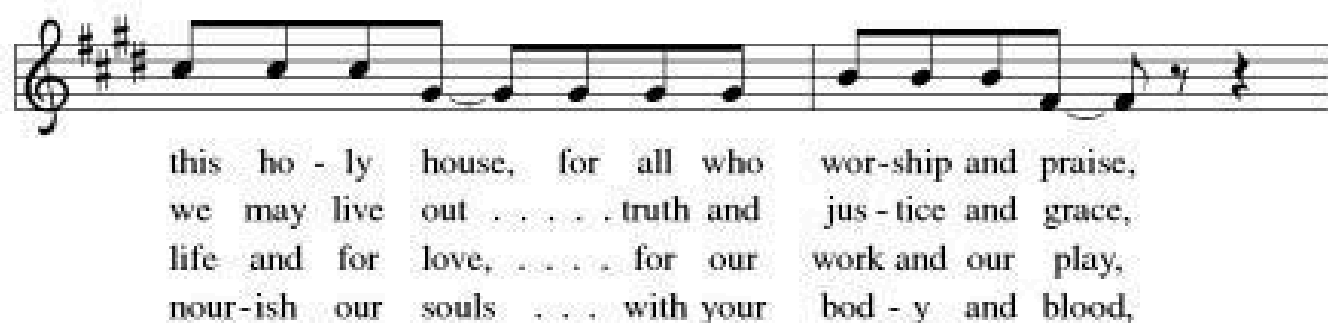
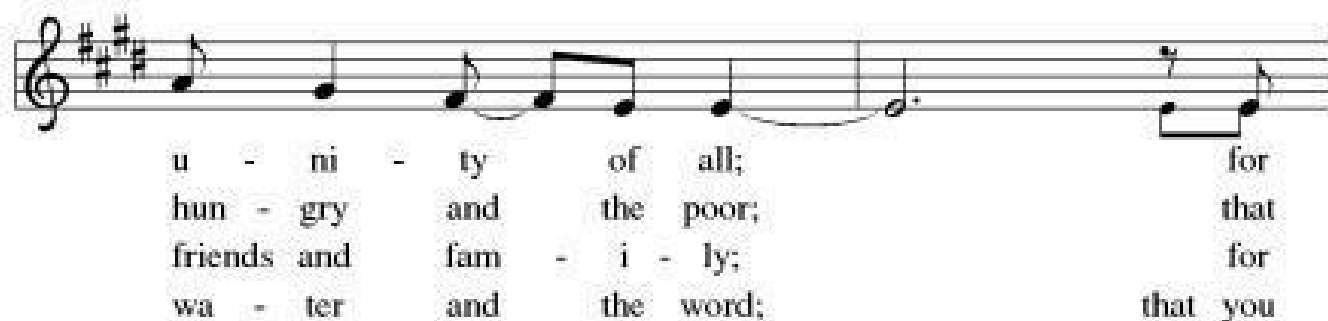
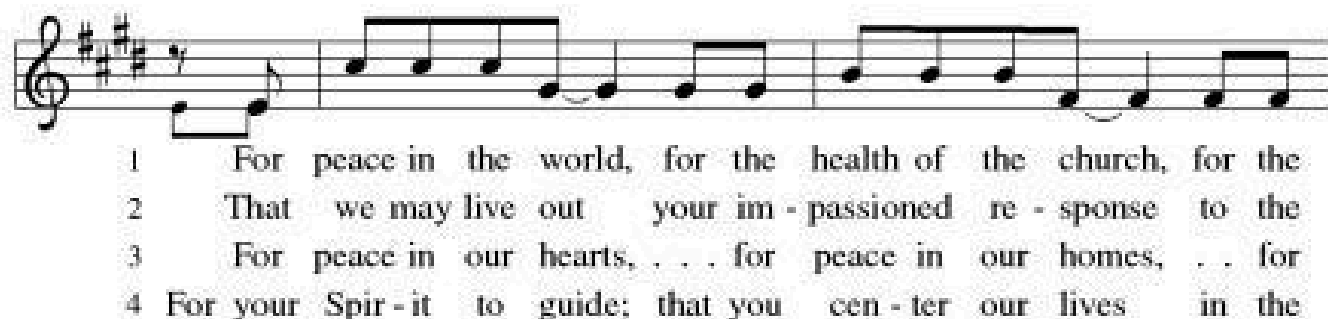
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924

Music: GABRIEL'S MESSAGE, Basque carol

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

Almighty God, in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised. Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC BY THE CHOIR

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:7-11

The prophet proclaims a hopeful message: God loves justice and will make an everlasting covenant with Israel and her descendants. In response, the prophet sings a joyful song, like Mary many generations later, about God's mercy and salvation.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-9



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I will bless the LORD | at all times; | the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth. |

I will glory | in the LORD; | let the lowly hear | and rejoice. |

Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD; | let us exalt God's | name together. |

I sought the LORD, who | answered me | and delivered me from | all my terrors. |

Look upon the LORD | and be radiant, | and let not your faces | be ashamed. |

I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me | and saved me from | all my troubles. |

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD | and de- | livers them. |

Taste and see that the | LORD is good; | happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! |

Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD, | for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing. |

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4-7

In the promise of the Incarnation, Jesus Christ embodies God's mother-father heart, in love claiming people as adopted children.

After the reading:

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL: Luke 1:46-55

Mary's song, the Magnificat, serves as a thematic anthem for God's work in the world and therefore for the ministry of her son, Jesus. In Mary's praise we hear of a saving God who remembers the humble, scatters the proud, lifts up the lowly, and fulfills all things.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 1st Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

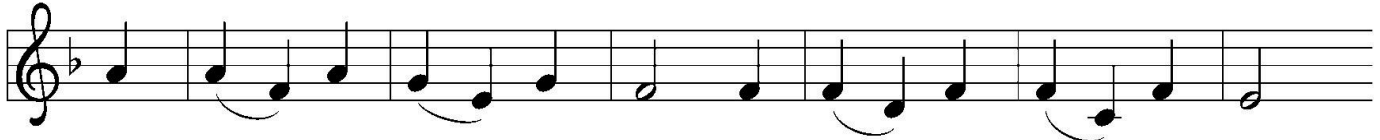
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY: We invite you to stand as you are able and join us in our Hymn of the Day.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

THE APOSTLES CREED

We read the Apostles Creed together each Sunday as a reminder of the beliefs we share. This creed has united the Christian Church in faith for over 1,500 years and continues to unite us across the divisions of race, gender, language, politics, and more. Know when you say this creed, you join Christians around the world in declaring your faith in God and his love for us and all creation.

Let us confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized:

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 life everlasting.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord in your mercy,
receive our prayers.

The prayers conclude:

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- Altar Flowers are sponsored this morning by: Jean Appleton in memory of Gary; and in honor of family and friends.
- Our August Food Pantry dates are: Aug. 18th and Aug. 31st. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex, or you can talk to Graydon with any questions.
- On Wednesday, August 19th we will have our Camp Fire Meal and Music here at the church parking lot. It begins at 5:00 pm, bring your own lawn chair and join in on the fun!
- This Saturday, Aug. 22nd, there will be a Women's Retreat at the Methodist Church. There are some registration forms in the Narthex, or you can see Kris Diegel for more information.
- Today's Women of Faith will be meeting on Tuesday, August 25th at 12-noon to make soup; then at 1:00 pm to discuss this month's issue of Living Lutheran.
- God's Work our Hands Sunday is September 13th. We will have indoor and outdoor projects and there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for each. If you need a T-Shirt, please talk to Pastor Megan.

OFFERING

We take time to pass the plate and remember that God has blessed us with all that we have, and that we are called to share those gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others. Your contributions make our ministry possible. You can make a gift using the envelopes in the pew, or online with QR Code on the green cards in the pews and on the screen. If you give online or give through Simply Giving we invite you to place the Green card in the pew in the offering plate. Thank you

COMMUNION GREAT THANKSGIVING - pg 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (Here the minister continues with the pre communion prayer which concludes with:) we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - pg 108

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Prayer ends with: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

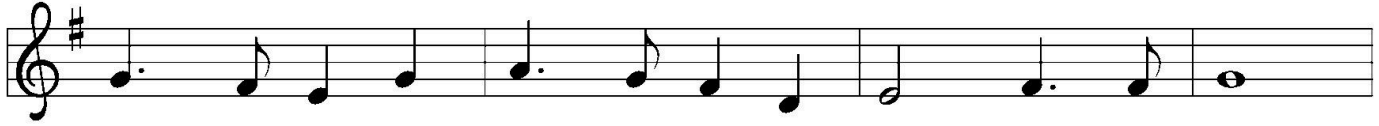
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION- *All are welcome at the Lord's table. The Ushers will invite you to come forward to receive the bread and the wine.*

We invite you to enjoy the musical offerings in meditation and prayer during distribution.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

RECESSIONAL HYMN: We invite you to stand as you are able and join in singing our closing hymn!

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



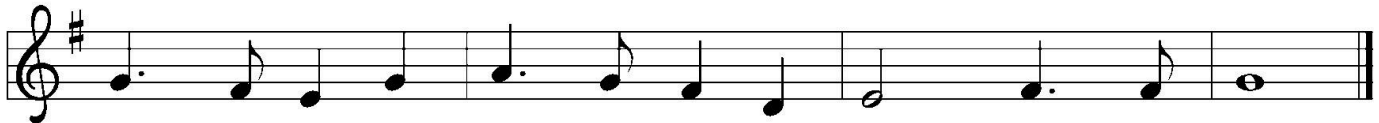
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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