

Mothers' Day

May 10, 2026 • Ascension Lutheran Church • El Paso, Texas

As We Gather:

Timothy was a missionary and a pastor in the time of the apostles. He was part of St. Paul's mission team. The Bible says that his mother and grandmother brought him up in the faith (2 Timothy 1:5).

My mother and grandmother also did their best to bring me up in the faith. I was baptized, brought to church, taught about Jesus at home. I learned from their examples.

Mothers' Day is an opportunity for us to recognize the selfless love and faith of the mothers who often do not receive any thanks or acknowledgement. However, not all mothers are like Timothy's mother and grandmother – or mine. Not all mothers believe in Jesus or live for him. Not all mothers show the same selfless love or compassion or understanding. In fact, even the best mothers have flaws and make mistakes.

So Mothers' Day also encourages us to forgive our mothers – and other family members. We all have many flaws and need God's forgiveness. "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." (Isaiah 53:6) But Jesus is our Good Shepherd who gave his life for us, his sheep (John 10:14-15). On this Mothers' Day, we acknowledge the good, forgive the bad, and follow the Good Shepherd.

The Season of Easter

Easter is not just a single day – it is also a 50-day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The season of Easter lasts about 1/7 of the entire year. During this time, the worship services focus on resurrection and life and the victory of Jesus. We Christians boldly proclaim the historical fact of Jesus' resurrection and our faith in the risen and victorious Savior.

Prelude: "Converse" – Robert Hobby
"Come Ye Faithful" – Wilbur Held

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: In Your Church, Oh Lord Our King

Tune: Himnario Luterano 840

1. In your church, oh Lord our King,
Songs and praises now we sing!
Jesus saved us! Blessed be
Your name for eternity!
Also we give thanks above
For our mothers and their love!
2. Unto you our song we raise,
For the blessing of your grace.
In our mothers' love we see
Glimpses of your love so free.
As you bless us, so may we
Care for others faithfully.
3. For our mothers, Lord, we pray
Guide and guard them in your way.
When they struggle, grant them peace,
Heal their hurts, their strength increase.
Then at last, take them to be
Home with you eternally!

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord says: "Can a woman forget the baby at her breast, and have no compassion on the child she has borne?"
- C** **Though she may forget, I will not forget you!"** (Isaiah 49:15)
- P** The Lord's love for us is even greater
- C** **Than the love between a mother and her child.**

Prayer of Confession

- P** None of us is without sin. No one has the right to throw a stone at someone else. Like the **woman caught in adultery** in **John 8:1-11**, we come before the Lord as sinners. This morning we confess our wrongdoing to the Lord, because he lives and promises to forgive us.

We take a few moments for silent prayer and reflection.

- A** **Oh Lord, like that woman in the Bible, we are guilty of many sins. However, you are our Good Shepherd. Although we have wandered**

away, forgive us and receive us as your own. Help us to stop wandering and stay in your paths. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** What Jesus said to that woman, he says to us today: "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more." When we trust in Christ, God declares that all of our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Proverbs 31:10-31

- P** A wife of noble character, who can find?
- C** **She is worth far more than rubies.**
- P** Her husband has full confidence in her, and he lacks nothing of value.
- C** **She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.**
- P** She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.
- C** **She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.**
- P** She gets up while it is still dark;
- C** **She provides food for her family...**
- P** She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.
- C** **She sets about her work vigorously, her arms are strong for her tasks.**
- P** She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamb does not go out at night.
- C** **In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.**
- P** She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.
- C** **When it snows, she has no fear for her household, for all of them are clothed in scarlet.**
- P** She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.
- C** **Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.**
- P** She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.
- C** **She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.**
- P** She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- C** **She watches over the affairs of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.**

- P** Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
- C** **“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”**
- P** Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
- C** **But a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.**
- P** Give her the reward she has earned,
- C** **And let her works bring her praise at the city gate.**

A **Glory be to the Father and to the † Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever! Amen.**

(Like **Miriam, the sister of Moses**, we praise the Lord – Exodus 15:19-21)

Hymn: Oh, Sing to the Lord

Lutheran Service Book 808



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
 2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
 4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord Jesus, thank you for our mothers and for all those who are like a mother to us. We know that you love us even more than a**

mother loves her child! Please help us to love and forgive others the same way you love us – beginning with the mothers in our families and in our church family. In your own name we pray. Amen.

Sit

(Like **Mary, the sister of Martha**, we listen to the Word of God as our first priority – Luke 10:38-42)

First Reading

Acts 9:36-42

(A woman of faith is raised from the dead.)

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:1-5

(Timothy's mother and grandmother brought him up in the faith.)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 12:46-50

(Jesus says that those who have faith are his family.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. ⁴⁷Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you."

⁴⁸He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" ⁴⁹Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. ⁵⁰For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." (NIV)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Song: Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Story Time

Hymn: In Every Home (English Translation: Al Diaz)

Refrain: In every home, in every home, in every home,

We need for Jesus to abide.

In every home, in every home, in every home, we need for Jesus to abide.

Look how happy you can live, look how happy you can live,

When the Lord is in your home.
Look how happy you can live, look how happy you can live,
When the Lord is in your home.

1. May God bless all of our mothers, for they share with us God's love.
And they teach the little children to have faith in Christ above. (Refrain)
2. When Christ Jesus dwells in our home, he brings peace and harmony.
In abundance he forgives us and he moves us to forgive. (Refrain)
3. God is always there with our families. All our joys and pains he shares.
He provides for us every day, and he carries all our cares. (Refrain)

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

(Like the **Samaritan woman in John 4:1-42**, we share our faith in Christ)

**A I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From
thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

(Like the **Syro-phoenician woman (Matthew 15:21-28)**, we persevere in prayer,
because we know that Christ will answer us.)

P We pray for the church, for the world, and for all who have needs.

Jesus is alive and is present with us, and so we pray for the whole church,
for the world, and for all who are in need. Almighty God, open our hearts.
Encourage us and strengthen our faith through your Word and the Lord's
Supper. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:

C Hear us, Good Shepherd.

- P** Open our hearts to welcome those who are new in the faith or new in the Lutheran Church. Help us, your sheep, to be one. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** Guide the leaders of all nations, particularly our own country, so that evil and divisions may be eliminated and so that peace and justice may flourish. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** Open our eyes to the needs around us. Help us to follow your example and share our daily bread. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** In the midst of suffering, help us to know that you are with us, and to trust in you. Strengthen and help those who struggle with pain, sadness, loneliness or sickness. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** Open our hearts to trust in you, and provide us with what we need to live each day. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** Open our lips and help us to give glory to the name of Jesus by what we say and by what we do. In the name of Jesus, risen from the dead:
- C** **Hear us, Good Shepherd.**
- P** Receive our prayers and fill us with hope through Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

Other Electronic donation option: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.alconnect.faith or by scanning the QR code below. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and

nonprofit organizations. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

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Offering

(Like the **Widow in the Temple (Luke 21:1-4)**, we give of our material things for the work of the Lord. He gives us everything we need, so that we have enough for our needs and also to take care of his work.)

Special Music during the Offering: "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!"

James Kirkby

- 1. Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise!
Sing to God a hymn of gladness. Sing to God a hymn of praise.*
- 2. He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*
- 3. Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face.*
- 4. Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia! To he Savior who has gained the victory!*

Stand

Offering Prayer

- A** **Good Shepherd, thank you for everything you have given us. Following your example, we also give these offerings in order to help other sheep to know you and in order to help provide for their needs. Bless and multiply these gifts, we pray. In your own name we ask it. Amen.**

Hymn: Lord Jesus, You Love All of Us the Same

Tune: LSB 917

(Marjorie de Caudill, translation Richard Schlak)

1. Lord Jesus, you love all of us the same.
Bless now the mothers gathered in your name.
As they have brought their little ones to you,
So keep them safe in everything they do.
2. Lord, may your church, as with a mother's love,
Guide all the children towards your home above.
May every mother to your Word give heed,
Guiding each child to follow where you lead.
3. May all our homes draw closer, Lord, to you,
Growing more holy and more loving too.
Let them become like your home up above,
Where we will dwell with you in joy and love.

Acknowledgement of Mothers

(Just as the believers acknowledged the love and good works of **Dorcas (Acts 9:36-43)**, we also give credit to the mothers of our congregation and their love and faith.)

- P** Charm is deceptive;
- C** **Beauty disappears.**
- P** But a woman who honors the Lord
- C** **Should be praised!**
- P** Give her credit for all that she does!
- C** **Praise her in front of everyone!** (Proverbs 31)

(The mothers who are present are recognized.)

- A** **Lord Jesus, thank you for our mothers. Help us to love them just as here on earth you loved your own mother Mary. Bless our mothers and grant that today each of them may have the joy of trusting in you as their Savior and having the assurance of eternal life. In your own name we pray, as you have taught us. Amen.**

Prayer for Jesse, Andrea, Anders, Karsten, and Heidi Faugstad

- P** *(To those who are moving)* God has opened new opportunities for you in a new place. Moving can be very exciting but also a bit scary as well as causing sadness for what you are leaving behind. The Bible says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9, NIV). We

know that God will be with you and that he has a plan for you in your new place. Don't forget Jesus in the rush of moving. Connect with a church family where you are going. Ask God to show you how he wants you to serve him there. And don't forget that you will be in our hearts always. We will be praying for you. As Michael W. Smith says:

Friends are friends forever, if the Lord's the Lord of them.

And a friend will not say "never", for the welcome will not end.

Though it's hard to let you go, in the Father's hand we know

That a lifetime's not too long to live as friends.

Lord willing, we will see you again here on this earth; but if not, we know we will see you in heaven. *(to the congregation)* Let's pray together:

C **Lord God, you are with us wherever we go. Be with our dear friends and fellow Christians as they move from a familiar home to a new place. Support them in the challenges they will face. When they are lonely or nostalgic, remind them that they are not alone. Help them to connect with other Christians in their new community and to serve you together. And when we find ourselves missing them, grant us your peace and help us to be happy for the new opportunities that you are opening for them. We commend them into your hands. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

P May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. *(from Psalm 121:8)*

Song: God Be With You Till We Meet Again Evangelical Lutheran Worship 536

1. God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.

Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

Closing Prayer

P We pray together:

C **Heavenly Father, you raised up our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ from the dead. Help us to always follow him faithfully. Make us to be like Jesus, seeking the lost, healing wounded hearts, and proclaiming salvation. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Benediction

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us what is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21, ESV)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C Amen.

Closing Hymn: Oh Give Us Homes

Tune: LSB 752

(Barbara Hart, from hymnary.org)

1. Oh give us homes built firm upon the Savior,
Where Christ is head and counselor and guide,
Where every child is taught his love and favor,
And give his love to Christ, the crucified.
How sweet to know that though his footsteps waver,
His faithful Lord is walking by his side!
2. Oh give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in him,
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim.
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines though days be dark and grim.
3. Oh give us homes where Christ is Lord and Master,
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung,
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster,
And praise is natural speech to every tongue,
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster,
And Christ sufficient is for old and young.
4. Oh Lord our God, our homes are yours forever!
We trust to you their problems, toil, and care.
Their bonds of love, no enemy can sever
If you are always Lord and Master there!
Be then the center of our least endeavor.
Be then our guest, our hearts and homes to share.

Sending

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!
- C** Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please fill out the blue friendship card or call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or an update for the prayer list. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

The prayer list is no longer included in the bulletin; but a separate sheet of paper that can be picked up alongside of the bulletin.

Ascension News and Notes

Flowers for today's service are provided by the Werner's in honor of Anita's mom, B.J. Mason & Elliott's mom, Lorena Werner.



Both sets of flowers are \$70.
(Note: Consider sharing the cost with someone, which would be \$35 each.)
PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



May 10th — John Brady

May 15th — Maxx Balgemann

May 12th — Geoffrey & Lauren Wagner



Lutheran
Women
in Mission

Ascension LWML's Annual Quilt Drawing

Congratulations to the Quilt Drawing Winner

B.J. Schwab!



*Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket to support
the work of Ascension's Lutheran Women in Mission!!*



**CLASS OF
2026**



On May 17th we will be celebrating and recognizing both our graduates in the congregation and our service members in the U.S. Armed Forces. Please send your pictures with names to the church's email address:

alc6520@swbell.net in order to be included in the worship service slides. Thank you!



**Armed
Forces
Day**



**HONORING Our
ARMED FORCES**



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JUNE 16-19TH (Tues.-Friday)

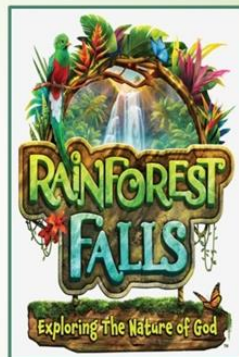
9 AM to 12 PM

For children ages 3-12 years old

Deadline to register is Friday, June 5th

REGISTER ONLINE:

<https://alconnect.faith/events/vbs/>



2026 VBS

**Sign up sheet on the table in
the narthex entrance:**

**You can help in various ways.
Donate supplies or your time.**

Contact **Megan** for more info: Call (520)955-1189 or email at mekv18@yahoo.com

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies of Ascension are welcome.

May 20th, 2026 at The State Line.

Located at 1222 Sunland Park Dr.



Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ **6:00 PM** we
meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship.
(Dutch treat)

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566
We hope you can join us.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (May 10th) Mother's Day

9:00 AM Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (May 11th)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (May 12th)

5:00 PM Worship Action Team Meeting (FH)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (May 13th)

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel
11:00 AM Sit & Sew Group (FH)

Thursday (May 14th) Ascension of Our Lord

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (May 15th)

10:00 AM Preschool's Pre-K Graduation Program (S)
12:00-2:30 PM Preschool Extended Care (FH)

Saturday (May 16th)



Worship Team

The **WORSHIP ACTION TEAM** will be having a **MEETING ON TUESDAY, May 12th,** **AT 5:00 PM (New time)** in the fellowship hall.
PLEASE JOIN US!