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May 10, 2026 Mother's Day

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+ ORDER OF WORSHIP +
Mother's Day
May 10, 2026

Ringing of the Bells & Greeting

Hymn of Invocation #895 *Now Thank We All Our God*

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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MOTHER'S DAY

WORD SEARCH

W Y U P B U T D N I K
N R Q Z W N B T M Q T
T U E V E S S E C U K
P B S I S R E A I U E
D W T I E M I C E Q Q
R A L N S O K H S T C
P U N E S M O E R Z G
C I L V I M O R U G Q
P A I O K Y C H N A X
Y S F L O W E R S J O
P E S G U H A C N R G

MOMMY TEACHER
LOVE KIND
HUGS PATIENT
KISSES NURSE
FLOWERS COOKIES



This Week at Grace Lutheran +

- Sun, May 10:** Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
- Mon, May 11:** Bible Study at 9:30 am
Elders' Meeting at 7:00pm
- Tues, May 12:** Circuit Conference
- Thurs, May 14:** Fellowship Hall/Kitchen reserved 10am-2pm
- Sun, May 17:** Ascension Day Worship at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
Le Mars HS Graduation

Those Serving Us this Week

May 10, 2026

- Elders:** Darrell K / Mark H / Ryan Z
Ushers: Christ Colt / Brayson Z
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Ricky Harris
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

Those Serving us Next Week

May 17, 2026

- Elders:** Darrell k / Mark H / Ryan Z
Ushers: Chris Colt / Brayson Z
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Ray Eickholt
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Ushers

Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Prayer for Mother's Day

O Lord Jesus Christ, You hallowed and sanctified motherhood by your becoming flesh, and even in your suffering on the cross did not forget your blessed Mother, but rather entrusted your beloved Disciple with her care: Grant that we may so honor our mothers, and that those called to motherhood may so love their children, teaching them the wisdom and kindness of God, that our days may be long, and your grace increased among us, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 20:1-17

1 And God spoke all these words, saying, 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in

them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. 13 “You shall not murder. 14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15 “You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children’s Sermon

Epistle Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-7

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

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Thanks be to God!

Holy Gospel: John 19: 23-27

23 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments

Calling all Seniors: If you are graduating from High School or college we want to recognize you. Please call the office or talk with Melinda Schwartz. We will be honoring you Sunday May 17 during worship. Come with your caps and gowns and sit together. There will be a short reception after Worship.

Attention Grace members if you borrowed a ladder from the storage room please return it. We are missing 3 ladders from the storage room. Thank you!

May Thought Summer is almost here! We are planning our vacations and Summer activities. The Lord wants us to trust Him with all our days and even those that don’t go as planned. He reminds us that abundant life is found in Him alone. We like to think we are in control but Jesus establishes our steps. Thankfully, our days are in His hands.

Proverbs 16:9 “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

Family Fun Day Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 7th! The Board of Education is hosting a family fun day for everyone in the congregation right after church from 10 am till Noon. There will be a Bible Lesson, Singing, Games, and a Cookout. Plan on attending with your whole family!

+ **News and Notes** +
May 10, 2026

Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with. to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

On Main Street:

May 17 airing

This is the Life – “Poisoned Banquet” – Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse’s career and marriage.

Worship Service – Rev. John Schmidt of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE, delivers the message “The Comforting Helper” based on John 15:26-27. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Visit www.mainstreetliving.com for more information.

Stewardship Sentence: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” — James 1:17

As we celebrate the gift of nurture and care, we practice stewardship by becoming givers of God’s good and perfect gifts.

Thrivent: New Choice Dollars of the 1st quarter of 2026 should be available for you to direct about April 6, 2026. To direct your choice dollars call the home office at 1-800-847-4836 or you can direct them online at www.thrivent.com

and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, 24 so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.”

So the soldiers did these things, 25 but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Confession of Faith-Apostles’ Creed

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

Hymn of the Day #867 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds
Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger days we saw,
And which our parents told.

2 So make to them His glories known,
His works of pow'r and grace;
And we'll convey His wonders down
Through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our sons and daughters we shall tell
And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn
May teach them to their heirs.

4 O teach them with all diligence
The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence,
To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone
Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love
But walk in His commands.

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Sermon "Family!" John 19:23-27

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

Benediction

The grace of our Lord...be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #862 *Oh, Blest the House*

1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His—
How sad and poor and dark it is!

2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found
And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still
And do in all His holy will!

3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed
Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost.
May none to them and heav'n be lost!

4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.
In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown
How richly God can bless His own.

5 Then here will I and mine today
A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word,
I and my house will serve the Lord!

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