

# November 2020 Southeast MI Synod Liturgy

Worship in Celebration of the 50th  
Anniversary of the Ordination of  
Women in the Lutheran Church

Southeast Michigan Synod, ELCA

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**Theme – 50/40/10**

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**PRELUDE**

**Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

**Litany of Thanksgiving (from 50/40/10)**

For the vocations of pastor, deacon, and bishop, for those who lead churches and faith communities, for those whose life work is evangelical witness in word and deed,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For 50 years of women's ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the women of color who have been called by God to serve this church,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the faithful service of LGBTQIA+ pastors who have enriched this church and for the 10 years since the policy change enabling them to serve publicly out and in partnered relationships.

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the work of seminary professors and staff, chaplains and administrators, those who work for nonprofits, and those who are retired from paid ministries,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For those who are discerning a call to serve Christ's church, for those who are in candidacy, and for those in their internship congregations,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For the witness of Mary Magdalene, the dance of Miriam, the hospitality of Lydia, the prayer of Mary, the discernment of Deborah, the courage of Rahab, and the faithfulness of our biblical foremothers,

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

For witness of women in the Southeast Michigan Synod.

**We rejoice and give thanks to God.**

Gracious and living God, we rejoice and give you thanks for your power on display throughout time and place, calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed your church through the work of women and girls, including in this time and place. Guide us, as your people, into welcoming your prophets and teachers among us and hearing Christ's good news through them. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

## **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**

Most high God, you know our whole truth, and you give us refuge in the shadow of your wings. Continue to raise up girls and women to serve Christ's church and strengthen all in the vocations to which you call us. And at the last, gather us with Miriam and the saints to dance on the safe side of the sea, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **First Reading: Exodus 15:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

<sup>20</sup> Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. <sup>21</sup> And Miriam sang to them:  
"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

L Word of God, Word of Life  
a **Thanks be to God**

## **Second Reading: Galatians 3:26-29**

<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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## **Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this

they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON -**

**Pastor Lauren Kirsh-Carr**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Lord Jesus, You Shall be my Song**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the women who faithfully serve as bishops, pastors, and deacons; for those first to be ordained and those most recently ordained. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the visible unity of the church, and for ongoing dialogue between church bodies that do not agree on the ordination of women. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For laypeople, who do vital work through church ministries of hospitality, outreach, teaching, music and dance. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For women and girls around the world who are ostracized from their communities for any reason, or treated as less than children of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those whose hard work is rarely praised, and whose names are forgotten though their work lives on. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from bleeding disorders; for children who are too sick or weak to get up; for all who continue to pray for healing in their bodies especially those we name in our hearts... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the women who nurtured us in faith, whether in our family of birth or in the family of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most high God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that your steadfast love is greater than the heavens and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,  
For calling creation into being,  
For creating us all in your image,  
For breathing the breath of life into us and all of creation.  
We bless you, O God, for your word:  
**We praise you, O God, for your word.**

You are the one who found Hagar in the desert,  
Who was faithful to Sarah,  
Who stood by Dinah and gave a song of praise to Miriam.  
You are the one who welcomed Rahab and Ruth,  
Who called Phoebe, Euodia and Syntyche into ministry,  
Who became flesh in the Womb of Mary the mother of our Lord,  
And revealed the truth of the resurrection of Mary Magdalene.

It is you, O God, who called the Ethiopian Eunuch to the waters of baptism.

And it is you who wish to draw all people to yourself.

We bless you, O God, for your word:

**We praise you, O God, for your word.**

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints,  
and to all the cries of the needy.

Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,  
that heeding your voice of beauty and power  
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.

To you, O God, Creator, Word made Flesh, and Spirit of life,  
we offer our thanks for your life-giving Word.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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.

## **BLESSING**

May the joy of God's freedom cause your spirit to dance;  
May the presence of God's peace bring wholeness to your body and mind.  
May God give you blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. In the name of God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Canticle of the Turning**



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God's work. Our hands.