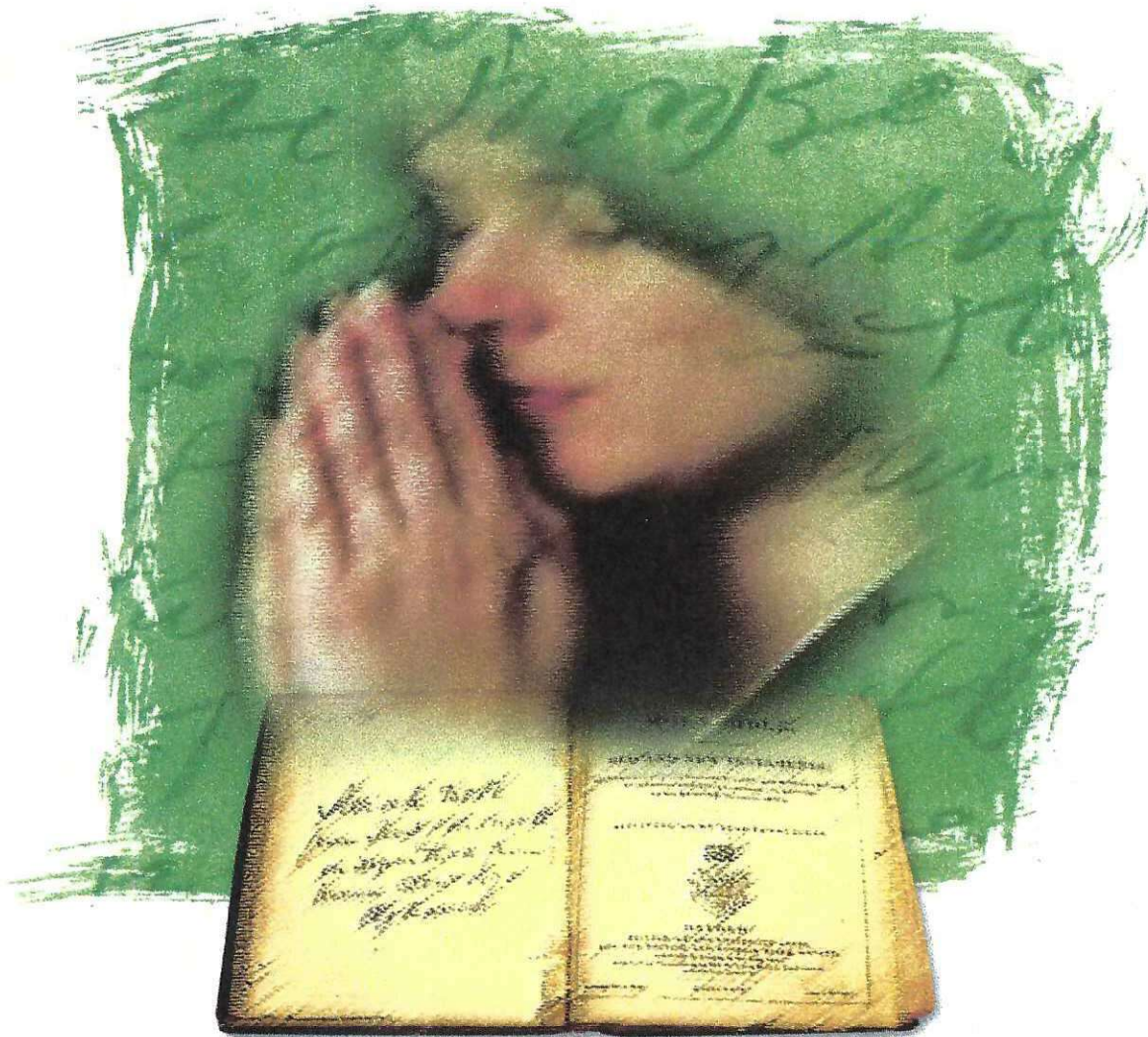


# Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Hillsboro, Texas



*For the love of God is this,  
that we obey his commandments.*

1 John 5:3, NRSV

Mother's Day  
WHO DO YOU LOVE?  
May 10, 2026

## TODAY'S MESSAGE: WHO DO YOU LOVE?

When it comes to Jesus, the question "Who do you love?" is much more than a song or a T.V. advertisement. In the first commandment, God says that we shall have no other gods beside Him. Martin Luther summarizes the meaning of this commandment with these words: "We should fear, love and trust in God above all things." When we fear, love and trust in God above all things, then we also desire to keep His commands. Jesus says, "If you love me, you will obey what I command." And He says, "Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me." By our thoughts, words and deeds, we often live as if we loved other things – even ourselves – more than we love God. But the love of Jesus calls us back to Him. With His love in our hearts, we love Him and we desire to keep His commands.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

## ✝ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✝

["Divine Service: Setting One" from LSB p.184]

*Please silence – or turn off – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.*

Welcome

*Psalm 118:24*

P: This is the day the LORD has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Announcements

Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LSB 700

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.  
Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit, into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning. Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning. Set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all Thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing. Serve Thee as Thy hosts above.  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing. Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place.  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee. Lost in wonder, love and praise!**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

## Confession of Sins

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Psalm 124:8*

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

*Psalm 32:5*

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

**ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and His Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*John 20:19-23*

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men.**

## Entrance Psalm [ESV]

*Psalm 119:33-40*

P: Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.

C: **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart.**

P: Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

C: **Incline my heart to your testimonies, and not to selfish gain!**

P: Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

C: **Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared.**

P: Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your rules are good.

C: **Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!**

**ALL: 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.**

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways, to keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace, to know and do His will!**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word, and make my heart sincere.  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep.  
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands – 'tis a delightful road.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands, offend against my God.**

### Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

### Opening Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

**ALL:** **Almighty and eternal God, you have assured us that our redemption is complete through the cross and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us the will to do in our lives what we profess with our lips – to love you with all of our heart and to love others as we love ourselves; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### First Reading [ESV]

Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities” – because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

“Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

Epistle Reading [ESV]

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to our RISEN Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel Reading [ESV]

John 14:15-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

### Sermon Hymn

“Thee will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

LSB 694

**Thee will I love, my strength, my tower. Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.  
Thee will I love with all my power, with ardor time shall ne’er destroy.  
Thee will I love, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.**

**Thee will I love, my life, my Savior, who art my best and truest friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever, for never shall Thy kindness end.  
Thee will I love with all my heart. Thou my Redeemer art!**

**I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven, whose radiance hath brought light to me.  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given, all that could make me glad and free.  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed, by what Thy lips revealed.**

**O keep me watchful, then, and humble. Permit me nevermore to stray.  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble, and keep me on the narrow way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light, O Radiance strong and bright!**

**Thee will I love, my crown of gladness. Thee will I love, my God and Lord.  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness, and not for hope of high reward.  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine, so long as life is mine.**

Sermon

WHO DO YOU LOVE?

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.**

Offertory (*sung*)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

*[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]*

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

**P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Prayers

## ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

### VISITORS and MEMBERS

*Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.*

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy, Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13*

**ALL: 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.**

Words of Our Lord *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread . . .

In the same way also he took the cup after supper . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*John 20:19*

C: *(sung)* A - - - - men.

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.**

Distribution Hymns “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637

**Draw near and take the body of the Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured. Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.**

**He who His saints in this world rules and shields, to all believers life eternal yields. With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.**

**Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here. O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow, as in this feast of love You bless us now.**

“What Wondrous Love is This”

LSB 543

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul. To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**

**When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down, sinking down. When I was sinking down, beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul. Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb I will sing. To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing. While millions join the theme, I will sing.**

**And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on. And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing His love for me, and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on. And through eternity I’ll sing on.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus. His the scepter. His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph. His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation, has redeemed us by His blood.”**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now.  
Alleluia! He is near us. Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him, when the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful, flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea,  
Where the songs of all the sinless, sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own.  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim, in the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus. His the scepter. His the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph. His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation, has redeemed us by His blood.”**

Song of Thanksgiving “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

LSB 819 (v.1, 4)

**Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation. The God of love  
who understood, our need for His salvation. With healing balm our souls He  
fills, and ev’ry faithless murmur stills. To God all praise and glory!**

**He never shall forsake His flock, His chosen generation. He is their refuge and  
their rock. Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother’s tender hand,  
He leads His own, His chosen band. To God all praise and glory!**

**P:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Psalm 107:1*

**C:** *(sung)* And His mercy endureth forever.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL:** We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C:** *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

## Closing Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895

**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 mother's arms, has blest us on our way,  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**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!**

**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.**

TO ALL MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT-GRANDMOTHERS . . .  
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!