

## Women of the Bible: Virgin Mary

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Mary/Martha Society Gathering – 2026 April 19

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- Invocation and Prayer
- Last time, February 15, 2026, we considered Elizabeth primarily in view of her conceiving John the Baptizer, confessing Mary and Jesus, and delivering and naming John. Today we stay in about the same time-period and consider the Virgin Mary. (See the page on Pilgrim's website with the working chronological list of all the women whom we both have studied and will study, linking our handouts when available: [www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/women-of-the-bible](http://www.pilgrimlc.org/bible-studies/women-of-the-bible).)
- Luke 1:26-38: Gabriel announces Jesus's birth to Mary (Luke 3:23-38's genealogy is sometimes thought to be Mary's; compare Matthew 1:17-21)
- Luke 1:39-56: Mary and Jesus visit Elizabeth and John, and Mary sings the Magnificat
- Matthew 1:18-25: An angel reassures Joseph about taking Mary as his wife
- Luke 2:1-20: Mary gives birth to Jesus and ponders everything in her heart
- Luke 2:21: Mary and Joseph have Jesus circumcised and name Him
- Luke 2:22-40: Mary is purified and Jesus presented
- Matthew 2:1-12: Mary witnesses the magi worship Jesus
- Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23: Mary and Jesus are taken by Joseph to Egypt and return (confer Luke 2:39-40)
- Luke 2:41-52: Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple
- John 2:1-12: Mary presents a need for Jesus to address
- Mark 3:20-21, 31-35: Mary and Jesus's "brothers" go out to seize Him (confer Matthew 12:46-50 and Luke 8:19-21)
- Luke 11:27-28: Mary is not blessed merely (?) for bearing and nursing Jesus
- John 19:25-27 Mary is entrusted by Jesus to John the Apostle's care (perhaps discuss Mary's dormition/assumption)
- About what does our consideration of the Virgin Mary raise questions or prompt discussion?
- Concluding Prayer, *LSB* 855 (sts. 1, 8, 3, and 4) and/or 518 (sts. 1, 22, 3), and Benediction.
- Next time (May 17) on Anna (Luke 2:36-38).

### 855 For All the Faithful Women



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,  
 2 We sing of Mar - y, moth - er, Fair maid - en, full of grace.  
 3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un - known  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.  
 She bore the Christ, our broth - er, Who came to save our race.  
 In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,  
 All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.  
 May we, with her, sur - ren - der Our - selves to Your com - mand  
 We of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.  
 And lay up - on Your al - tar Our gifts of heart and hand.  
 That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.  
 We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

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### 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For  
 2 We sing with joy of Mar - y, Whose  
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And



all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O  
 heart with awe was stirred When, youth - ful and as -  
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the



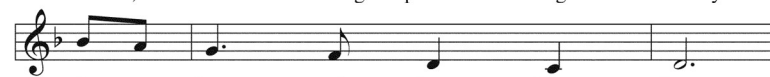
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For  
 ton - ished, She heard the an - gel's word. Yet  
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till



You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the  
 she her voice up - rais - es To mag - ni - fy God's  
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the



crown; And now they shine in glo - ry  
 name, As once for our sal - va - tion  
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry



Re - flect - ed from Your throne.  
 Your moth - er she be - came.  
 And praise to God a - lone.

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