


**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

**10:30 a.m.**



“Those  
who  
love me  
will keep  
my word,  
and  
my Father  
will love  
them.”

John 14:23, NRSV



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*In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks clearly of the Spirit he will send to his disciples of every generation. Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus announces that a person comes to birth as a child of God through water and the Spirit. In this reading he calls the Spirit another advocate, the one who will speak to the heart of the baptized, who listen in silence for his voice.*

*In their prayers, hymns, and preaching, Western Christians have tended to place greater emphasis on Christ than the Holy Spirit. In these Sundays, when the role of the Spirit in Christian life is highlighted, it may be appropriate to reflect on our understanding of this seemingly silent yet ever-present person of the Holy Trinity.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

## INVOCATION

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/ Remain Standing*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C** We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**GREETING OF PEACE** *Share a greeting of peace with those around you.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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### KYRIE

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all **C** **And also with you.**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** **Lord, have mer - cy.**

**P** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - - - men.

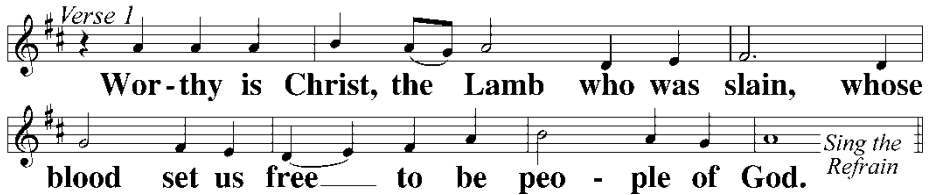
## HYMN OF PRAISE



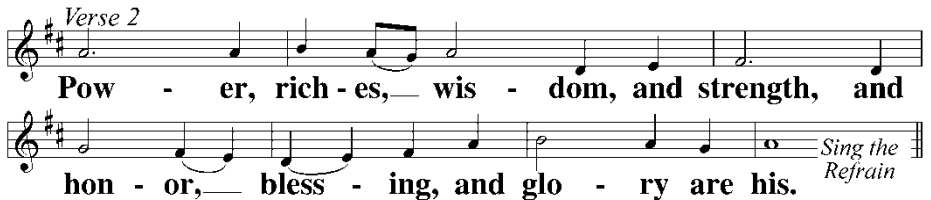
**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Go to Verses*



*Verse 1*  
Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Sing the Refrain*



*Verse 2*  
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 3*

Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion:  
 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men. *Sing the Refrain*

*Verse 4*

For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia. *continue below*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

**P** O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

*Children are invited to meet by the Cross for the Children's Lesson.*

## **FIRST LESSON** Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

**R** Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him--though indeed he is 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 too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged 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 God.**

## **SECOND LESSON** 1 Peter 3:13-22

*The First Letter of Peter calls Christians, who may be overwhelmed by the challenges of living and working in a non-Christian world, to use their way of life and their words to witness to the power of Easter manifested to them through baptism.*

**R** Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and



## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator 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.

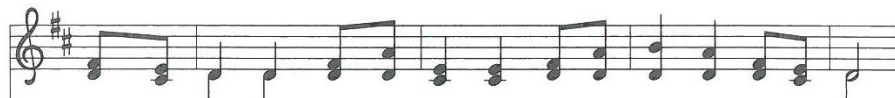
From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

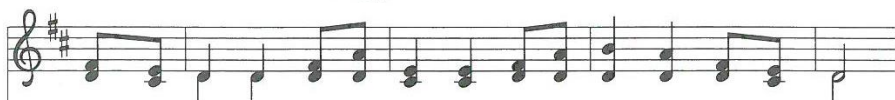
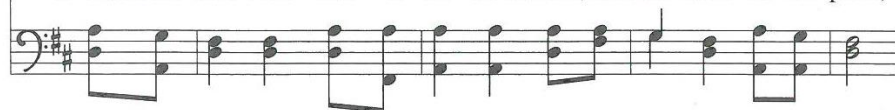
## MESSAGE

Stand

### HYMN "Praise The One Who Breaks the Darkness" LBW 843



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

Sit

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SERVICE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

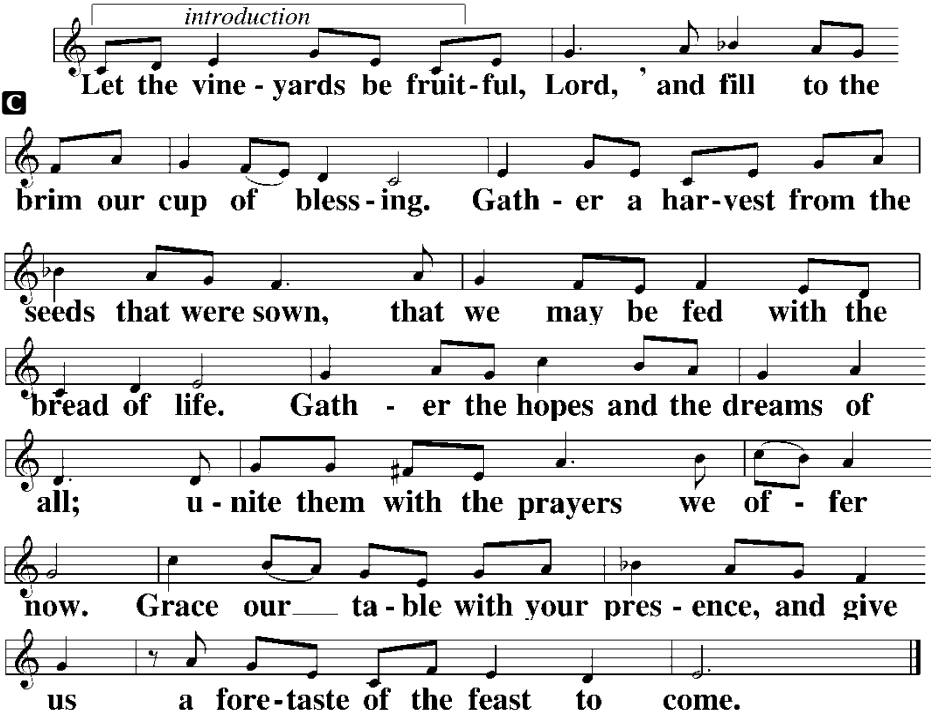
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**OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER**

*introduction*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, ' and fill to the  
 brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the  
 bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of  
 all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer  
 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give  
 us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**P** Let us pray. Giver of life,

**C** we bring to your table what we have, gifts from you, the one who makes all things new. With these signs we bring ourselves, that we may carry to the world the victorious life of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord..

**THE PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

**C**

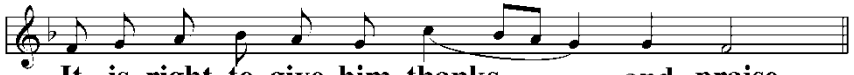
**P** Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

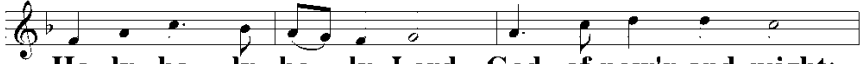
**C**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give him thanks \_\_\_\_\_ and praise.

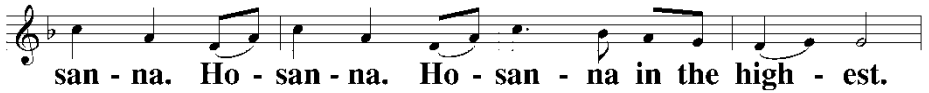
**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should ... and so we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**P** Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

# LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

**C** 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

# THE LAMB OF GOD

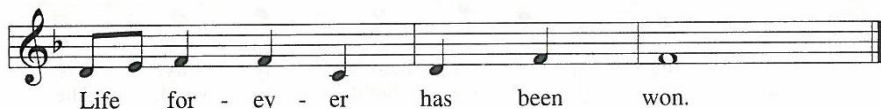
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

**THE DISTRIBUTION** You are invited to approach the altar to receive communion elements along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free available.

# HYMN "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

*Refrain*  
Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly  
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom

2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,

3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,

be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve

rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,

*Refrain*



Mer - cy for your sin.

Shall be born a - gain.

Live in the peace of God.

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FATHER WELCOMES

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*Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 6:1-7; Mark 16:16; John 3:3-6*

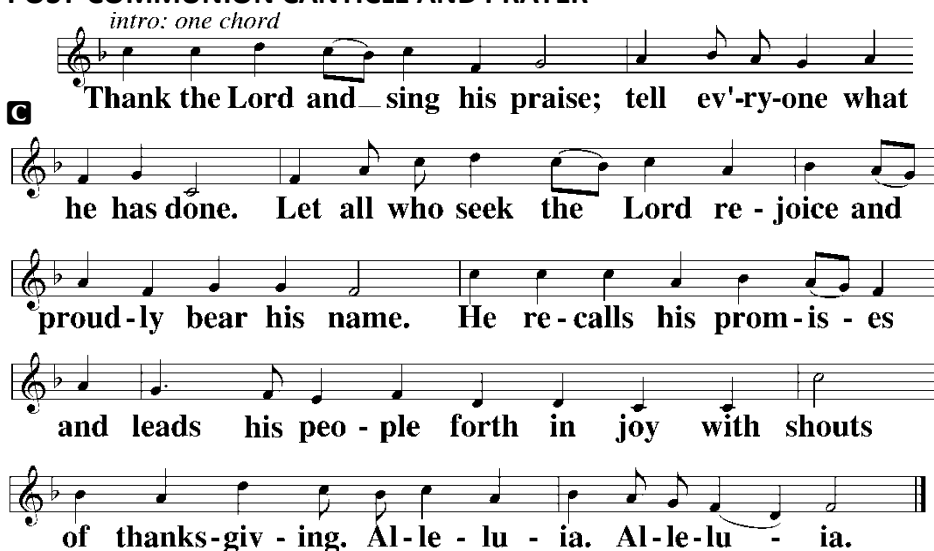
*Stand*

## THE BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **G** **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER

*intro: one chord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'-ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

**P** Let us pray. In this meal, O God, you have strengthened us by the risen life of your Son. Send us by your Spirit to live in peace with one another and to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

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

**P** Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING HYMN “We Know That Christ is Raised” LSB 603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.



And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.



Al - le - lu - ia!

*Hymn accompaniment: 815*

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*Rom. 6:3–11; John 3:1–6; Rom. 8:11*

## POSTLUDE

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## Our Confession about Communion

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine, we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. has been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord and concur in our confession.

b. is not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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