

The Sixth Sunday of

EASTER

May 10, 2026



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*In your hearts honor
Christ the Lord as holy.*

1 Peter 3:15



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PRELUDE

“A Victory Song of Isreal”

Sigfried Karg-Elert

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

LSB 475



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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INVOCATION *Mt 28:19*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION *from Psalm 66, 1 Peter 3, and John 14*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

People: **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Pastor: Baptism...now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body

People: **but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live.

People: **In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *based on Acts 17:22–31; 1 Peter 3:15–22; John 14:15–21*

Pastor: People of God, the Lord who made the world and everything in it does not dwell in temples made by hands, yet He calls all people everywhere to repent. In humility, let us confess our sins before Him.

People: Lord of heaven and earth, You are not far from each one of us, yet we have lived as though You were distant.

Pastor: You have made us to seek You, to know You, and to live in You.

People: But we have sought after our own understanding, fashioning idols in our hearts, trusting what we can see and control.

Pastor: God now commands all people everywhere to repent.

People: We confess that we have not honored You as God. We have failed to love You with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Christ calls you to keep His commandments, to abide in His love.

People: Yet we have not kept Your Word. We have resisted Your Spirit, and turned away from Your truth.

Pastor: You are called to give a defense for the hope within you, with gentleness and respect.

People: But we have remained silent in the face of need, fearful of others, and ashamed of the hope we have in Christ.

Pastor: The God who raised Jesus from the dead has appointed Him as Judge of the living and the dead.

People: We confess our sin, our guilt, and our helplessness. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgive us, and renew us.

Pastor: Hear the good news. The God who made you has not abandoned you. In His great mercy, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God. Through His death and resurrection, and by the washing of new birth, you are made alive. Because Christ lives, you also will live. He has not left you as orphans, but has given you His Spirit to dwell with you and in you. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: ♪ Amen.

THE INTROIT *from Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: Psalm 119:105*

Pastor/Choir: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. Your faithfulness endures to all

generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have given me life.

THE GLORIA PATRI

☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE Mt 9:27, 15:22

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA Lk 2:14, Rev 5:9-14 "Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise" LSB 946

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 △ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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THE SALUTATION 2 Tim 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

☐ And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

(Paul preaches in Athens.)

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷ that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "'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.'

²⁹ 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:15-22

(Be prepared to give a defense for the hope in you.)

¹⁵But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being 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, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM @9am

"Psalm 111"

Heinrich Schütz

The Cathedral Choir: Alana Meeker, Flute; Nicole Miner, Violin

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit.)

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People:



¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:



CONFESSION OF THE LUTHERAN FAITH

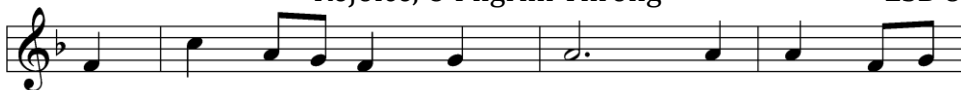
The Small Catechism by Martin Luther. The Apostles Creed. First Article.

Pastor: What is the First Article of the Apostles Creed?
 People: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**
 Pastor: What does this mean?
 People: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**
He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.
All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

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1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
 5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 saints on earth Pour out the strains of
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and
 firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
 dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

SERMON

“The Sacred Ache”

John 14:19

*Rev. D. Lee Andrzejewski, Head Pastor
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OFFERTORY *Ps 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.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We continue to gather offerings utilizing the offering receptacles (the back of the church and at the Gratiot entrance in the parish hall), through the mail, and online.



VOLUNTARY

“Good Christian Friends”

Flor Peeters

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

10:30am continues with the benediction

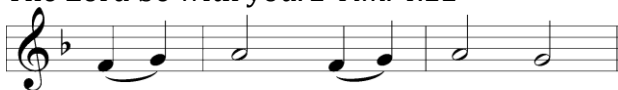
† The Order of Holy Communion †

@9am

THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim. 4:22*

People:



☐ And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Lam 3:41*

People:



☐ We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Ps 100:4*

People:



☐ It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our God, who created all nations out of one man and have freely offered Your saving grace through Your Son, Jesus, the Second Adam, whom You raised from the dead. Guide us by Your Spirit, to embrace and accept the words that Jesus speaks as He gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. By Your grace, remind us that we are Your offspring, created and saved by You. Lead us to remember Your boundless love, which is poured out for us again today in the bread and wine that is also Jesus' body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Empower us, in this Meal, to live out our baptismal identity as Your children who are known, noticed, and loved by You. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *Is 6:3*

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♪ **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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

THE PAX DOMINI *Jn 20:19*

Pastor: The peace of Lord be with you all.

People: ♪ **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

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♪ **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.
Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

For those with health concerns, there is non-alcoholic white wine and gluten free wafers in the center of each tray.

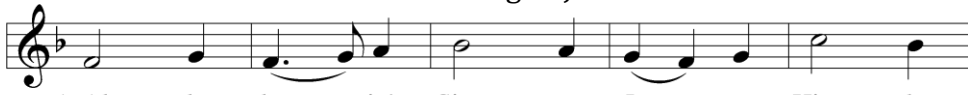
TWO STATION COMMUNION:

If you would like to receive communion at the altar, take the path to the left before the chancel step.

If you would like to receive communion in a continuous line, take the path to the right before the chancel step.

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of

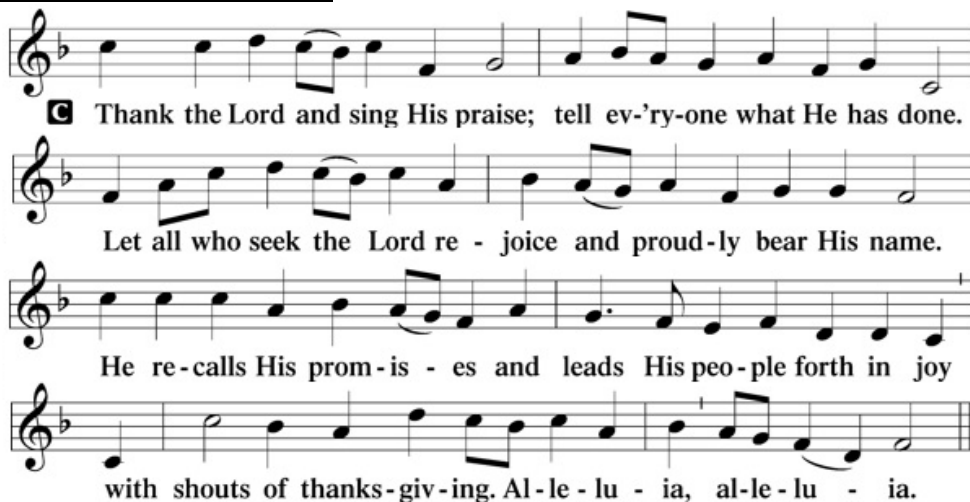


ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
 get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Ps 9:1-2

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: We thank You, our Creator, for providing for all the needs of our bodies and souls. We especially thank You for refreshing us through the gift of Your grace that You give us in this Meal. Strengthen us as Your offspring and lead us to love others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

Pastor: We gather today in gratitude, O God, for you are the One who gives life and sustains it.

People: **We thank you for mothers—for those who gave us birth, for those who raised us, for those who nurtured us in faith and love.**

Pastor: As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. (*Isaiah 66:13*)

People: **Your compassion never fails; your mercies are new every morning.** (*Lamentations 3:22-23*)

Pastor: We remember the strength of women in Scripture—Sarah who trusted your promise, Hannah who prayed with tears, Mary who said, “Let it be to me according to your word.”

People: **Give us faith like theirs—trusting, hopeful, and obedient.**

Pastor: We give thanks for mothers who taught us to pray, who bandaged our wounds, who wiped our tears, who cheered us on when we were afraid.

People: Bless them with joy and peace today.

Pastor: We also remember before you—those who long to be mothers but are not, those who carry grief from miscarriage or loss, those who have lost mothers, those whose relationships are strained or broken.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hold them close. You see every tear.

Pastor: For mothers who are weary—grant rest.

People: For mothers who feel inadequate—grant assurance.

Pastor: For mothers carrying heavy burdens—grant strength.

People: Let them know that your grace is sufficient, and your power is made perfect in weakness. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Pastor: Jesus welcomed children and blessed them.

People: Help us reflect his love in our homes and lives.

Pastor: We thank you for spiritual mothers—teachers, mentors, grandmothers, godmothers, and all who nurture faith in the next generation.

People: May your Word dwell richly among us, from one generation to another. (Psalm 145:4)

Pastor: Into your hands we place every family represented here today.


People: Make our homes places of grace, forgiveness, laughter, and hope.

Pastor: We pray in the name of Jesus, born of Mary, raised in love, Savior of the world.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Num. 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The † Lord lift his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: 
A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

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6 At last the march shall end; The wea - ried
 △ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom
 ones shall rest; The pil - grims find their
 we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and
 home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.
Refrain
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

J. Wayne Kerr