



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026
10am worship
Facebook live

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Welcome to worship at **tierrasantalutheranchurch**

We're excited that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to fill out the green visitor sheet located in the pew pocket and place it in the offering basket. Children's bulletins are available from an usher. A Nursery for children 3 and under is at the west end of the hallway.

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

GATHERING SONG "Because He Lives"

Verse 1

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because Christ lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river I'll fight life's final war with pain

And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

+++ Waylon McQuade Jackson, *Child of Brian Jackson and Kimberly Terrell*

+++ Wyatt Wilson Jackson, *Child of Brian Jackson and Kimberly Terrell*

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God. Waylon and Wyatt, do you desire to be baptized?

P: We do.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that Waylon and Wyatt who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away their sin, cleanse them by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Parents, do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: We do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again,

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: Waylon McQuade Jackson and Wyatt Wilson Jackson I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons Waylon and Wyatt from the power of sin and for raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Waylon and Wyatt: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Waylon Jackson and Wyatt Jackson, Children of God, you have been sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us pray, O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Brian and Kimberly. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Waylon and Wyatt. Strengthen them

in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with Waylon and Wyatt the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Through Baptism God has made Waylon and Wyatt new brothers, members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God. Amen.

SONG "Sanctuary"

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

repeat

John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs

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SONG "Come Home Running"

Verse 1

Oh heart of mine
Why must you stray
From One so fair
You run away
And one more time
You have to pay the heaviness
Of needless shame

Verse 2

Oh heart of mine
Come back home
You've been too long
Out on your own
And He's been there all along
Watching for you down the road

Chorus

So come home running
His arms are open wide
His name is Jesus
And He understands
He is the answer
You are looking for
So come home running
Just as you are

Verse 3

Oh child of God
So dearly loved
And ransomed by
The Savior's blood
And called by name daughter and son
Wrapped in the robe of righteousness

Chorus

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

All Christians are invited by our Lord to receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Children who have not yet received First Communion instructions are invited to come forward to receive a blessing, but are requested to wait with Communing until they have been properly instructed. If you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. *Wine is in the gold chalice and grape juice is in the pottery chalice.*

SONG “O Come To The Altar”

Verse 1

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Verse 2

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Repeat

Chorus

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SONG "We Fall Down"

Verse

We fall down
We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus

Chorus

And we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy holy

And we cry holy holy holy is the Lamb

repeat song

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING - *Lutheran Border Concerns* *LBCM is starting a Hygiene Kits Drive to help children across the Southern Border. Please help us support their effort to bring hygiene items to those in need.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO GODLY PLAY

FIRST READING *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.*

Acts 17:22-31

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.”

SECOND READING *The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

1 Peter 3:13-22

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 made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, 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 made subject to him.

GOSPEL *In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

John 14:15-21

Jesus said to the disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On

that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

MESSAGE BY PASTOR BOHDAN VADIS

SONG “Grace Upon Grace”

Verse 1

What reason do I have to wake up with the rising sun
And not be held down by the weight of all the things I've done?
What reason do I have to feel this hope instead of hurt?
How can it be I don't receive the judgement I deserve?

Chorus

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

Verse 2

How can You see me at my worst and still say I am loved?
What promise can I stand on when I don't feel good enough?
When the enemy's reminding me of all that I've done wrong
What freedom do I have to sing this new creation song?

Chorus

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

Bridge

Singing

What can wash away my sin and make me new again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me white as snow? No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Wave upon wave, of grace upon grace
Endlessly washing my sins away
I know the only reason I can stand here free of all my shame
Is wave upon wave, of grace upon grace upon grace

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COMMUNITY PRAYERS

This week, please keep in your prayers: Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Anastasia Balmaceda, and Mary Peters. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Brandon Fesko and Jake Hovde.

COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

SONG "Jesus My Everything"

Verse 1

I've been looking for a reason
I've been longing for a purpose
I'm losing all my meaning
I've run out of excuses
Lord it's hard to know You
I don't always see Your plan
But holiness is calling me
So take me as I am

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything

Verse 2

Lord I get so tired of the struggle within
I settle in complacency
And I'm weighed down in my sin

So lead me past emotion
'Cause they change with the wind
I want to be a true disciple
To daily choose Your hand

Chorus

('Cause) You are my ev'rything
You are the song I sing
I'll do anything for You
Teach me how to pray
To live a life of grace
I'll go anywhere with You
Jesus be my ev'rything **(repeat line)**

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OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG “How Great Is Our God”

Verse 1

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

Verse 2

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God
repeat

Chorus

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THE DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

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Nursery: Iris Villa, Zach Spark

Altar: Claudia Murphy

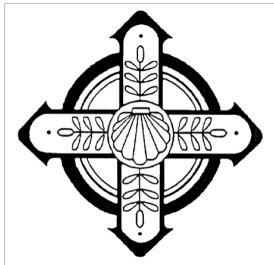
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**Congregational
Meeting
May 17, 2026 at
11:00am**

To approve Changes To The
Youth Building And Funding

Voting members are
encouraged to attend.



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