



Trinity Lutheran Church

6th Sunday in Easter
May 10, 2026



Welcome

Call to Worship: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in mystery and majesty. In the presence of the living God let us confess our sin.

C: **We confess that we often set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we can quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. We repent of our sin and ask that You renew us, O God, so that we may live each day in the newness of life that is ours through Christ's resurrection. By the mercy of Your beloved Son forgive us our sin, renewing us to love and serve our neighbour by the leading of Your Holy Spirit.**

P: Christ Jesus proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" to all whom He greets after His resurrection from the dead. He proclaims those same words to us still today. It is my joy as a called servant in Christ's church and by Christ's authority to speak these words of life to you – in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven! You do not have to fear. Rejoice and be at peace, alive in the everlasting mercy and love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "Let the Nation Be Glad"

Apostles' Creed

Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

God's Word: Acts 17:16-31

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²²Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From 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, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸For ‘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.’ ²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.”

God’s Word: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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.

²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Hymn: “Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me”

Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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.

¹⁸”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord’s Prayer:

Benediction:

Sending Hymn:


“Run & Run”

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.


C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**




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