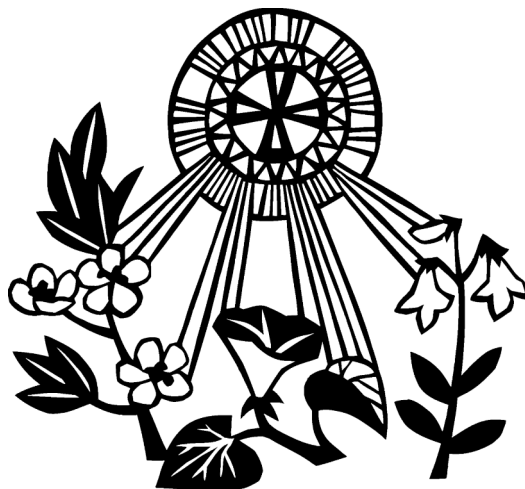


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6th Sunday of Easter

May 10th, 2026

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+ *Those who are able please stand.*
(Congregation responses are printed in bold type)

LBW = Green book
WOV = Blue book

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

+ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

+ GATHERING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LBW#522



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

+ GREETING

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

And also with you

+ KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

+ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 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.'

²⁹ "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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ 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 lives, were saved through water. ²¹ 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



¹⁺ **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ 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.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

LBW#486

A LITANY FOR MOTHERS DAY

Loving God, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers through whom You give us life.

We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.

We thank You for all those women, who did not give us birth, but through whom You give us abundant life:

We thank You for step-mothers, school teachers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, supervisors, co-workers, neighbors and friends who share wisdom.

We ask Your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus, especially for those whose tears are not yet dry.

Grant them Your peace, which passes all our understanding.

We ask Your comforting presence on those mothers who have buried sons and daughters.

Comfort them with the knowledge of their children in Your eternal care.

We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers by harsh words, distance, and misunderstanding.

Grant both mothers and children the grace to forgive and to love again.

We pray for mothers whose children have died.

Deliver them from anguish.

We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough to feed and clothe and educate their children.

Wake us to our responsibility for common welfare.

We pray for mothers who are sick or dying.

Raise up caregivers for their children, even from among us.

We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren whose parents are unable or unwilling to care.

Sustain them with the courage and strength and patience for the living of each day.

We pray for mothers whose sons and daughters defend our way of life as firefighters, officers of the law, and in the military.

Grant them confidence in Your presence with their children in life, in death, and in life beyond death.

Compassionate God, be with all women on this day.

Let Your light shine on them and be gracious to them. Bless them with peace and joy now and forever. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be present to us this day and always, as creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

Amen.

+ SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

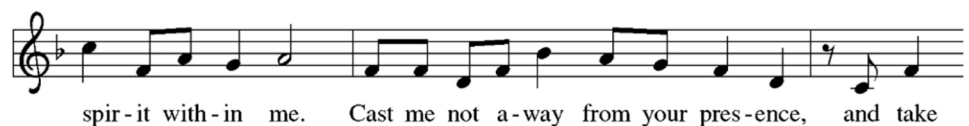
OFFERING

ANTHEM

"This We Pray"

Chancel Choir

+ OFFERTORY SONG



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

+ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

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, Amen.

+ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+ PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, we sing to you an unending hymn:

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

+ LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

+ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Thanks be to God

.+ LAMB OF GOD

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

DISTRIBUTION – All of God’s children are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

+ TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

Amen.

+ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together....

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, Amen.

+ BENEDICTION

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.

Amen.



1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way,
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

<u>Serving 5/10/2026</u>		<u>Serving 5/17/2026</u>	
Organist	Becky Lippard	Organist	Teresa Yost
Children's Sermon	Heather Basinger	Children's Sermon	Sheila Basinger
Lector	Dan Roseman	Lector	Marcus Reynolds
Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan, Pam Roseman	Communion Assistant	Sarah Nolan, Megan Bame
Acolyte	Hunter Ritchie	Acolyte	Clara Linker
Security Team	Randy Basinger, Duane Nolan	Crucifer	Annalyn Kluttz
Sound System	Luke Bame	Security Team	Robert Hunter, Ted Lotti
Teller Team	Duane Nolan, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop	Sound System	Chad Rivers
Ushers	Scottie & Monica Basinger, Connor & Baker	Teller Team	Duane Nolan, Tara Mills, Mary Sloop
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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sherry Morris Teeter and Jean Morris by Roy Morris.

SAVE THE DATE OF JUNE 13 for the Myles Davis Pope Memorial 5K to help fund swim lessons. We are looking for volunteers and sponsors. Please see Morgan or Sonny Pope for more details.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY will be May 17. A covered dish meal will be served in their honor following the worship service. We have 8 confirmands, our largest group in many years!

QUILTING will be at 10:00am on Tuesday.

AMAZING GRACE SENIORS will be taking a trip to Korner's Folly on Thursday, May 14th. They will leave the church at 9:15am. See Barbara Schenk to make reservations.

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This Week's Giving 05/03/2026		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
Attendance 147			
Current	\$ 5,029.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 67)	\$ 146.00		
Property Fund	\$ 100.00		
Altar Flowers	\$ 75.00		
Benevolence	\$ 785.00		
World Hunger	\$ 50.00		
	\$ 6,185.00	\$ 8,251.00	\$ (2,066.00)
Tori Overcash Memorial (Fish Fry)	\$ 100.00		
Lewis Moose Endowment Fund	\$ 200.00		
Myles for Mission 5k	\$ 595.00		
Building Fund	\$ 100.00		
Cemetery	\$ 100.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 70.00		
Total	\$ 7,350.00		

Scan here for online giving.



April 2026 Fund	Electronic Giving Amount
Current	\$4,944.30
Benevolence	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$140.00
Fish Fry	\$5.00
Tori Overcash Memorial -Fish Fry	\$25.00
Kids of Grace	\$25.00
Youth of Grace	\$5.00
Lutheran Disaster Response Organ	\$224.00
Scholarship	\$25.00
Total	\$5,558.30

Prayer List

Immediate needs:

Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Monica Crossen, Shirley Stiller

Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Kassana Alexander, Sandy Whitaker, Christine Whitaker (*Pastor Josh*), Pastor David Drysdale (*Pastor Josh*), Lynn Potter (*Emily Copeland*), Daylin Cline age 11 (*son of James & Glenda Bibbins Cline*), Tim & Judy Shue (*Mary Austin*)

Comfort:

Family and friends of Linda Linker

Family and friends of Cathy Leary

Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Laura Reynolds, Irene Miller, Ray Baker, Emily Weddington

Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families; Rowan Salisbury Schools teachers, staff and administrators