

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Divine Service, Setting Four

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #901: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Sacrament of Holy Baptism: Colt William Taylor (8:00)

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

A moment of silent reflection

Absolution

[John 20:19-23]

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

Psalm 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b

L: [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

C: **The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.**

L: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C: **sing the glory of His name.**

L: I cried to Him with my mouth,

C: **and high praise was on my tongue.**

L: But truly God has listened;

C: **He has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

L: Blessèd be God,

C: **because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

C: **The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob! Alleluia.**



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis (sung)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**To God on high be glory; And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven; Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

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.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament: Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

L: This is the Word of the LORD.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: James 1:22-27 (ESV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33 (ESV)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed (10:45)

Hymn #766: Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

Sermon

10:45—Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate message

Offertory (sung)

Psalm 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.

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

Heavenly Father, through the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ You have given us the promise of eternal life! Fill our hearts and minds with the knowledge of our true wealth and security, so that we would not cling to worldly riches that pass away but share them generously to serve our neighbor and spread Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Lord's Prayer (8:00)

(8:00) The service will conclude with the Benediction.

(10:45) The service continues with the Service of the Sacrament.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .

. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei (sung)

John 1:29

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| 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray. | 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. |
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Distribution Hymns

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| 1. #628: Your Table I Approach | 2. #605: Father Welcomes |
| 3. #725: Children of the Heavenly Father | 4. #918: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer |

Nunc Dimittis (*stand to sing*)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P: Let us bless the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

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.**

Hymn #461: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Postlude

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew D. Priem | Reader: Kyle Krull | Musician: Julie Hall

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