

HAPPY Mother's Day

PRAISE SERVICE MAY 10, 2026 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY & ROGATÉ SUNDAY

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)

PRELUDE AND PREPARATION *During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship, read the introduction, look up the Scripture readings and pray: God of grace, You have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.*

CHILDREN *of all ages are welcome! The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

LISTENING DEVICES *for the hearing impaired are available at the sound board (in the back of the sanctuary).*

INTRODUCTION *Jesus does not leave His followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus abides with His disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that Christ dwells in us as the Spirit, the Truth. In yielding our lives to the Spirit we experience God's love and are transformed to be the body of the risen Christ, carrying out His redemption of the world.*

WELCOME AND MEDITATION

GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (Maj # 3 - favorite)

Anonymous

ITALIAN HYMN
Felice de Gardini

1 Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4 To Thee, great One in Three, The high - est

1 name to sing, Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all -
2 might - y sword, Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy
3 wit - ness bear, In this glad hour: Thou who al -
4 prais - es be, Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign

1 glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous, Come, and reign
2 peo - ple bless, And give Thy word suc - cess; Spir - it of
3 might - y art, Now rule in ev - ery heart, Nev - er from
4 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see, And to e -

1 o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
2 ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
3 us de - part, Spir - it of power.
4 ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore. A - men.

INVOCATION (*= All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who calls us beloved children, Who gathers us into one flock, Who guides us into all truth.

C: AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we claim to be to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: Faithful and just God, **C: we confess our sin. We are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of darkness that lead to death. We confess our failure to live fully the good news of the resurrection. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as You have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let Your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.**

P: This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C: AMEN.

GREETING (*Please rise.*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: And also with you.

WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME

With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)

PRAISE SONG "Eternal God, Before Your Throne"

(LBW # 354 - Text: Ernest E. Ryken; Tune: Carl W. Landahl)

1 E - ter - nal God, be - fore your throne we bend, Your grace to seek, your
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior and our friend, Whom an - gels praise be -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, truth and peace di - vine, De - scend to us in

ho - ly name to bless; Our grate - ful hearts in hum - ble praise as - cend
fore the throne on high: How vast your love, to love us to the end
all your sav - ing pow'r, And kin - dle flames of love and faith to shine

To you whose ways are truth and righ - teous - ness. With all the host of
And on the cru - el cross to bleed and die! O blest Re - deem - er,
With - in our year - ning hearts this sa - cred hour! Make plain the Fa - ther's

heav - en we a - dore Your match - less ho - ly love for - ev - er - more!
hear your chil - dren pray; O Lamb of God, take all our sins a - way!
will, the Sav - ior's love, And fit us all to dwell with you a - bove.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together: **C: 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.**

RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 66:8-20

(congregation reads indented)

Praise our God, O peoples,

let the sound of His praise be heard;

He has preserved our lives

and kept our feet from slipping.

For You, O God, tested us;

You refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison

and laid burdens on our backs.

You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,

but You brought us to a place of abundance.

I will come to Your temple with burnt offerings

and fulfill my vows to You—

vows my lips promised

and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

I will sacrifice fat animals to You and an offering of rams;

I will offer bulls and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God;

let me tell you what He has done for me.

I cried out to Him with my mouth;

His praise was on my tongue.

If I had cherished sin in my heart,

the Lord would not have listened;

but God has surely listened

and heard my voice in prayer.

Praise be to God, Who has not rejected my prayer

or withheld His love from me!

PRAISE SONG (*Please sit.*) “Awesome God” (FC - favorite)

The first system of musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. Both are in 2/2 time and have a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with quarter notes G2, A2, B2, and C3.

Harmony optional

The second system of musical notation includes the lyrics: "Our God is an awe-some God; He reigns from heav-en a - bove With". It features two staves with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 2/2 time and one sharp key signature. The melody in the treble staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The bass staff provides accompaniment.

The third system of musical notation includes the lyrics: "wis-dom, pow'r and love; Our God is an awe-some God! Our God! Our". It features two staves with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 2/2 time and one sharp key signature. The melody in the treble staff has a first ending bracket labeled "1" and a second ending bracket labeled "2". The bass staff provides accompaniment.

The fourth system of musical notation includes the lyrics: "God is an awe-some God; He reigns from heav-en a - bove With". It features two staves with a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 2/2 time and one sharp key signature. The melody in the treble staff has a repeat sign at the beginning. The bass staff provides accompaniment.

1 Thy ho - ly wings O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy child - ren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell-Berg, 1832-1903, st. 1,3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2 and tr., st. 1, 3
Music: Swedish folk tune, arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPELJohn 14:15-24.....Pg. 1676

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Young children may go to Children's Church.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *verse 3*

(Please be seated. See outline in Announcements insert.)

SERMON “Peter’s Life-Transforming Message: Part VI”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
(Romans 15:13)*

(Please rise.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks” (WOV # 671 verses 1-3, 5 - David Fishel)

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Refrain

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

SMALL CATECHISM READING

L: Let us confess our faith by reading a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, *Part II. The Creed*:

L: What is The First Article of the Creed: On Creation?

C: I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me, along with all that exists. He gave to me: my body and soul, my eyes, ears and all the other parts of my body, my mind and all my senses. He preserves them as well. He gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and land, spouse and children, fields, animals and all I own. Every day He abundantly provides everything I need to nourish this body and life. He protects me against all danger. He shields and defends me from all evil. He does all this because of His pure, fatherly and divine goodness and His mercy, not because I've earned it or deserved it. For all of this, I must thank Him, praise Him, serve Him and obey Him. This is most certainly true!

OFFERING *We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

MISSION MOMENT *(Please sit.)*

Baby Bottle Campaign Kickoff / Honoring Mothers

(Those who are not mothers stand to sing in honor of all mothers)

MOTHER'S DAY HYMN

"Happy the Home" (Maj # 570)

Henry Ware, Jr.
Bryan Jeffery Leech, alt.

ST. AGNES
John B. Dykes

1 Hap-py the home when God is there And love fills ev - ery - one,
2 Hap-py the home where God's strong love Is start-ing to ap - pear,
3 Hap-py the home where prayer is heard And praise is ev - ery-where,
4 Lord, let us in our homes a - gree This bless-ed peace to gain;

1 When with u - nit - ed work and prayer The Mas-ter's will is done.
2 Where all the chil-dren hear His fame And par-ents hold Him dear.
3 Where par-ents love the sa - cred Word And its true wis - dom share.
4 U - nite our hearts in love to Thee, And love to all will reign. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please kneel.)*

(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)

THE 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.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)

SENDING EXHORTATION....1 Peter 3:8-9

P: "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

(Please rise and follow the worship leaders out to the front lawn)

SENDING HYMN "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

(Maj # 323 - favorite - Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin; Tune: William G. Tomer)

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath his
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se - cure - ly
wings se - cure - ly hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -
per - ils thick con - found you, put his arms un - fail - ing
ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be -

fold you;
vide you;
round you;
fore you;
God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,
 till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

ROGATÉ BLESSING

Prayer for the Soil *Hold soil aloft.*

P: Creating God, we give You thanks that in the richness of the soil, nature awakens to Your call of spring. Help us to be good stewards of this land and make our hearts good soil for Your Word.

C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer for Seeds *Hold seeds aloft. The people scatter their seeds.*

L: Redeeming Lord, You have given seed to the sower and bread to the people. Nourish, protect, and bless the seeds which Your people have sown in hope. May they bring forth their fruit in due season, and may our lives yield a harvest of righteousness through the Holy Spirit.

C: AMEN. Come, Holy Spirit.

Prayer for Water and Rain *Hold water aloft.*

P: Sanctifying Spirit, You hover over the waters to bring life to the earth and You raise us to new life in baptism. We ask that the rain come as often as it is needed so that the crops may flourish and the coming harvest be indeed bountiful, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: AMEN.

SENDING BLESSING

P: May God the sower make you good and fertile soil. May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions. May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives. God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: AMEN.

ROGATÉ HYMN “*All Good Gifts*” (SBH # 364)

PASSING THE PEACE

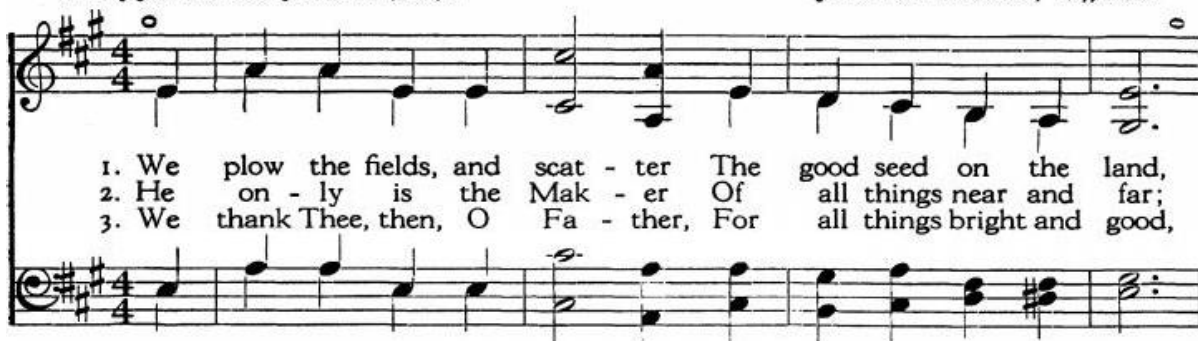
L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS *Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

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Holy Cross to the glory of God



1. We plow the fields, and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, For all things bright and good,



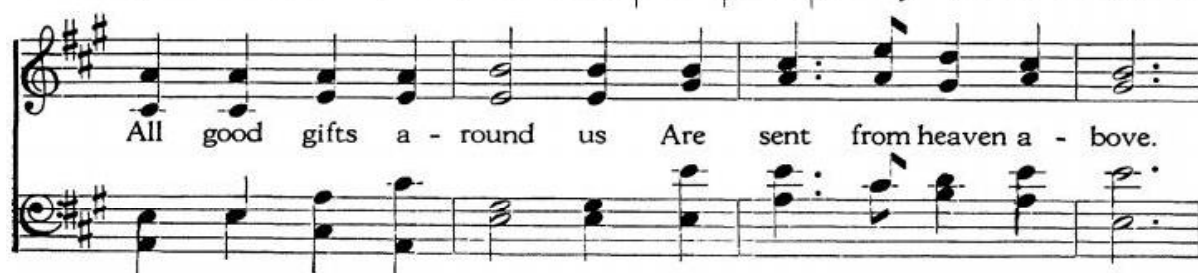
But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
He paints the way - side flow - er, He lights the eve - ning star;
The seed - time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



He sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey Him, By Him the birds are fed;
Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer For all Thy love im - parts,



The breez - es and the sun - shine, And soft re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
And what Thou most de - sir - est, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.



All good gifts a - round us Are sent from heaven a - bove.



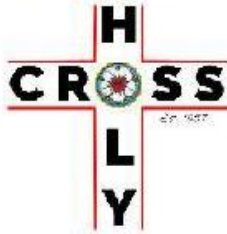
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, For all His love. A - MEN.

MAY 10, 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK

GREETER: 8:30-Diane Hahn | 11:00-Sharon Branigan
SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller | 11:00-Ken Yoxheimer
LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jonah Kincaid
SONG LEADER: Pastor David
LITURGIST: 8:30-Pat Gilbert | 11:00-Karen Brown
LECTOR: 8:30-Alyce Stein | 11:00-Karen Brown
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler
ALTAR GUILD: Irene Graham & Sharon Branigan
COUNTERS: Jan Stryker & Karen Brown
GRASS CUTTERS (5/4-5/9): Mike Miller & Nick Wechsler
PHONETREE: Stephen Zeiner
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: Mike Zyskowski
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Lisa Wechsler, *Bookkeeper* † Stephen Zeiner, *Webmaster*

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM
(*Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts*)

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