

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Prelude by Benen Dichsen – “Carillon Fantasia,” by R. Faber

GATHERING

Call to Worship

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

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” ELW 392, vv. 1-3 (organ)

- 1 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**
- 2 **Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**
- 3 **Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Greeting*

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.

**Prayer of the Day*

P: Loving God, you call us to join you in bringing life to all through your saving gospel. We thank you for those you have given us as partners in this mission. Give us courage to invite others to be those partners for others, encouraging them in their faith and serving by their side.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: "All My Days"

(piano)

**1 All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.**

**2 I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer, I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed, of death defeated and life without end.**

*Refrain: Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor, clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morning, glorious holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion, and You reign, You reign over all!*

**3 I long to be where the praise is never ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! *Refrain***

WORD

Reading: Philippians 1:1-18a

Reader: Angela Spray

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

¹²I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole

imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. ¹⁶These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* John 1:43-46

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Song – “Companions on the Journey”

(piano)

*Refrain: We are companions on the journey, breaking bread and sharing life;
and in the love we bear is the hope we share for we believe in the love of our God,
we believe in the love of our God.*

1. **No longer strangers to each other; no longer strangers in God’s house;
we are fed and we are nourished by the strength of those who care,
by the strength of those who care. Refrain**
2. **We have been gifted with each other, and we are called by the Word of the Lord:
to act with justice, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with our God,
to walk humbly with our God. Refrain**

4. We are made for the glory of our God, for service in the name of Jesus; to walk side by side with hope in our hearts, for we believe in the love of our God, we believe in the love of our God. Refrain

Sermon: “Partnership in the Gospel”

Song of the Day – “I Thank the Lord for You” *(piano)*

- 1. I thank the Lord for you, my friend, and all that we have shared.
My life is so much richer now; His love has placed you there;**
- 2. The face and hands of Christ Himself seem human now and true.
I've grown to know and love Him more; I've seen Him, friend, in you;**
- 3. I pray that Christ will grow in me and let my life express
The depths of love He feels for you in patient tenderness,**
- 4. Our Lord will draw our hearts to Him till love lights every face.
Then all our lives will join to sing the beauty of His grace.**

We Give Thanks for Our Partners in the Gospel

At this time, all are invited forward to give thanks for our partners in the gospel.

You may come forward to leave a picture or memento at the altar or simply take a moment for prayer. The Men's Breakfast Group has provided flowers if you would like to leave one at the altar. After worship, you are welcome to take your picture, memento, or flower home with you.

**The Apostles' Creed*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession*

Stewardship Time

"Goodness of God," by Johnson, Johnson, Ingram, Cash, & Fielding
sung by the Faith Singers

*—We now have Worship Cards in the pews. Please let us know if you are
communing, share a prayer request, and place your card in the offering plate
as a gesture of stewardship as we grow in relationship with God
through the use of our time, talents, and finances—*

**Offering Prayer*

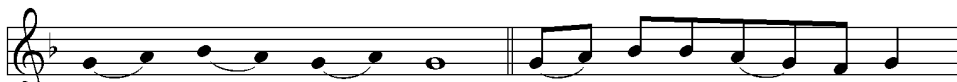
P: Merciful God,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our
time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**


SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

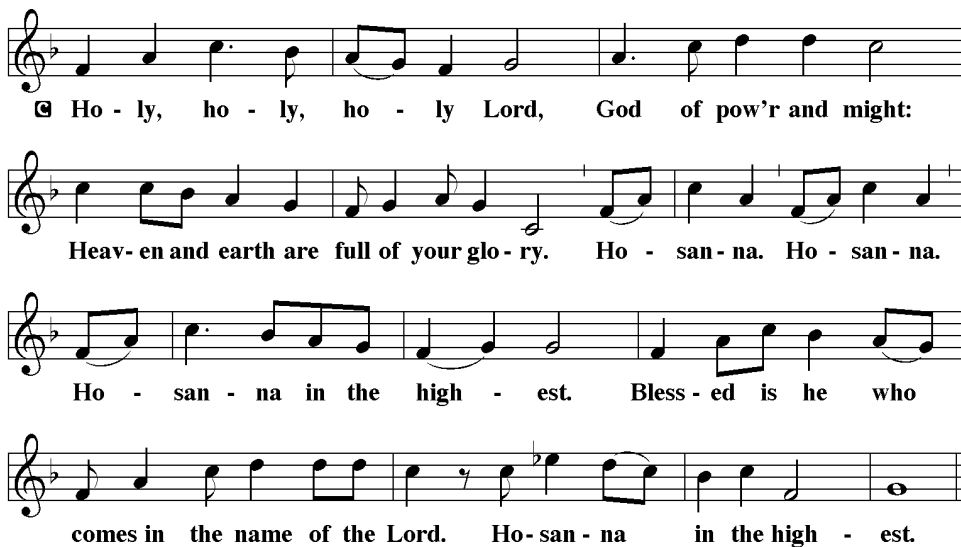


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... and join their 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.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.

Communion Songs

“Blessed Assurance” ELW 638 (piano)

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
*Refrain***

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” ELW 631 (*organ*)

- 1 **Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
- 2 **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**
- 3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
- 4 **Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

**Sending Song – “For All the Faithful Women” ELW 419, vv. 1, 2, & Last (organ)*

**1 For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your pow'r to save.**

**2 O God, for saints and servants, those named and those unknown,
in whom through all the ages your light of glory shone,
we offer glad thanksgiving and fervent prayer we raise
that, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.**

Last **All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit, who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us, with saints who witness still,
we sing glad alleluias and strive to do your will.**

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Susan Roegge: Happy Heavenly Birthday to an incredible Dad,
and Happy Mother's Day to an incredible Mom

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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, May 10, 9:30am: Worship
11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Wednesday, May 13, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Sunday, May 17, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00pm: Discipleship Core Team Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

Thursday, May 21, 6:00pm: Church Council Meeting

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be outdoors on May 17 and 31, and indoors again on May 24.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing flowers each week for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

VBS

Have you seen all the kids around here?! Our Faith Family is growing and we want to provide some wonderful education and fellowship for our children, youth, and their families. This summer, we will be providing a Vacation Bible School program for children of all ages. Instead of a single week, we will be offering a variety of days through the summer in hopes to involve more children and volunteers. Our Discipleship Core Team is beginning the planning and is looking for help. Not only are we welcoming those interested in planning, but also volunteers to assist with games, dramas, crafts, music, and meals. Contact anyone on our Discipleship Core Team to offer your help: Pam Devlin, Carol Freesen, Celeste Hill, and Pastor Adam, or **indicate on the Sign-Up sheet at the Coffee Sales counter by the coat closet if you are interested in helping to plan, helping to lead games, music, crafts, music, or help provide meals, or if your children are interested in coming.** Dates will be determined soon.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

Join Naomi Hahn and friends in the Justice Room after worship to dig deeper into the

readings and sermon of the day. It's a wonderful way to connect with others and grow in our faith seeking understanding. **During the summer schedule, we will be meeting only after the indoor services.**

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

Celebrating our Graduates

Is someone in your family graduating this spring? If so, we'd like to celebrate with them! Please tell us their name, school, degree, any future plans, and send us a photo.

Doorbell Dinners - May 25-29

Help us deliver meals in the community. We are in need of drivers & deliverers to cover the needs of five routes — time commitment is 11:15-12:30 each day. For more information and to sign up, visit the sign-up counter by the Fair Trade coffee sales.

Youth Summer Camps

Our youth are participating in a number of summer camps. Here are some of their top recommendations:

Marilyn Dichsen and Adam Krohe love **Leadership Lab**, a camp for high school sophomores through adults at Augustana College in Rock Island. Ask them why they enjoy it so much, and consider joining them for a future camp!

Beckham and Kellon Oldenettel have long been involved with the **Western Illinois Youth Camp**. This summer, they have camps through all of June and July. Learn more and register at WIYC.NET.

Benen and Louis Dichsen love **Performing Arts Camp (PAC)** at Green Pastures. It is for grades 5-12 to explore the arts through music, drama, improv, dance, and more. Louis plans to attend all three of the PAC camps this summer (June 12-13, 19-20, 26-27). Cost is \$50/camper. Ask them why they enjoy it so much and consider joining them. There is always room for more at these camps! Pastor Adam and Marilyn Dichsen are serving as counselors this year.

If needed, scholarships are available for **Performing Arts Camp**.

Registration link: <http://www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org/registration>.

For more information call: 217-584-1374

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