

May 10, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME AND INVOCATION**

**OPENING HYMN**

**"Rise, Shine, You People"**

**LSB 825**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

As baptized children of God, let us confess our sins to God our Father, seeking His forgiveness through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Heavenly Father, creator of all that was, is, and will ever be, we confess to You that we fall short of the calling that we have received from You, as Your dearly loved children. We have struggled to share the reason for the hope we have in You. We have not always responded to others with gentleness and respect. We have failed to live and share the love we have first received from You. Forgive our sins, for Jesus' sake, and lead us to live lives that reflect Your indwelling presence.**

Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" LSB 935, vv. 1-2, 4**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
Tender to me the promise of His Word;  
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!  
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;  
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!  
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and forevermore!

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, You are the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth, and You have claimed and cleansed us to be Your people through the waters of Baptism.

**By Your Spirit, give us hearts and minds to hear Your Word.**

Give us eyes to see our world as You view it.

**Give us words and actions to share the hope we have in You;**

Through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who lives eternally with the Father and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

**Acts 17:16-31**

While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God,

in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we are indeed his offspring.’ Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Justin Weber**

Director of Christian Education

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556, vv. 1-4

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict’ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o’er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God’s judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world’s foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father’s heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.

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**SERMON**

**“Fully Known”**

**Pastor Snow**

**RESPONSE HYMN “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” LSB 556, vv. 5-8**

God said to His beloved Son:  
“It’s time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

The Son obeyed His Father’s will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow’r disguised He bore;  
A servant’s form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.

To me He said: “Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.

“Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict’ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

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## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782, vv. 1-2

Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise. **Refrain**

#### Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. **Refrain**

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S AND CHRISTIAN HOMES**

Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for the love they have shown and the care they have given.

**For the gift of mothers and motherhood, dear Father, we thank You.**

Loving God, we give you thanks for all who have cared for us, who have encouraged us and helped us grow, and who have told us about You.

**For all those who have mothered us, who have showered us with love and have nurtured our faith, we thank You.**

Loving God, we pray for those for whom Mother's Day is a time of heartache rather than celebration.

**Give us the comfort of knowing that Your love is constant, Your understanding is perfect, and Your compassion is never failing.**

For mothers and motherhood, for children and families, we bring You this day our grateful praise.

**Amen.**

## **HYMN**

### **“Lord of the Home”**

Lord of the home, the Son you love Received a mother's tender care,  
A father's strength like yours above, A home with warmth and kindness there.

Help us, O Lord, our homes to make Your Holy Spirit's dwelling-place;  
Our hands and hearts' devotion take To be the servants of your grace.

We pray that all who with us dwell Your love and joy and peace may know.  
And while our lips your praises tell May faithful lives your glory show.

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers. We give You praise and thanksgiving, almighty God, that You do not leave us or forsake us, but come to us and all the world by Your Holy Spirit working through Your Word. By His help, we worship and glorify You, and take continual refuge in Your great mercy and grace. Abide with us, and keep us close to You, that we may share in Your great life and love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Send Your Spirit mightily especially upon those called to preach, proclaim, and teach Your life-giving Word. Guide all pastors, teachers, and servants of the Church to be faithful in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

O Jesus, You know intimately the challenges we face and the griefs we bear in this life. Hear us as we pray for those who are hurting and grieving... Give them strength and healing according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have placed us in a community where there are people who have never known You or who no longer are connected to Your Church. Guide us, as You guided Paul and others, to seize the opportunities to share the reason for the hope we have, doing this with gentleness and respect. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

When suffering for Your truth comes our way, remind us of the certain victory that is ours by our Baptism into Christ. Give us the vision of Your mercy and grace, that we endure any opposition to our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer**

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, who teaches us to pray:

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

**“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”**

**LSB 822, vv. 1-2**

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

To God the Father let us bring

Our songs of adoration.

To Him through everlasting days

Be worship, honor, pow'r, and praise,

Whose hand sustains creation.

Singing, ringing:

Holy, holy, God is holy;

Spread the story

Of our God, the Lord of glory.

Alleluia! Let praises ring!

Unto the Lamb of God we sing,

In whom we are elected.

He bought His Church with His own blood,

He cleansed her in that blessed flood,

And as His bride selected.

Holy, holy

Is our union And communion.

His befriending

Gives us joy and peace unending.

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## **SENDING**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY!**  
If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a  
**CONNECTCard** located at the Welcome Desk or by using the  
**QR code**. We look forward to **CONNECT-ing** with you.



## **Comfort Quilt Banner**

A Mother's Day tribute in memory of Harriet Evangeline Olson, mother of Connie Snow.

This quilted piece is used to convey the image of being wrapped in love and comfort, whether from a mother or through our Lord's life-giving love. The verse from Isaiah frames the design honoring mothers in their God-given role as comforters who serve as examples of His comfort to us.

Symbolism used on the banner is taken from Scripture and from the art of quilting. Bright colors, used to convey joy and peace, are found centered in the cross of Christ. This cross is a Greek cross of four equal arms length with the pointed ends of a prophetic star, symbolizing the gospel message reaching out to the four corners of the world. Triangles remind us of the Trinity. Colors of yellow for the Son/sunlight, greens/blues for growth and water of the earth, and red for the sacrificial blood of our Savior's love are framed by royal purple for the passion of Christ and for the royalty of our King Jesus.

- Joan Bode, Artist/JDS Design

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Acolytes:	8:00 Ben Tjaden/10:45 Evan Sutherland
Elders:	8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Pete Siedelman 10:45 Paul Dolan
Usher Team:	8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Mark Young/10:45 Dave Hagen
Welcome Team:	8:00 Gayle Degler, Gary Herber/9:30 Ariel Schmidt 10:45 Chris Ries
Tech Crew:	8:00 Adam Brezcinski, Hunter Krueger, Bennett McGlothlin 9:30 Jon Mierow
Coffee Hour:	9:00 Leاون Family

<b>UPCOMING WEEK</b>	
Sunday, May 10	6:00pm Youth Night
Monday, May 11	6:30am Men's Bible Study
	5:15pm Monday Night Meal
	7:00pm AA
Tuesday, May 12	6:30pm Elders Meeting
	6:30pm Mary Martha Guild Meeting
Wednesday, May 13	9:30am Moms in the Word
	7:00pm Messengers of Praise Rehearsal
Thursday, May 14	9:30am Women's LifeLight Bible Study
	6:30pm K-8 Spring Fine Arts Night
Friday, May 15	6:30pm AA
Saturday, May 16	7:30am Bible and Bacon Men's Bible Study
Sunday, May 17	8:00/9:30/10:45am Worship with Communion

### **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Matt Weber  
David Burfield

Emily Pagelkopf  
Stephen Wetzel

Brody Miller  
Anne Dutcher

### **Ongoing Prayers**

Carol Affeldt  
John Barney  
Merlin Bentz  
Jack Boman  
Jimann Campbell  
Julie Carver  
Marguerite Craighead  
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss  
Sid & Merna Fjelstad  
Dennis Gaarder  
Ruth Harms  
Eugene Henke  
Carol Jones  
Len Kallsen  
Tim & Gretchen Laubach

Marilyn Lenzen  
Melinda Meuwissen  
Steve Pond  
Cliff Waller  
Lois Wenz  
Ruth Ziegler

### **Expectant Moms**

Clara Crawley-Reid  
Haley Griffin

Christina Krueger  
Brittany Thormodson

## **Celebrating Anniversaries**

5/11 Matt and Kylie Fick

5/12 Bryce and Miranda Hansen

5/14 Ben and Kristin Kuznia

5/16 Andrew and Jocelyn Polley

## **Celebrating Birthdays**

5/10

Dallas Siegle

5/11

Grant Lindberg

Carter Polley

5/13

Evan Anderson

Mathias Rolf

Shannon Smith

5/14

Jason Fredrickson

5/14

Joe Griep

Lucy Oliver

Andrew Polley

5/15

Maria Bergo

Dan Hennen

Jacob Lenz

Eva Medvedev

Logan Robb

Graham Vance

5/16

Bruce Bergo

Mason Busker

Mary Giernett

Connor Simpson

Justin Weber

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RE-DEDICATION

Sunday, May 17  
8:00 · 9:30 · 10:45 AM

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