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**Our mission is to share
the Good News
of grace and love with all
through worship, service,
and fellowship.**



Our Vision:
Joy is a spiritual community
sharing the love of Christ in a
challenging world.



"If you love me,
keep my commands."

-Jesus
John 14:15

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

PRELUDE



“God Himself Is Present” - arr. Terry D. Wilson

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.



P 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.



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P 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.**



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P 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.



C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

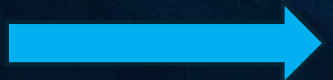
P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

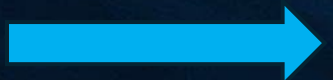
“Jesus, Messiah”

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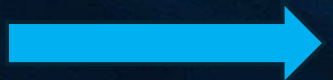


1

**He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become
His righteousness**



**He humbled Himself
and carried the cross
Love so amazing
love so amazing**

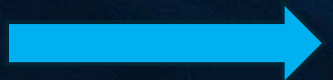


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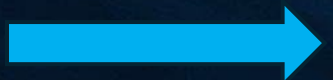
Jesus Messiah

Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

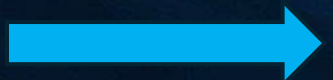


The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah Lord of all

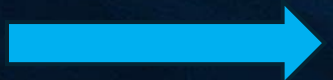


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**His body the bread
His blood the wine
Broken and poured
out all for love**



**The whole earth trembled
and the veil was torn
Love so amazing
love so amazing**

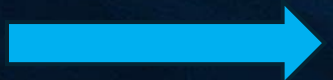


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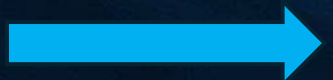
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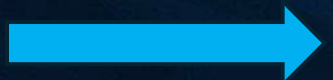


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Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

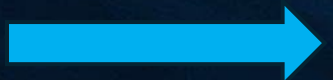


Chorus

Jesus Messiah

Name above all names

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The Rescue for sinners
The Ransom from heaven
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Ending
Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Greeting

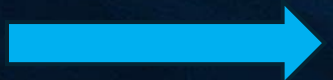
P: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

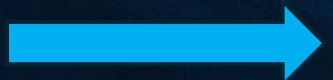
“Glory to God”

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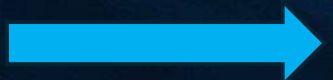


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**Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of
surpassing worth:**

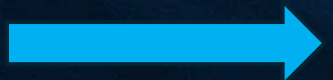


**we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.**

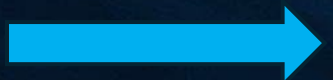


2

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;**

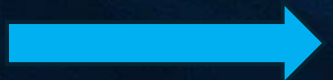


**on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**



3

**Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:**



**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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



**C 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.**

CHILDREN'S
MESSAGE:



ACTS 17:22-31

Paul's
message
to the
Athenians.





P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66: 8-20

***R: Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard (Ps: 66:8)***

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



***⁹ Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R***

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



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

11 *You brought us in- I to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- I on 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 I with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I I was
in trouble.

15 *I will offer you burnt offerings of
fatlings with the I smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- I en and goats. R*



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

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



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

***18 If I had cherished evil I in my heart,
the Lord would I 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
reject- | ed my prayer, nor withheld
unfailing | love from me. **R*****

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

**1 Peter
3: 13-22**

***The days
of Noah, a
Sign of baptism.***

1 PETER 3:22

who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of
God, angels and authorities
and powers having been
made subject to Him.



P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:15 AM)

HERE I STAND

Paul Hyatt

SPECIAL MUSIC (11:00 AM)



“Proclaim The Glory Of The Lord” - JOY Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Alleluia”

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**Alleluia! Lord and Savior:
open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.**

**P: The Holy
Gospel
According to
John
14: 15-21**

**C: Glory to
you O Lord**





P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



Jesus Promises
The Holy Spirit

*Today's
Message Is
Given By:*

*Pastor
Art Wuertz*

***a moment of silence
for reflection***

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Loving Spirit”

ELW # 397- vv. 1-3, & 5



1

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be
you have drawn me to your
wonder,
you have set your sign on me.



2

**Like a mother you enfold me,
hold my life within your own,
feed me with your very body,
form me of your flesh and bone.**



3

Like a father you protect me,
teach me the discerning eye,
hoist me up upon your shoulder,
let me see the world from high.



5

Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,
you have chosen me to be—
you have drawn me to your
wonder,
you have set your sign on me.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**



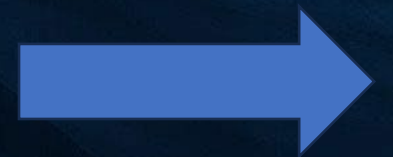
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**



**begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,**



**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;**



**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
the Father.**



**He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,**

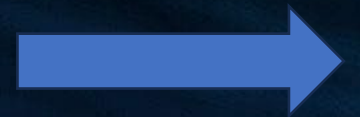


**who proceeds from the Father and
the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the
prophets.**



We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.



**We look for the resurrection of the
dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

A pair of hands is shown in a prayer position, with fingers interlaced and palms facing each other. The hands are set against a bright, golden background that appears to be a sunset or sunrise, with soft, out-of-focus light spots. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

**Response after each petition is:
“Receive our prayer”**

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also
with you.

*(Share the sign of peace
in the manner you feel most comfortable.)*



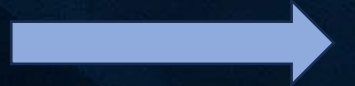
OFFERTORY



“Come Share The Spirit” - com. Robert A. Hobby

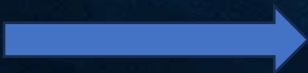
CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY

“Like a Shepherd”



Chorus:

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and
gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.



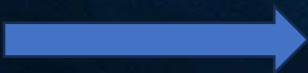
1

**Say to the cities of Judah:
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Go to the mountain top,
lift your voice;
Jerusalem, here is your God.**



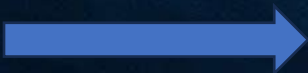
Chorus:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and
gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.**



2

**I myself will shepherd them,
for others have led them astray.
The lost I will rescue
and heal their wounds
and pasture them, giving them rest.**



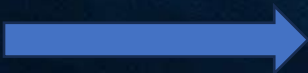
Chorus:

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and
gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.



3

**Come unto me if you
are heavily burdened,
and take my yoke
upon your shoulders,
I will give you rest.**



Chorus:

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock and
gathers the lambs in his arms,
holding them carefully close to his heart,
leading them home.**

Offertory Prayer

A: 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



A: 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,

C: Amen.

The Sacrament of Communion

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 our thanks
and praise.

***It is indeed
right...***



SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**



**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

***Words of
Institution***



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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

C: Amen.

ALL baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table.

Altar rail communion will be observed today.

Gluten-free wafers and clear apple juice are available.

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let the usher know.***

“LAMB OF GOD”

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1

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**



2

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**



3

**O Lamb of God,
you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.**

Communion Meditation (11:00 AM)

HERE I STAND

Paul Hyatt

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

*“Children of the
Heavenly Father”*

ELW # 781



1

**Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.**



2

God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.



3

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.



4

Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

IN CHRIST ALONE

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Verse 1

**In Christ alone
my hope is found
He is my light
my strength
my song**



**This Cornerstone
this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm**



**What heights of love
what depths of peace
When fears are stilled
when strivings cease**



**My Comforter
my All in All
Here in the love
of Christ I stand**



Verse 2

**In Christ alone
who took on flesh
Fullness of God
in helpless babe**



**This gift of love
and righteousness
Scorned by the ones
He came to save**



**Till on that cross
as Jesus died
The wrath of God
was satisfied**



**For every sin
on Him was laid
Here in the death
of Christ I live**



Verse 3

There in the ground
His body lay
Light of the world
by darkness slain



**Then bursting forth
in glorious Day
Up from the grave
He rose again**



**And as He stands
in victory
Sin's curse has lost
its grip on me**



**For I am His
and He is mine
Bought with the
precious blood of Christ**



Verse 4

**No guilt in life
no fear in death
This is the power
of Christ in me**



**From life's first cry
to final breath
Jesus commands
my destiny
No power of hell
no scheme of man**



**Can ever pluck me
from His hand
Till He returns
or calls me home
Here in the power
of Christ I'll stand**

***“What A Friend We
Have In Jesus”***

ELW # 742



1

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

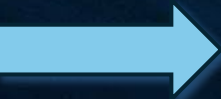
**What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



**Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear-**

-

**all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**



2

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?

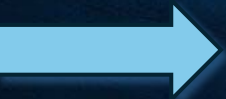
We should never be

discouraged--

take it to the Lord in prayer.

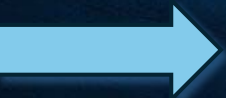


**Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry
weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



3

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.**



**Do your friends despise,
forsake you?**

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

**In his arms he'll take
and shield you;**

you will find a solace there.

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: 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,

C: Amen.

Blessing:

P: 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.

C: AMEN

SENDING HYMN:

“Oh, Sing To The Lord”

ELW # 822



1

Oh, sing to the Lord,
oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to the Lord,
oh, sing God a new song.



**Oh, sing to the Lord,
oh, sing God a new song.**

**Oh, sing to our God,
oh, sing to our God.**



2

**For God is the Lord,
and God has done wonders.**

**For God is the Lord,
and God has done wonders.**



**For God is the Lord,
and God has done wonders.**

**Oh, sing to our God,
oh, sing to our God.**



3

**So dance for our God
and blow all the trumpets.**

**So dance for our God
and blow all the trumpets.**



**So dance for our God
and blow all the trumpets,
Oh, sing to our God,
oh, sing to our God.**



4

**Oh, shout to our God,
who gave us the Spirit.**

**Oh, shout to our God,
who gave us the Spirit.**



**Oh, shout to our God,
who gave us the Spirit.**

**Oh, sing to our God,
oh, sing to our God.**



5

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

Oh, sing to our God,

oh, sing to our God.

Sending

A: Go in peace.

Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



arr. Zach Unke



"If you love me,
keep my commands."

-Jesus

John 14:15