

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Special Music: *Standin' in the Need of Prayer* BVLC Adult Choir

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Although I speak with Angel's Tongue* ELW #644

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. We ask you to be with us that mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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.

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: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW #393

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Believe the Good News.
C: Thanks be to God



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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, May 10th, 2026; 9:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Mother's Day Recognition

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.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

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 the 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 the 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 the 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.

Opening Hymn: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* ELW #385

Call to Worship: Psalm 66

P: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

C: who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;

P: you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

C: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows,

P: those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Selah

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

C: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.

P: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

C: But truly God has listened; he has heard to the words of my prayer.

P: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music:

Psalm 23

BVLC Adult Choir

First Reading:

Acts 17:22-31

Sylvia Benson

(In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.)

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What, therefore, you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things.

²⁶ From one ancestor, he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Second Reading:

1 Peter 3:13-22

(The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism, we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.)

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel Acclamation:

As We Seek Your Face

(See Below)

As we seek your face, May we know your heart, Feel your presence, acceptance, As we seek your face.

At your feet we fall, Sov'reign Lord. We cry holy, holy, At your feet we fall.

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Gospel Reading:

John 14:15-21

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while, the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day, you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

(After the reading is completed: P: The Gospel of the Lord C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

Children's Message

Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day:

Loving Spirit

ELW #397

Apostle's 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, and 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,