

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.”

John 14:16

HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

Stand

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant

of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

Pastoral verses led by the Lutheran Classical Academy students (LCA).



P(LCA) Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

C Forever, O | Lord, your word*
is firmly fixed | in the heavens.

P(LCA) Your faithfulness endures to all gener- | ations;*
you have established the earth, and it | stands fast.

C By your appointment they | stand this day,*
for all things are your | servants.

P(LCA) If your law had not been | my delight,*
I would have perished in my af- | fliction.

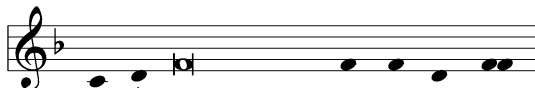
C I will never forget your | precepts,*
for by them you have giv- | en me life.

ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P (LCA) Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

Kyrie

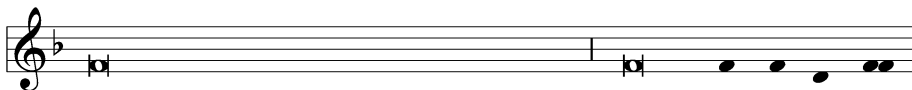
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



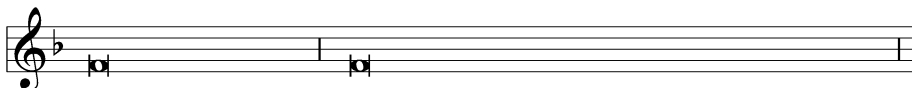
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



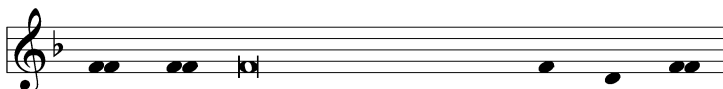
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast

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C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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. ¹⁸Some 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. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the

Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for

“‘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.’

²⁹Being 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.

³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



P Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?
¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C 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

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even 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.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

HYMN: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

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Sermon

The Rev. Joel Kotila

Stand

Following the Sermon, the Pastor Prays:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Final Petition:

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Our Offerings to God

The Offering is a part of our Worship life together as God's children gathered here at St. John. This historical practice is more than "helping pay the electric bill". Having received His absolution and cleansing of our sin, the Offering, then, is a part of our worship posture (Psalm 51). As we move from the Service of the Word to the Service of the Sacrament we bring before God, in a communal fashion (Acts 2:42-47), the toils of our hands, the bread of the earth (Gen. 3:19) and give it to God. This, He transforms and provides back to us the Bread of Life in the Sacrament of the Altar! Together, placing our offerings in the plate, the Lord sees and treats all giving hearts the same, whether they can provide much or little (Luke 21:1-4). All of this, then, furthers God's mission and ministry in our flock and into the lives of our community members. May the Lord bless your lives as you entrust your possessions to Him (Phil. 4:10-20)!

Text: Pastor Frisque

(Please place your offering envelope in the collection plates at the entrance to the Sanctuary, thank you!)

Offertory

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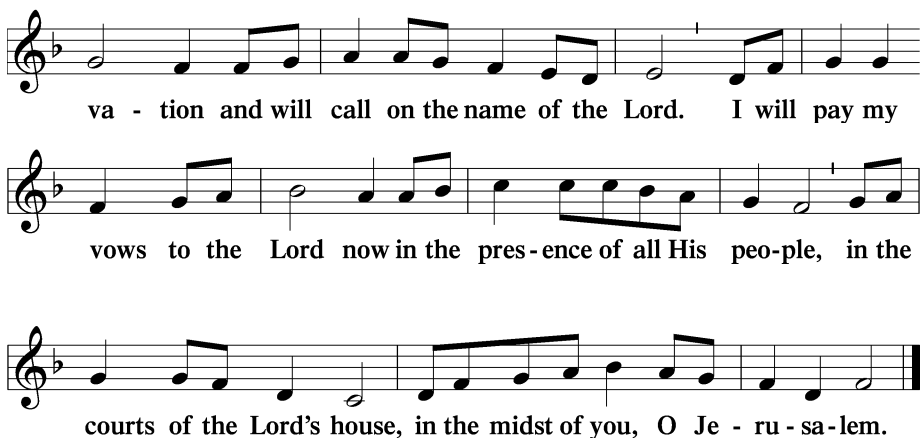
C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Our Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

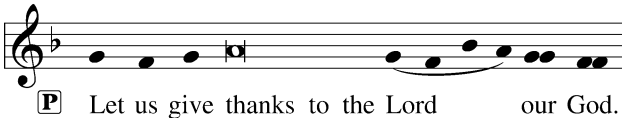
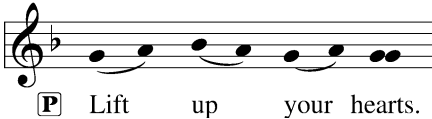
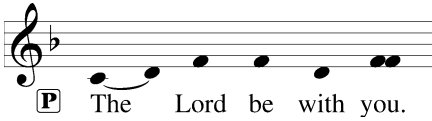
Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor or see an usher to assist in speaking with Pastor or an Elder. All are welcome to come forward for a blessing from Pastor by placing your arms in an "X" across your chest.

If you intend to receive the blood of Christ in an individual cup, please place the empty cup in the gold bowls following your table's dismissal. If you intend to receive from the common cup, please raise your hand forward, signaling your preference, and then feel free to guide the chalice to your lips by holding on to the bottom of the chalice. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

C 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.

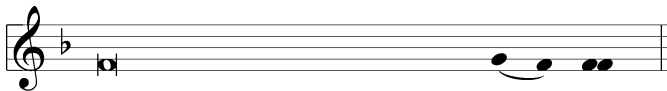
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

LSB 163



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution and Hymns

HYMN: "The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"

LSB 634

HYMN: "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

LSB 636

HYMN: "Hear Us, Father, When We Pray"

LSB 773

Stand

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

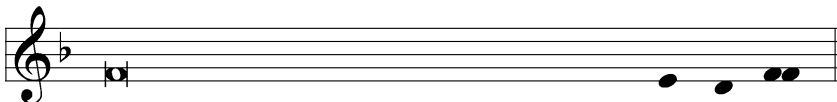
.... through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



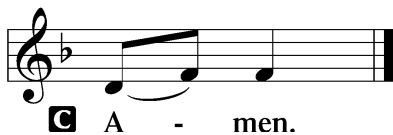
C A - men.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



HYMN: “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

LSB 594

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Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Serving Us this Week

Elders (8 AM): Abe Rohde

(1030 AM): Steve Jagow

Finance Team: Parchim & Hempelman

Altar Committee: Melissa Lareau &

Cindy Scheunemann

Usher Team (#1): Ben Hedrick, Captain

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sun (5/10/26)

† 6th Sunday of Easter

- **Divine Service 8am & 1030am** with
Rev. Joel Kotila
- Bible Study or Sunday School hour -
915am-1015am

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Tues 5/12/2026

- Women's Bible Study – 1pm *Library*

Wed (5/13/26)

- UGT - 11am-3pm
- Youth Catechesis 5th-7th
530pm-630pm
- **Divine Service - 7pm** with
Rev. Jacob Schultz

Thurs (5/14/26)

- Men's Bible Study – 615am *Fredonia
Family Restaurant*

Sun (5/17/26)

† 7th Sunday of Easter

- **Divine Service 8am**
- Bible Study or Sunday School hour -
915am-1015am
- **Divine Service 10:30am**
- Spring Voter's Meeting with potluck
– *Fellowship Hall*

- † Rose Bottesi
- † Jane Kultgen (Eric Kultgen's mother)
- † Tim Monahan (Debbie Paape's brother)
- † Judy Fischer
- † Keith Johnson
- † Susan Kloppmann (Alisyn Bell's aunt)
- † Randy Fairbert (Betty Fairbert's son)
- † Lou Anne (Grace Bonjean's friend)
- † Nico Lawver (Lisa McGuire's cousin's son)
- † Pam Anschuetz (Renae Roos's friend)
- † Paul Voight (Sandy Jacque's father)
- † Amelia (Mass family friend)
- † Joni Heilgendorf (Rose Bottesi's sister-in-law)
- † John Diehl (Mike Czysh's uncle)
- † Alvin Czysh (Mike Czysh's father)
- † Mike Czysh
- † Jeff Ader
- † Don Dohrwardt
- † Ron Parchim
- † James Blecha (Mike Berry's Grandson)
- † Ellen Heilgendorf (cousin of Rose Bottesi)
- † Family of Larry Heilgendorf (brother of Rose Bottesi)
- † Family of Donald Dohrwardt



Friday, May 15, 2026 from 630pm-9pm
(fellowship time begins at 530pm)

Concordia University Wisconsin within
the Concordia Center for Environmental
Stewardship building.

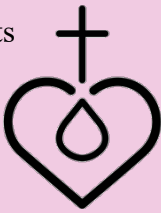
Register: <https://lutheransforlife.org/> then
select LFL Events at the top of the page

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

The LWML is looking for help from local churches to support the Orphan Grain Train with Layette Kits as part of the LWML's *Gifts from the Heart* program.

Items needed include:

- Cloth Diapers
- Diaper Pins
- Rubber or Reusable Pants
- Washcloths
- Sleeper
- Onesies
- Receiving Blankets
- Blanket



Collection will take place until May 24th. Kits will be taken to the LWML 80th year celebration in June.

A collection basket/box is in the Narthex.

Thanks for your support!

SAVE the DATES!

*** Spring Voter's Meeting ***
 Sunday, May 17th at 1230pm
 (more details to come)

✝ Summer Church Schedule ✝
 Starts on Sunday, May 24th
 9am Divine Service only
 (No Bible Study or Sunday School)

✝ Confirmation Sunday ✝
 Sunday, June 14th (brief reception to follow after the 9am service)

*** VBS Week ***
 Monday, June 22, 2026 through Thursday, June 25, 2026 from 9am-11:30am. If you are interested in having your child(ren) aged 3 years to 11 years attend and they are not part of the childcare summer program, please call the church to RSVP your child(ren).



St. John Lutheran Baseball Schedule

(partial schedule)



<u>Date</u>	<u>Field</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Against</u>
5/11/2026	Grafton	8pm	Grace
6/1/2026	Belgium	715pm	Lakeside
6/8/2026	Belgium	830pm	Portview
6/15/2026	Belgium	830pm	Faith
6/22/2026	Grafton	830pm	SJ23Phoenix
6/29/2026	Belgium (double header)	715pm / 830pm	SJ23 Apostles / ODBC Grey
7/6/2026	Belgium	715pm	ODBC Blue



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