

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026  
8:30am & 11am Worship



Central Lutheran Church  
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## CALL TO WORSHIP

The Carillon

**PRELUDE (8:30)** *March in D* - Elizabeth Turner

## WELCOME

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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

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. **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN We Know that Christ Is Raised *(please stand)*

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

— Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold;  
 — Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 — The Spir - it's fis - ion shakes the church of God.  
 — as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

— and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy  
 — as liv - ing mem - bers with of a liv - ing Christ.  
 — Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
 — The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

**Stanzas 1-3** Al - le - lu - ia! **Final ending** Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## GREETING

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## KYRIE

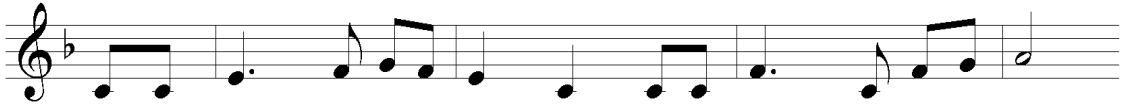
Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## CANTICLE



1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;  
2. There's a song in ev-ery si - lence, seeking word and mel-o - dy;  
3. In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid-den prom - ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark - ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,  
In our death, a re - sur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un-tils its sea - son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

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PROMISE

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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 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.** *(please be seated)*

## **FIRST LESSON Acts 17:22-31**

*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.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. 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, 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. 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.’ “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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 66:8-20



Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

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

For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

**You brought us in- | to the net;**

**you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**I will enter your house | with burnt offerings**

**and will pay | you my vows—**

those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;**

**I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

Come and listen, all you | who believe,

and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**I called out to God | with my mouth,**

**and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil | in my heart,

the Lord would | not have heard me;

**but in truth | God has heard me**

**and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the | Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore- | ver. Amen.**

**ANTHEM (8:30)**     *Adoring Praise, Now Let Us Bring* – Mozart     Cantors

**ANTHEM (11:00)**     *I Waited for the Lord* – Mendelssohn     Chorale

## **SECOND LESSON     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.*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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, 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*During the Gospel Acclamation our children are invited to join Stephanie Neubert in the chapel for a special children's message. They will return during the sharing of the peace.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*please stand as you are able*)



**Cantors:** Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

**Repeat Antiphon.**

**GOSPEL John 14:15-21**

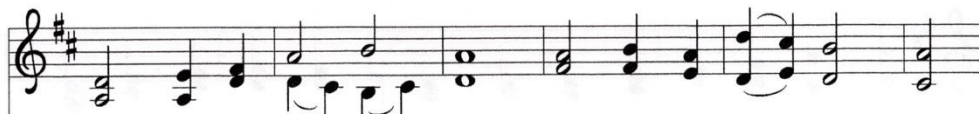
The Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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.” The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

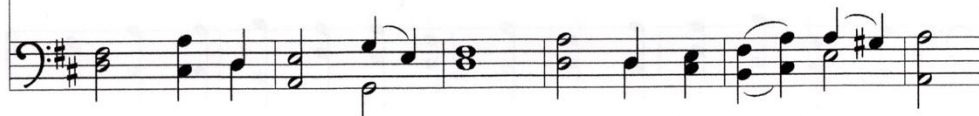
**SERMON**

Pastor Laurie A. Jones

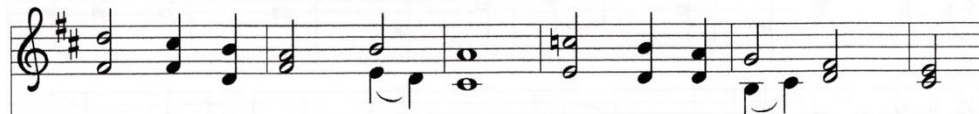
# HYMN #397 Come Down O Love Divine *(please stand)*



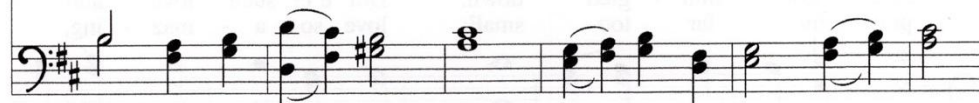
1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,  
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



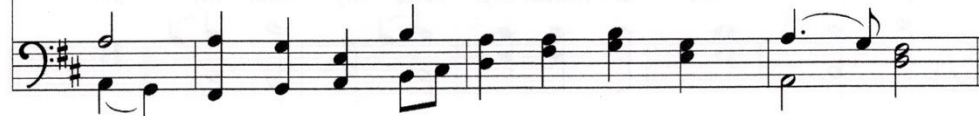
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.



## **NICENE CREED**

With the whole church throughout the ages, let us profess our Christian faith using the words of the 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. *(please be seated)***

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*When the leader says, "God, in your mercy,"  
you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."*

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OUR LIFE TOGETHER**

# HYMN Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

Blaenwern

1 Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of  
 2 In the stars that the grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing  
 3 You who made the hea - ven's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing

God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry  
 sun of dawn in the light of peace and wis - dom,  
 star of night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice,

shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as day - light  
 we can hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the  
 let us each re - flect your light. Might - y God of

dawns a - round us, we shall raise our songs to you.  
 night with won - der, that love that warms the wea - ry soul,  
 all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way,

God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
 love that burst all chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
 Loy - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

## OFFERING

*You are invited to place your offering  
in the plate as you come forward for communion.*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. 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 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, we pray. **Amen.**

*(please stand as you're able)*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Organ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, — heaven and earth are full — of your glo-ry.  
Hos-an-na in the highest. Organ Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hos-an-na in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

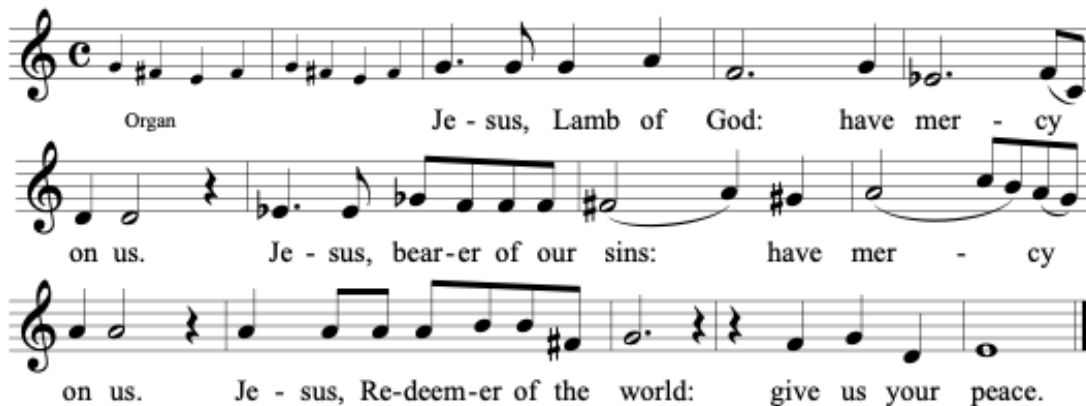
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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. (please be seated)**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS & DISTRIBUTION

*You are invited to come forward and kneel (or stand) at the altar rail to receive communion. You will receive the bread in the form of a wafer and then you may drink from the individual cups of either red wine or white grape juice. If you would like to avoid navigating the stairs you may come forward and sit in the front pew (or remain where you are) and the communion servers will come to you. All are welcome.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Organ                      Je - sus, Lamb of God:                      have mer - cy  
on us.                      Je - sus, bear-er of our sins:                      have mer - cy  
on us.                      Je - sus, Re-deem-er of the world:                      give us your peace.

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

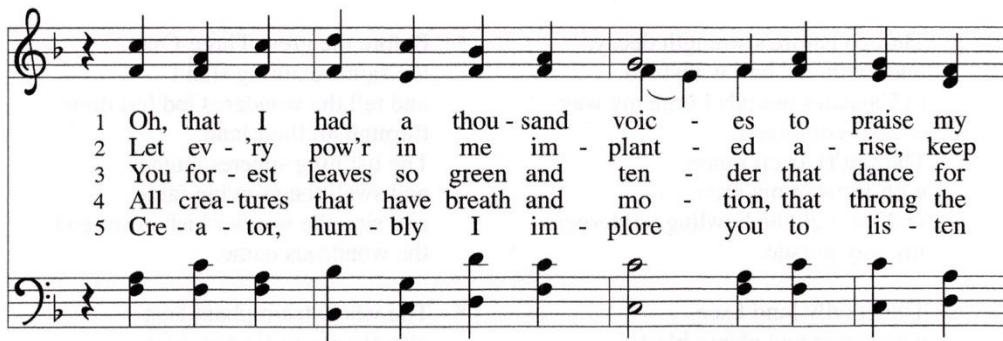
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**


## BENEDICTION *(please stand)*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

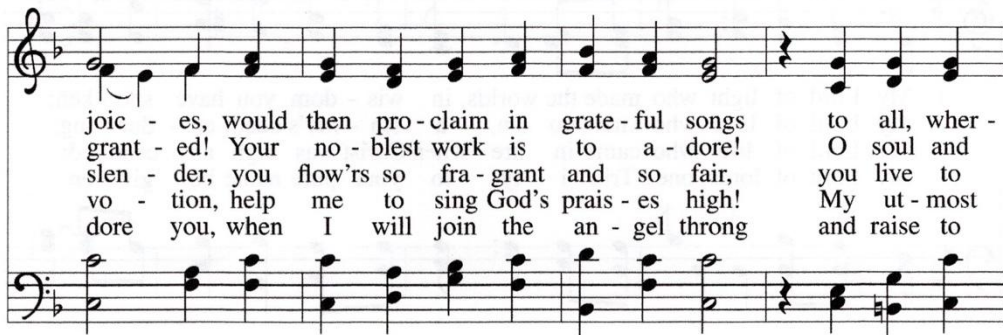
# HYMN #833 O That I Had a Thousand Voices



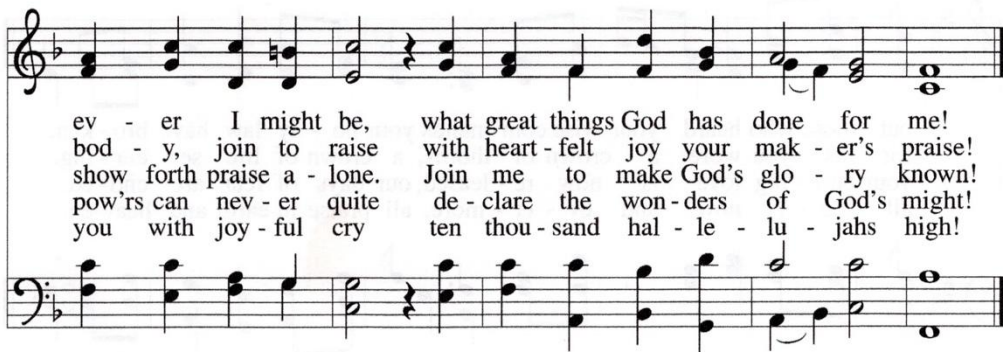
1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my  
 2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep  
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for  
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the  
 5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
 si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has  
 joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and  
 earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -  
 to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -  
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and  
 slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to  
 vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most  
 dore you, when I will join the an - gel throng and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!  
 bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!  
 show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!  
 pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!  
 you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We invite you to remain seated through the voluntary; however, if you choose to depart, we kindly ask you to do so in silence.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** *Grand Chœur on a Gregorian Theme - Guy Weitz*

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