

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**PRELUDE**    *Dundee*    MARTIN

### **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.*

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

*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. 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. 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. 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.*

**HYMN**    #863    *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*    DUNDEE

### **GREETING**

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

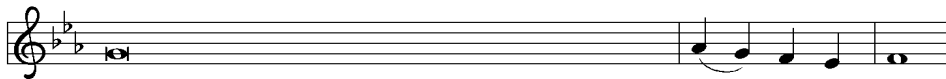
# KYRIE ELEISON [LORD HAVE MERCY]



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



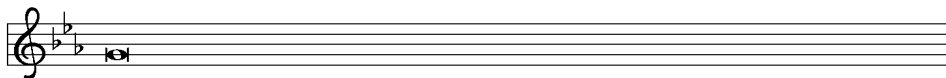
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



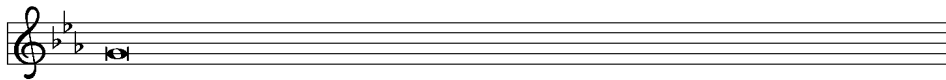
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# WORTHY IS CHRIST

*refrain*

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

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray together. 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.*

## FIRST READING: 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.*

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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.'

<sup>29</sup> "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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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



<sup>8</sup> Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

- <sup>11</sup> **You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- <sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- <sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**
- <sup>14</sup> those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- <sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**
- <sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
- <sup>17</sup> **I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
- <sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;
- <sup>19</sup> **but in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
- <sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

## **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.*

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> 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.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.*

### GOSPEL: John 14: 15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

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

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> 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 Tucker O’Leary, n/OLF*

# HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEECHER

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lo - ving Spi - rit in - to e - very trou - bled breast;  
 3 Come, al - migh - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy life re - ceive;  
 4 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 let us all in thee in - he - rit, let us find the pro - mised rest.  
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and ne - ver, ne - ver - more thy tem - ples leave.  
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - boun - ded love thou art;  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;  
 Thee we would be al - ways bles - sing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,  
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,

vi - sit us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter e - very trem - bling heart.  
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at li - ber - ty.  
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*With voices united, let us confess our faith*

**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, 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, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

*Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.*

*...Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

*God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**    *A Program for Mother's Day*

**YOUTH SKIT**        *Because You Said So, Mom*

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**        *Come Down, O Love Divine*    ASHDOWN

**OFFERTORY TFF 98 *Open Our Eyes*** OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears Lord  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

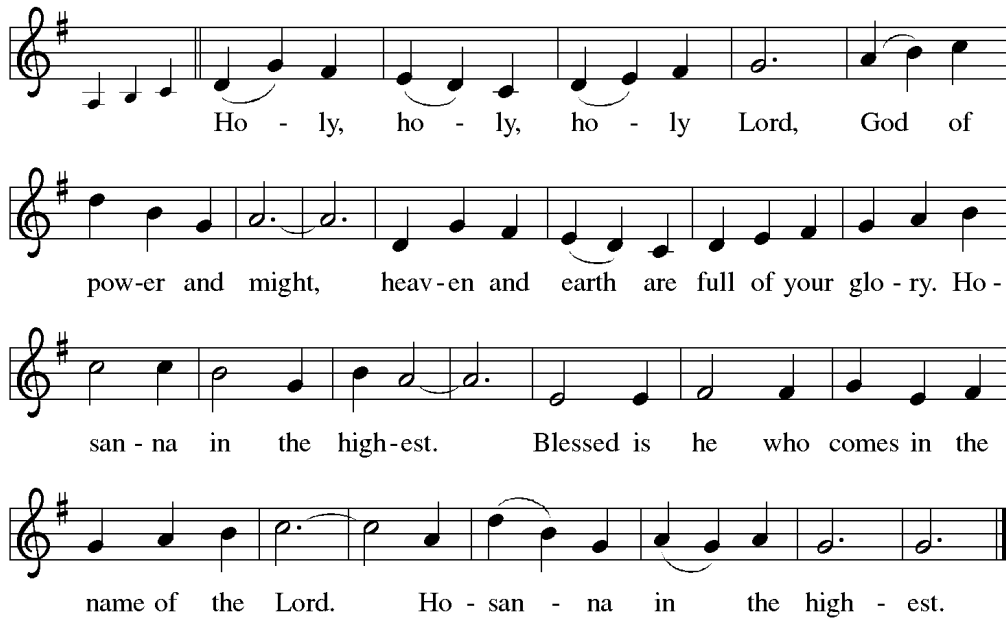
*Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

*It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

## SANCTUS [HOLY, HOLY, HOLY]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*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

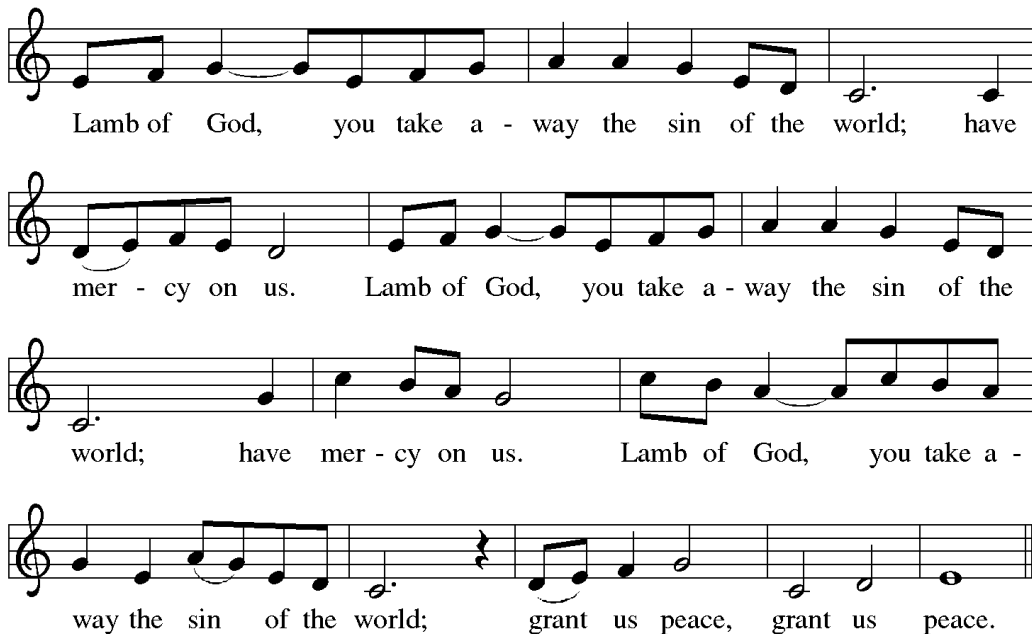
*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.*

## AGNUS DEI [LAMB OF GOD]



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, grant us peace.

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

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*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.*

### BLESSING

*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. Amen.*

**SENDING HYMN #625 *Come We That Love the Lord* MARCHING TO ZION**  
(Stanzas 1 & 4)

### DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!*  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE *We're Marching to Zion* SPONG**

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*My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*

### **Welcome to First Lutheran Church.**

During our services of Holy Communion, we follow Jesus' teachings that all people are welcome to his table. This meal of faith, hope, and love is meant for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Feel free to come forward and receive the bread, or wheat-free and gluten-free wafer, along with a small cup of wine or grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign of your preference

**WE ASK EVERYONE** to complete the "Footprints" and list if you are communing or have a prayer request. You may write your prayer request(s) on the back. Please check YES for the name to be included in the bulletin or NO if you want the name to be known only to the prayer teams. We strive for confidentiality, so be sure you have the person's permission, or use only the first name. There are activity bags for our young worshippers. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS THIS MORNING** are given to the glory of God by Toni Poling and in honor of all moms!

**OFFICE HOURS** As of April 13th, the office hours have CHANGED to Monday—Thursday, 8:30am to 3:30pm. Thank you so much for your help as we make this transition! Please feel free to continue to order from Sink's Flowers for your altar flowers—we have coordinated deliveries with them. Thank you!

**A CARD WRITING MINISTRY** has been set up on a table outside the Narthex! The Social Ministry Committee encourages everyone to write a note to an At-Home member, to a member having a birthday, or just to someone you haven't seen in a while! Addresses for At-Home members and a list of monthly birthdays is available on the table. If you put the card in the basket available, the mailing will be handled by the office!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Looking for one or two people to learn to video the service and upload onto YouTube. Again, another service to the church that we need to follow up on. We need to retain our presence on YouTube. If you are interested to learn how this is done, please contact Cindy Fitzpatrick 419-348-0410 or fitzpatrick@findlay.edu

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Summer is coming soon, and maybe it will be warm! Worship and Music is Looking for special music for the summer services at 9:30 am. If you are willing and would like to provide some music, please contact Jon Hartman, choir director, at jon.hartman98@gmail.com. He will be scheduling the musical interludes.

**SEVERE STORMS, HURRICANES, AND NATURAL DISASTERS** across the United States have left many without power and/or without homes. With your support our church stands ready to walk with our neighbors as they rebuild. Your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response ensure that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. Through these disasters and others across the United States and around the world, Lutheran Disaster Response accompanies communities for as long as the recovery process takes. Together we follow Christ's call to share hope and healing with our neighbors in need. There are Lutheran Disaster Response envelopes in the narthex or you may mark your gift Lutheran Disaster Response.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Don't forget about Vacation Bible School! This will be a combined effort between the Findlay area Lutheran Churches. If you would be interested in volunteering, you can contact Nicole at youth@trinityfindlay.org.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Christmas in July – A Journey to Bethlehem!**  
**July 13-17, 2026 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Findlay**

Youth in Preschool–5th grade (at least 3 years old) will experience the story of Jesus' birth through engaging stories, crafts, and games in a fun and meaningful way. VBS will take place from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM. This year, we're combining our programs, TLC Preschool will join our church youth, along with friends from St. John's Lutheran, First Lutheran, and First Presbyterian making it a wonderful opportunity to build friendships. Invite a friend to join! Contact Nicole at youth@trinityfindlay.org for more information.

**THE 2026 FLOWER CHART** is up in the hallway, across from the church office. There is a full year of Sundays that need flowers to brighten not only the altar, but also either your home or the home of a shut-in. Please consider this ministry as a way to share God's love for His people.

**WOMEN OF THE ELCA** 2026-27 planning meeting will be Thursday, May 21 at 1 PM. Come help plan our activities and bring new ideas. Note the change of date and time from our WELCA booklet.

**OPEN POSITION:** The position of Building Manager is available. Duties include opening and closing the church building, and the keep up and maintenance of the building. If interested, please contact Pastor Tucker or Casey Cox.