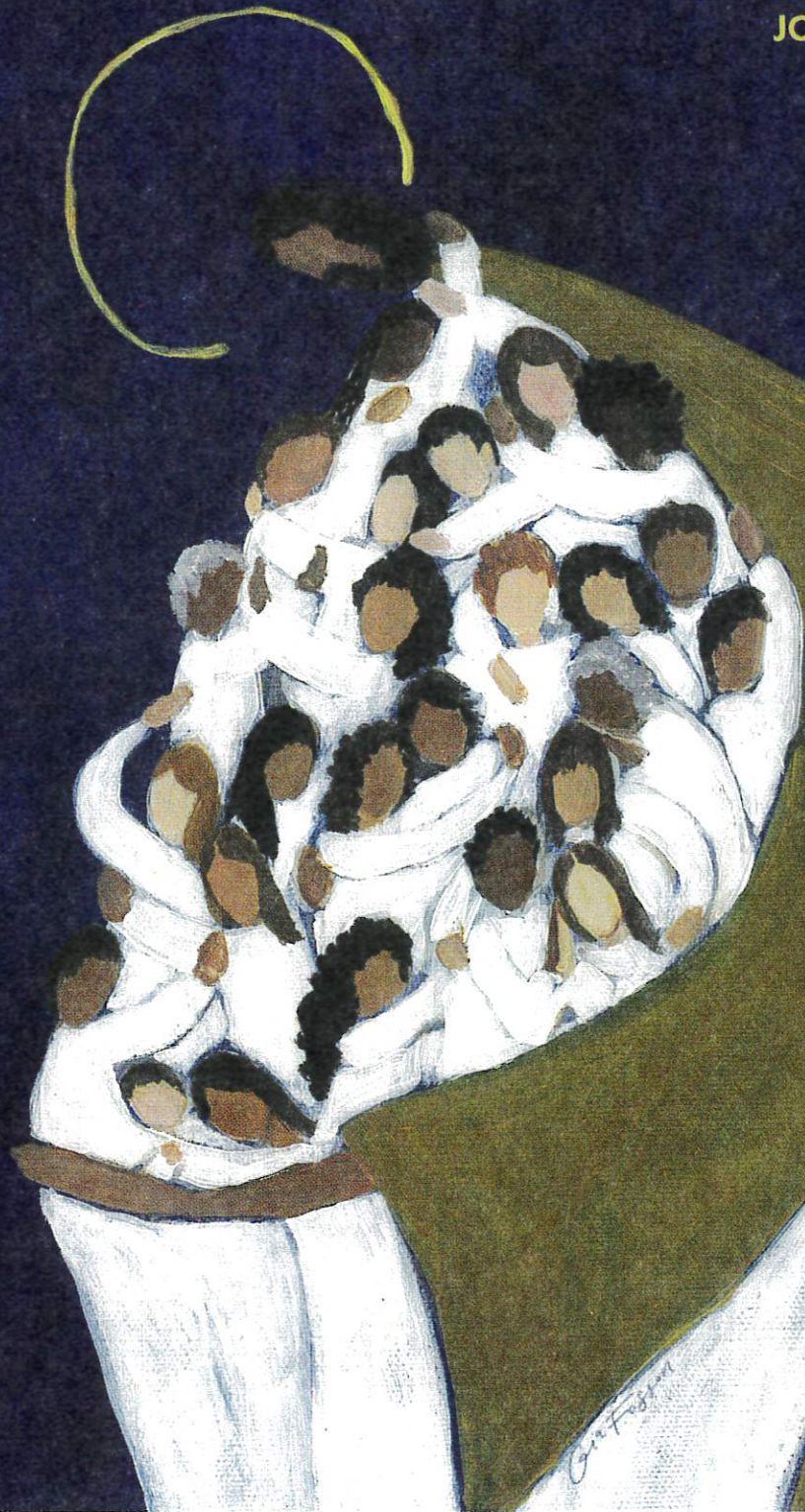


**Because I live,
you also will live**

JOHN 14:19





Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 9, 2026 ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ 9:00 am

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

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken"

Jubilation

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Round the Table"

vv. 1 & 2

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

$\text{♩} = 86$ C F C Am G

Come to-geth-er 'round the ta - ble. Come and taste the won - der,

C F C Am F G C

a healing touch and a deep connec-tion from the liv-ing cen-ter of it all.

Last time Fine F C Dm7 C/E

Seek-ing mean-ing on the run you try and save the day.
 Bring a friend or en - e - my or one you hold or blame.
 Hear cre - a - tion groan for life. Will hate and hun-ger cease?

But all is read - y will you come? Love in-vites the way.
 With each oth - er we are one. here in Je - sus' name.
 In the roar - of vi - o - lence the world cries for peace.

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We believe that God gathers with us wherever we may be. As we begin worship, you may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at 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.**

GATHERING SONG

"There is a Redeemer"

VERSE



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, Name a - bove all
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His

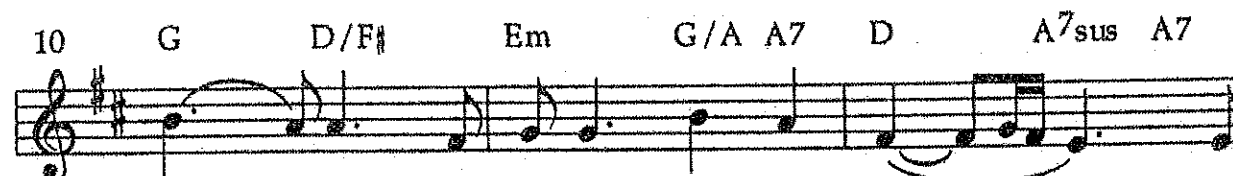


Son, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 names, _____ Pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
 face, _____ and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,

CHORUS



Ho - ly One. Thank You, O my
 hope_ for_ sin - ners slain.
 in_ that_ ho - ly place.



Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son; _____ And



leav - ing Your Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

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

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

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**

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

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

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would 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 rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from First Peter.

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Help Us O Lord"

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and common time (C). The tempo is marked as ♩ = 90. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with chords in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Help us O Lord to hear your word. O-pen our hearts to

feel your word. Give us the strength to live your word each day.

Chords indicated above the staff: D, Dmaj7, D7, G, Em7, G/D, A.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Fountain of God"

Jubilation

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

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

A brief silence.

Each prayer petition will conclude, "Merciful God,"

The congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Help Us Oh Lord"

vv. 1 & 3

Help us, oh Lord, to do what is right and wise.
Teach us to live your king - dom come here on earth.
of - fer in joy what you first gave to us

Am C D
Help us to see our bro - thers' needs that are in dis - guise.
O - pen our lives to treat each per - son with e - qual worth.
Our - selves, our time, the ver - y things that our hands have made.

Em B7
Re - mind us, oh Lord, to feel the
Re - ceive them all now, we're fam - i - ly; we're
this is our

C D Em B (last time end on Em)
pain in our sis - ters' eyes.
bound by in bap - tis - mal birth.
prayer in Je - sus' name. We

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

PRAYER OF 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.

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 holy name.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION SONG

"Lamb of God"

♩ = 100
Eb (D) (guitar: capo 1) Bbm/G (Am/F#) Ab (G)

Lamb of God,
Bread of Life,
Prince of Peace,
Lamb of God,

3

you take a way the sin of the

1, 2, 3 C7 (B7) Eb (D) F (E) F7 (E7) Bb7 (A7)

world: have mer-cy on us.

3

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Believing in the real presence of Christ, we invite all present to participate in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine are welcome at the Lord's table. The ushers will direct you to come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread from the pastors. Both wine and grape juice are available for communion. The grape juice is the darker color in the middle of the tray. Those who do not wish to receive communion and children who are not yet receiving communion may come forward to receive a blessing. There are bowls at the end of the front rows where you can deposit your cups as you return to your seat by the side aisle. Those who are worshiping with us online are invited to have bread and wine or juice available for worship, and we will commune you at the end of communion.

COMMUNION ANTHEMS

"Rest"
"Wings of a Dove"

Jubilation

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

BLESSING

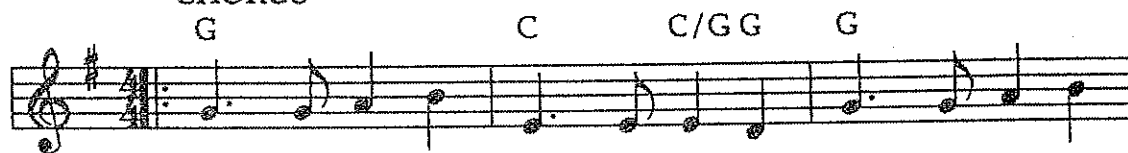
God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING SONG

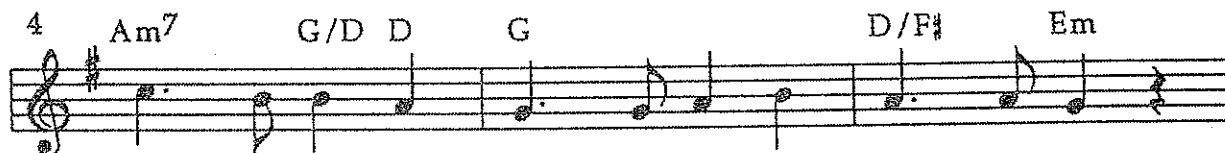
"Christ Above Me"

Gently ♩ = 80

CHORUS



Christ a-bove me, Christ be-side me, Christ with-in me



ev - er guid - ing; Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore,

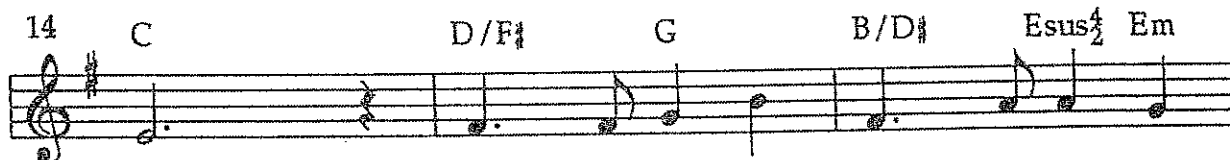


Christ, my love, my life, my Lord.

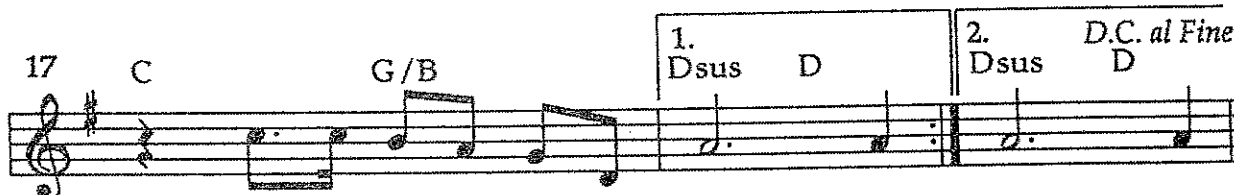
VERSE



1. Bread of life from heav - en, lov - er of my
2. Mer - cy ev - er - last - ing, ten - der-ness di -



soul, Peace of God so ev - er pres - ent,
vine, Word of God so ev - er heal - ing,



I sur-ren-der my con - trol to mind to
I sur-ren-der heart and

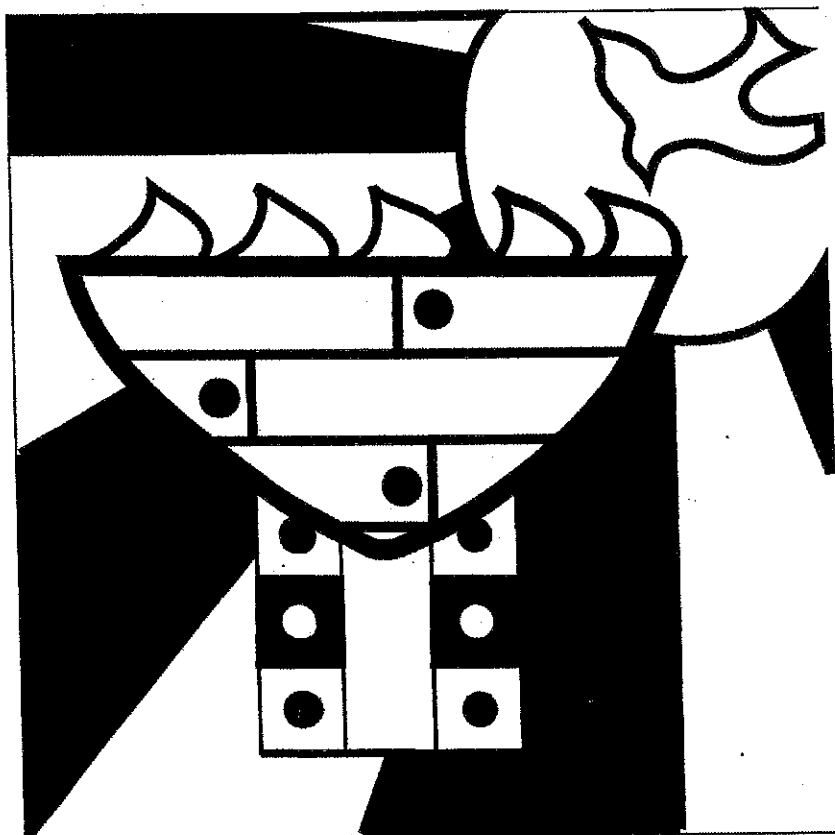
DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARE IN OUR WORSHIP

	5:00 pm Worship Service	9:00 am Worship Service
Ushers	Joni King & Patricia Levien	Curt & Carolyn Hulsen
Reader	Neal Becker	Brianna Rogers
Communion Assistant	Donna Benskin	Carolyn Hulsen
Counters	Joan Hennigan & Carol Kuehl	Mary Ann Anderson & Joni Kuehl-Schneider
Choir Director	Susan Becker	
Organist	Susan Becker	
Jubilation Leader	Neal Becker	
Online Streaming Crew	Craig Bloomingdale, Lucas Golinghorst, Scott LaPlante, & Kevin Zidarich	



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The Perspective of Love

It has been said that, on our journey of discipleship, each of us receives new eyeglasses. These glasses have a prescription that filters out all the cobwebs and distractions, giving us the ability to see everything through love. If we wonder what a particular scripture passage means, we read and interpret it through love. If we wonder how to make a big decision, we discern it through love. If we wonder how to respond to a challenging person or situation, we consider responses through the perspective of love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says to his disciples (John 14:15). Loving Jesus means keeping his commandments, and keeping his commandments means loving: loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and seeing our neighbors and ourselves in the same way our God of grace and forgiveness sees us.

We are not left on our own to maintain this perspective of love in all that we see, think, say, and do. Jesus promises that he and the Holy Spirit will not only be alongside us but will also live in us forever.

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GRACE - GIFTED FAITH - LIFTED
CALLED TO SHARE, SEEK AND SERVE CHRIST.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9 & 10, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP Today we gather to celebrate God's love and grace as revealed to us through Jesus Christ. For those that might be interested in knowing more about the ministries and activities of the congregation there are some printed materials available for you to take. The materials are located on the counter just inside the east entrance of this building. You can also find more information through the church website at faithlutheranelldridge.com.

CHILDREN are always welcome in worship. Special children's bulletins are available for their use.

VISITOR? CHANGE OF ADDRESS? INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES? HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST? Please feel free to complete the information card located in front of you next to the hymnals and place the card in the offering basket.



The flowers are given by Neal and Sue Becker in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary on May 13th.

If you are interested in providing altar flowers, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, or by using the link on our web site, www.faithlutheranelldridge.com

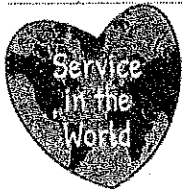


Trusting that God hears our prayers, we keep these people and all who are in need in our prayers.

Steve Mixdorf	Cheryl Torey	Marilyn	Donna
Patty Denner	June Mephram	Kelly	Julie
Kathy Stoltz	Anna Mundy	James	Judy
Maverick Claeys	Rebecca Casson	Cindy	Janet
Jan Goettsch	Cherri Grimes	Thad	Gary
Barb Conklen	Judy Rigg	Dave	Paul
Meyer Mixdorf	Judy Feller	Linda	Jerry



Congratulations to all of our graduates—High School, Trade School, Associates, Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral candidates! We will celebrate our 2026 High School graduates this **Sunday, May 10, at 9:00 am**. Please join us for a cupcake reception following the 9:00 Sunday worship service.



CHURCHES UNITED MEAL Service Opportunity

Churches United is a partnership of Quad City area churches that provides services for needy people, including meals. Our church has volunteered to serve the **Tuesday, May 19 meal at 5:30 pm**, at Zion Lutheran Church in Davenport. The Worship and Music committee has planned the menu and welcomes help from the congregation. There is a signup sheet posted on the bulletin board to help us feed our neighbors in need. Thank you for your help!

The Women of Faith are looking for donations of perennial plants, such as hostas, lilies, irises and more, as well as 6" pots or larger, for their annual plant sale during the Eldridge City Wide Garage Sales on **Saturday, May 16**. Everyone is also welcome to join us with any items you would like to sell. You may contact Joni Schneider (285-5829) with any questions.



We will celebrate our volunteers on **Sunday, May 17** after worship. The people who serve include our music groups and skit participants, altar guild members, online streaming staff, church council and their team members, Sunday School Teachers, confirmation mentors, Snow removers, Feed Our Children helpers, VBS teachers and helpers, ushers, communion assistants, lectors, Faith family heads, offering counters, bread bakers, bulletin and Ambassador folders, substitute office help, funeral visitation helpers, luncheon servers, mission and compassion children support, congregational breakfast and churches united food donations and helpers, Christmas decorators, visiting team, grounds keepers and all other member helpers.



During the month of May we are collecting donations of cheese sticks and gogurt for Feed Our Children. Please place these in the kitchen fridge. Thank you for your contributions!





Summer Worship Outside

Worship at the Outdoor Chapel returns starting **Sunday, May 31st at 9:00 am**. Every other Sunday morning, we will alternate our 9:00am worship between the outdoor chapel and the inside Sanctuary, through September 6. If the weather does not cooperate, we will move worship inside. Please bring a lawn chair and join us outside this summer on **May 31, June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, and September 6**.



Registration is Open!

On **June 22-25, from 8:30 am—11:30 am**, Faith will be offering a new Day Camp VBS by providing 4 counselors and programming by Lutheran Lakeside! The programming this year will be related to the summer camp theme "A Holy Guide to Loving Your Neighbors." Young adult counselors will bring their energy and excitement to our daily lessons and activities! Some volunteers will still be needed to travel with the kids, provide snacks/drinks and meals for the Lutheran Lakeside Staff. A volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Contact

Cindy Zabel at (563) 210-4169 if you are interested in helping.

Sign up on our website (faithlutheraneldridge.com), scan the QR Code on a poster or flyer, or complete a paper form (available on the Welcome Center).



Final FRIDAY!



Join in the fun of celebrating the end to the school year and the beginning of a fun filled summer. All kids are welcome to joins us on **Friday, May 29, 2026, 1:15 pm - 3:30 pm**, for games, crafts, snacks and fun on the front lawn of Faith.

Volunteers are needed for donations of time and a few other items. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Please contact Carrie Keppy at ctkeppy@netins.net or 285-4484 with questions or to help.



May 2 & 3 5:00 pm: 39, 9:00 am: 61, Online: 35, Total: 135

THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



Saturday, May 9

5:00 pm Jubilation Worship in
Sanctuary & Online

Sunday, May 10

9:00 am Jubilation Worship in
Sanctuary w/ Senior
Recognition
10:15 am Fellowship with Graduation
Cupcake Reception

Monday, May 11 *Office Closed*

6:00 pm Lions Club Exec.

Tuesday, May 12

1:00 pm Bible Study
5:30 pm Food Pantry

Wednesday, May 13

7:00 pm High School Youth

Thursday, May 14 *Office Hours 9am-Noon*

Friday, May 15

9:30 am Food Pantry

Saturday, May 16

8:00 am WOF Plant Sale
5:00 pm Worship in Sanctuary &
Online

Sunday, May 17

9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 am Volunteer Appreciation
Reception



Pastor Carrie and Pastor Heather are available for Pastoral Care, but ***we need your help to know when and where that is needed.*** Even though the medical facilities might ask about notifying your church, they do not actually contact us unless a situation is dire. Please contact us at the church office at **(563) 285-4501**. **For after-hour emergencies**, please contact **Pastor Carrie at (641) 275-1326 or Pastor Heather at (563) 639-9606.**



Thank you to all who have been making prayer shawls and lap quilts for the May 2026 Synod Assembly. Please bring them to Faith by Sunday, May 10th. We will be delivering them to the Synod Center for Ministry on Monday.