

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026



PRELUDE

We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.

WELCOME STATEMENT

Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL

"Thy Holy Wings"

ELW 613

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for hearing God's word.

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.

A reading from Acts.

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.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 66: 8-20

We give voice to God's faithfulness, participating in the living story of God's mercy and love by echoing the ancient prayers of God's people.

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

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

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

You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon 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 oxen 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 rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A reading from First Peter.

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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

ELW 535

GOSPEL READING

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.

The gospel according to John.

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, Lord Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

We hear God's promise proclaimed to us, and the Spirit works in our hearts to make it real.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice!"

ELW 594

We respond to the promises of God in song.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

We join the wider church in naming the story that holds us.

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 INTERCESSION

We entrust all into God's care.

After each prayer petition, please respond: **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.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We offer signs of Christ's peace, joining God's work of reconciliation.

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Christ is risen! His new life brings hope to all creation. With thankful hearts, let us offer our gifts to God.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! We offer our lives and gifts in praise.

OFFERING/ OFFERING HYMN

"Everything is Grace"

Ingram, Maher, Fieldes

We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.

Verse 1

Your joy when the morning comes
You hope keeps me looking up
You are enough
Your peace the eyes of every storm
Your strength when my heart is worn
You are enough

Chorus 1

Whatever comes my way
I will walk through the flame
You're turning my fear to faith
My doubt to praise
And everything is grace

Verse 2

Your love when the wait is long
Your voice keeps me holding on
You are enough
My delight when bitterness comes close
My portion the only thing I know
You are enough
(Chorus 1)

Chorus 2

True in the pouring rain
True in the crashing waves
He's true even in my pain my heart can say
That everything is grace

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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, we pray. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

We lift our hearts and give thanks for God's life-giving work.

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.**

PREFACE

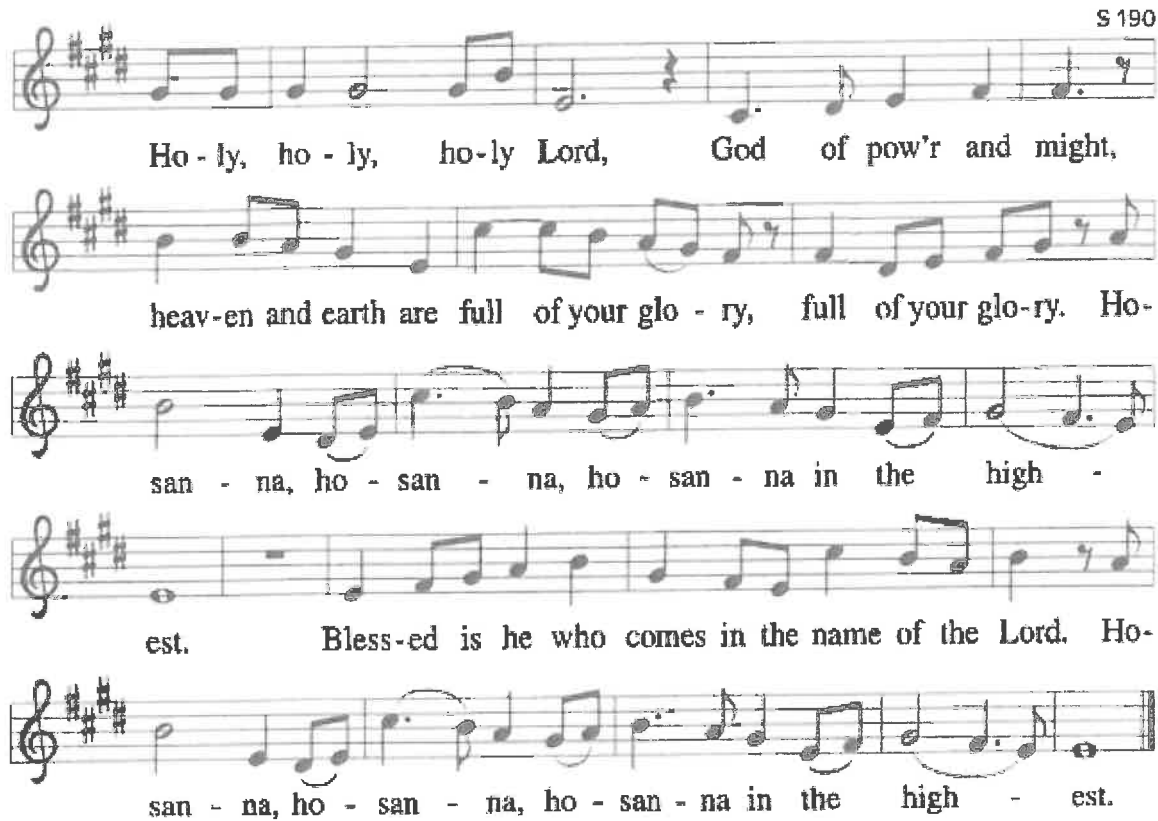
We remember God's faithfulness and join heaven and earth in praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We recall the story of Jesus and ask the Spirit to make us one.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

We pray as Jesus taught, trusting God for what we need.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

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 HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

"Waterlife"

ELW 457

Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We ask for strength to live what we have received.

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, we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share news and opportunities to live God's love together as a community.

BLESSING

God's promise goes with us into whatever comes next.

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.

RECESSIONAL

"Go In Peace and Serve the Lord"

Handt Hanson

With hearts lifted, we turn toward the world as Christ's people.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today.

Go and tell gospel news ev'rywhere.

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

God is calling you today to bring the truth and love to ev'ry nation.

SENDING

We are sent to love, serve, and live the story we have shared.

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now it must be lived.**

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

POSTLUDE

“This Amazing Grace”

Riddle, Farro, Wickham

As worship concludes, music strengthens and inspires us for the journey ahead.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.


<p><u>Sunday, May 10, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Keith Goetz</i> Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Annette Bruce</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 17, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Ann Enke</i> Altar Guild: <i>Kari Castelli, Becky Glaser</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In Loving Memory of Matthew Constantine From Jan Beckman</i></p>

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- April Income = \$17,587.05
- April Expense = \$19,688.70
- Income Less Expense = -\$2,101.65

(Income YTD = \$84,995.72)
(Expense YTD = \$82,433.65)
(Income Less Expense YTD = \$2,562.07)

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- **Join us** in the Education Building Community Room from **6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 12, May 19 and May 26th** for our upcoming **Book Club**. We will be reading **Who Do You Want to Be When You Grow Old: The Path of Purposeful Aging** by Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro. All are welcome! You do not need to have read the book to take part in the discussion, though reading ahead will enrich the conversation. For the first session, please read the introduction and Chapters 1-3.
- **Trinity's "Priceless" Plant Sale is Sunday, May 17th.** Tomatoes, chives, basil, flowers and more will be available in the Java Junction area. The "price" is a free-will donation to the growing project. Cash or checks made to TLC-Growing Project can be accepted. **Funds raised help women in Guatemala's Western Highlands increase their food production.**
- If you have any **8th grade, high school or college graduates** in your family, please let the office (tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com) know **by May 26th**. We would like to recognize their achievement by having a reception in Java Junction in June.
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "River of Life."** In VBS, participants will learn about the importance of water and visit important "ports" during the week to hear Bible stories about water. They will also hear about communities working to restore watersheds, to protect rights to water and to ensure safe water for everyone. There will also be fun, with games and other activities to celebrate God's gift of water and remind us of our important calling as God's children to be good stewards of creation. **VBS will run July 13th through July 17, 2026** at 717 Chambers St., Ottawa. Please contact the office during business hours (9-2, Mon - Thurs) to sign up!
- Speaking of water.....**Thrivant Members can obtain free clean water kits** that Vacation Bible School can use to help promote a stewardship of our environment. **Please order your kits at <https://servicing.apps.thrivent.com/cause-kits>** . Kits can be dropped off at the office during business hours or brought to service on Sundays.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- Please use the North Parking Lot, Cloister Walk entrance if you feel comfortable. **Please keep in mind that if approached by a protester and you are feeling uncomfortable let staff or volunteers know.** Police will be contacted to ensure congregation safety.
- **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**
 - **Monday (5/11):** 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
10a Staff Meeting (Education Building)
6p Christian Education Meeting (Board Room)
 - **Tuesday (5/12):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
6p Book Club (Community Room)
7p Finance Committee Meeting (Board Room)
 - **Wednesday (5/13)** 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
 - **Thursday (5/14):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
1p Trinity Stitchers (Fellowship Hall)
 - **Friday (5/15):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
 - **Saturday (5/16):** *National Armed Forces Day!* 
 - **Sunday (5/17)** 9a Sunday Session
10a Holy Communion