

May 10, 2026 + Sixth Sunday of Easter

We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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.**

First Reading – Acts 17:22-31

Paul's message to the Athenians

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:8-20 *Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.*

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.

Gospel: John 14:15-21 *Christ our advocate*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . .

Glory to you, O Lord.

After: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message

Pastor Liz Rossing

Hymn of the Day

"I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

1. "I was there to hear your borne cry, I'll be there when you are Old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to See your life unfold. I was there when you were but a Child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to Find where demons dwell."

2. "When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to Whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your Time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from Dusk till rising sun."

3. "In the middle ages of your life, not to old, no longer Young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes In and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with Just one more surprise."

4. "I was there to hear your Borne cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold."

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Blessing of Graduates

Prayers of the People

Mothering God, receive our prayer.

Offering

Giving Prayer

Gracious God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Announcements

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 us now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn "Here I Am, Lord"

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away, I will break thier hearts of stone, give them

hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor
and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will
save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be
satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I
send?"

Refrain

Dismissal

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