



# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH • SCHOOL



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 - 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026 - 10:45 AM**

(The \* indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

**PRELUDE**

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!”

Steven Wentz

**WELCOME**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Hymn 816

([10:45]Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**\*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

“This Is the Feast”

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*Refrain*

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

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*  
*Final Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 17:22-31*

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the 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, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually 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 are indeed his offspring.'"<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

<sup>13</sup> Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup> Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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 having been subjected to him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

*John 14:15-21*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<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 Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

## **[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

### **\*SERMON HYMN**

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

*Hymn 466*

### **THE SERMON**

"Proof of His Love"

*John 14:15-21*

### **\*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **\*MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE**

### **\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

### **\*PREFACE**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

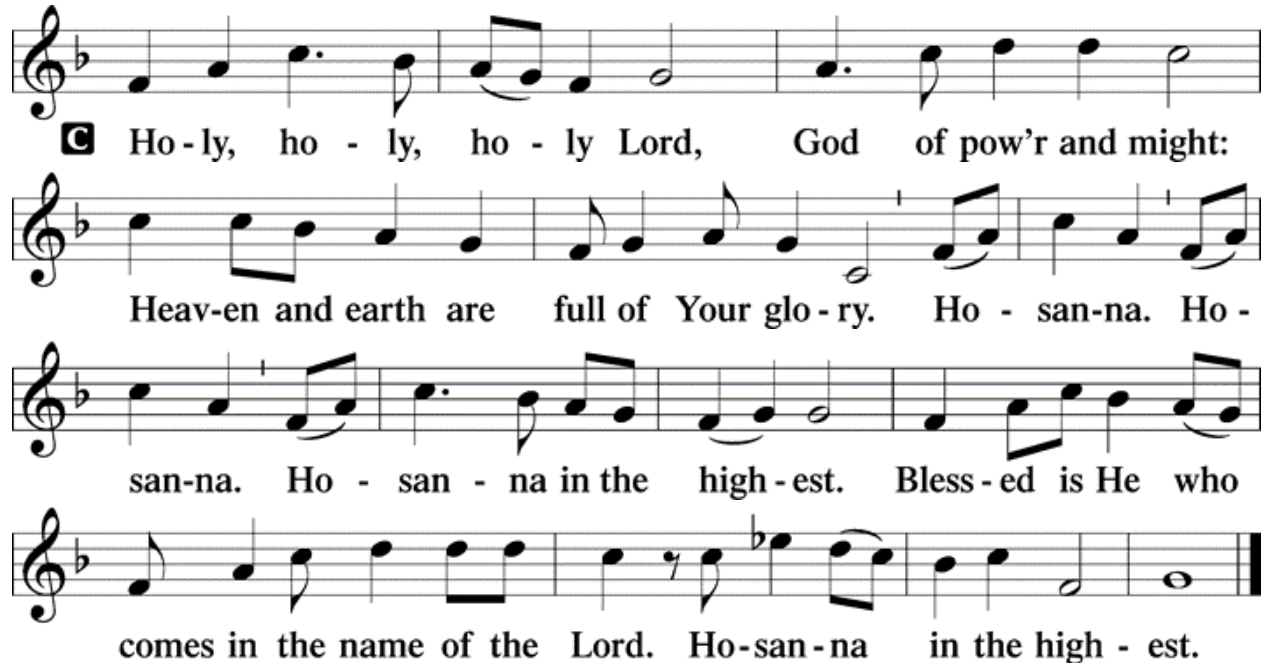
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Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

**\*SANCTUS**

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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. 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 in the high - est.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*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.

**C** 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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION**

“Beautiful Savior”  
“Praise the Almighty”

*Hymn 537*  
*Hymn 797*

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD’S WORK**

**\*THE MOTHER’S DAY BLESSING**

**Pastor:** To all mothers, receive these words of blessing this day: May God our Heavenly Father, who has chosen you to be a mother and provided for your every need, nurture and strengthen you in every way, to love and care for your family with the enduring love and wisdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Mothers: Amen!**

**Pastor:** To all the people of God, receive these words of blessing: May God our Father, who loves each of us with an eternal love, bless us and direct our days and deeds in His love and peace.

**All: Amen!**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

“Thy Strong Word” (vv. 1, 5-6)

*Hymn 578*

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

“Praise the Almighty”

*John Behnke*

## WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

### **SATURDAY, 5:00 PM**

Preacher

Celebrant

Organist

Communion Deacons

Lector

Usher/Greeter Team

Vicar Stephen Moore

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

Thomas Schulteis

Vickie Ryan, Jessica Wittcop

Roger Walker

Don & Connie March, Jennifer March

### **SUNDAY, 10:45 AM**

Preacher

Celebrant

Liturgist

Organist

Sound Technician

Elder on Duty

Communion Deacons

Lectors

Greeters

Ushers

Vicar Stephen Moore

The Rev. Charles T. Reich

The Rev. Steven M. Braun

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