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### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 9*

*Worship in-person and livestream*

***The Holy Spirit enlivens us as the body of Christ.***

### GATHERING

Prelude

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

**Gathering Song**

***Earth, Earth, Awake!***

*blue book* **No. 937**

Greeting

**Kyrie**

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**Song of Praise**

***This is the Feast***

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Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Children's Message

First Reading

**Acts 17:22-31**

**...Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 66:8-20**

Second Reading

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

**...Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, Alleluia....***

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The Gospel Reading

**John 14:15-21**

**...Glory to you, O God.**

**...Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**

***Come Down, O Love Divine***

*red book* **No. 804**

**Nicene Creed**

*red book* **page 104**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

*In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.*

*We collect an offering as one way of giving.*

Offering of Gifts

**Offering Song**

*Let Us Break Bread Together - arr. S.E. Rogers - choir*

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

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Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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**Lamb of God**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup. Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server. You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing. Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.*

**Communion Songs**

***Loaves Were Broken...***

*blue book* **No. 966**

***Children of the Heavenly Father***

*red book* **No. 781**

***This Is Christ's Body***

*blue book* **No. 967**

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

***We Know That Christ Is Raised***

*red book* **No. 449**

Dismissal

**...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.*

*Thank you to all who contributed for hosting.*

*The flowers today are given by Board of Worship to honour all those who nurture others.*

**Worship Assistants**

Assisting Minister

Boston Laferté

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Carolyn Hoekstra

Choral Scholar

Madison Blackman

Livestreaming

Skylar Smith

Communion

Beverley Norman, Jane Wicksteed

Ushers

Thiago Hinkel, Bob Kohlert

*You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.*

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*for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.*

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## Psalm 66:8-20

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

Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

**9 Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**

**10 For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.**

**11 You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on 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 ox- | en and goats. R**

**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 reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. R**



**Livestream Text**

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## Acts 17:22-31

**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."

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

**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.

## John 14:15-21

[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."

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

