

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

## **WELCOME STATEMENT**

We welcome and encourage the full participation of all people, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, age, ability, appearance, or anything else that threatens to divide us. We have all been claimed as God's children, and all are welcome here.

*"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."*

-Galatians 3:28

## **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

Presiding Minister—Pastor Linda Winkelman  
Organist/Choir Director—Cheryl Licary  
AV Assistant—Milton Dodson

Assisting Minister—Jean Lincoln  
Communion Assistants—Bev Spangenberg and Wanda Faust  
Communion Prep—Jean Lincoln  
Lector—Wanda Faust  
Greeters—The Coldren family  
Ushers—Terry Amundson, Steve Christensen,  
Rich Olmstead, and Darryl Schutte

## **INTRODUCTION**

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.

# GATHERING

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*For personal prayer, you may find it helpful to turn to pages 72-87 (in the front of the hymnal).*

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jean Lincoln

*Please stand as you are able.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Congregation: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: 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.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*—ELW 631



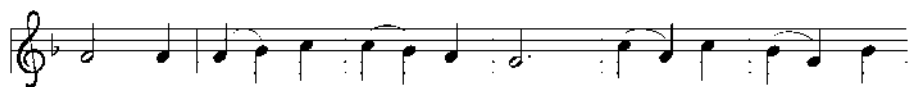
1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry  
3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us  
life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -  
let us be: let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -



faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;  
more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,



pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
Al-pha and O-me-ga he; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal-va-tion, on-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart,  
its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty,  
with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love,  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

# KYRIE

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for  
wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

A: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

# WORD

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## **FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31**

L: A reading from Acts.

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> 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.' <sup>24</sup> What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> 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. <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, too, are his offspring.' <sup>29</sup> "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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20**

L: We read Psalm 66 responsively:

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

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

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

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

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

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

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

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## **SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

L: A reading from First Peter.

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**—ELW 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <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 Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

Pastor Linda Winkelman

Please stand as you are able.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Loving Spirit**—ELW 397



- 1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.



Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, we join our hearts in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill; *especially pray for those we name silently in our hearts.* Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

# MEAL

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## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **and also with you.**

*Please greet one another, as you feel comfortable, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

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*Please stand as you are able*

## OFFERING ANTHEM

**Here is Bread**—ELW 483:1,2

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.

Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here. (Refrain)

*Refrain*  
In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

In this mo-ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

A: 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,

C: **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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 name and join their unending hymn:

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.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**C: 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to receive Communion. The bread is given first, then select either a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the server. Empty cups are placed in the basket. Children may come forward for a blessing.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray... 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,

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **MILESTONE RECOGNITION**

Molly Rosenbloom

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Pastor Linda Winkelman

## **SENDING**

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## **BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

*Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*—ELW 548



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
3 Rise, re - mem - her well the fu - ture;  
4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



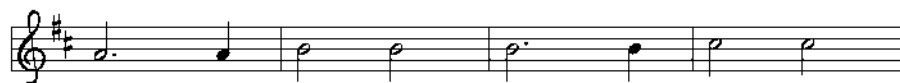
from this meal of love and grace;  
af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
God has called us to re - ceive;  
cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
to re - lease and to con - sole.  
Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.  
Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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Music: SURGIE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958

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## DISMISSAL

A: People of God, go in peace to reflect God's love through caring service to our church, the community, and the world.

C: **We will! Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### YOUNG @ HEART

Join us for a delightful afternoon of food and fellowship on **Thursday, May 14 from 12:00-2:00 pm**. Enjoy a comforting lunch featuring Norwegian meatballs, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, lefse, and ice cream. We're also pleased to welcome a special guest speaker from SMILES (Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills), who will share about their inspiring work providing equine-assisted programs for individuals with special needs. Please sign up on the sheet located on the counter in the Commons by Sunday, May 10.

### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

New Member Orientation will be held on **Sunday, May 17** after worship, from 10:45 am - 1:30 pm. Lunch provided. We'll either meet in Pastor Anne's office or the chapel. New members will be received during worship the following Sunday, May 24 (Pentecost). If you are interested in discussing membership, please contact Pastor Anne at the church office: 608-362-0716. We'd love to welcome you to the body of Christ here at Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

### BELOIT SKY CARP GAME

Our Savior's is going to the Beloit Sky Carp on **Friday, July 24 @ 6:05 pm**. Tickets are \$17 each. In order to secure tickets please sign up and pay by Sunday, May 31. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the Commons.

### A NOTE FROM THE WORSHIP MUSIC ARTS COMMITTEE

Bibles have been returned to the pews and are available for use during worship.

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday	May 10	9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Youth Connect Televised Worship (Ch. 992)
Monday	May 11	8:30am 2:00pm 5:30pm	Sewing Bee Care Team Naomi Circle
Tuesday	May 12	9:00am 6:00pm	Staff Meeting Boy Scouts
Wednesday	May 13	10:00am 12:30pm 5:00pm 6:30pm	Second Harvest Knit Wits Televised Worship (Ch. 992) Church in Society
Thursday	May 14	9:30am 12:00pm 6:00pm	Rebekah Circle Young @ Heart OA
Friday	May 15	9:00am	Newsletter Deadline
Sunday	May 17	8:30am 9:30am 9:30am 10:30am 10:30am 1:00pm	Choir Worship Kids Connect Coffee Hour Youth Connect Televised Worship (Ch. 992)

## WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Catch Sunday services (9:30 am) on YouTube.

Links and bulletins: [oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship](https://oursaviorsbeloitwi.org/worship).

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It is a joy to have you join us for worship. Wherever you are from, wherever you are in life or on your faith journey, we are glad you are here. Please fill out a Yellow Slip for attendance and prayer requests.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have large print bulletins and hearing enhancers for anyone who may need them, please see an usher for assistance.

## STAY CONNECTED

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## SCRIPTURE

You may want to prepare for next Sunday by studying the scriptures.

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

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