

6th Sunday of Easter - Now the Feast  
May 10, 2026 – 8:15 & 10:45 am

Accompanist

Dave Vagts

Liturgist

8:15 - Jen & Kathryn

10:45 - Jen

*† indicates stand as able*

## Gathering

***Prelude***

***Welcome***

***† Confession and Forgiveness***

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

**Merciful God, Give us the willingness to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you about the ways in which we have caused harm in this world. Give us the openness to see where our actions or failures to act have led to pain in those closest to us and in those far away. Do not let us sink further into self-harm through self-blame and hatred, but give us the courage to set right our wrongs, and to return to you again and again for forgiveness.**

The risen God has raised you to newness of life in Jesus' name. You are in Christ a new creation, and God forgives you every wrong. **Amen.**

***† Gathering Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

***ELW 392***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

his the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:

"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

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Alleluia! his the triumph,  
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Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
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## Liturgy of the Word

### † *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.**

### † *Kyrie*

Leader

In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer- cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo- ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

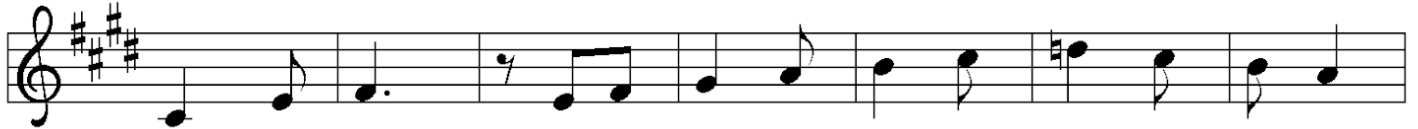
mer - cy. A - men.

# † Now the Feast

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom;



praise and glory for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u-nit-ed us to be one great people of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow- er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

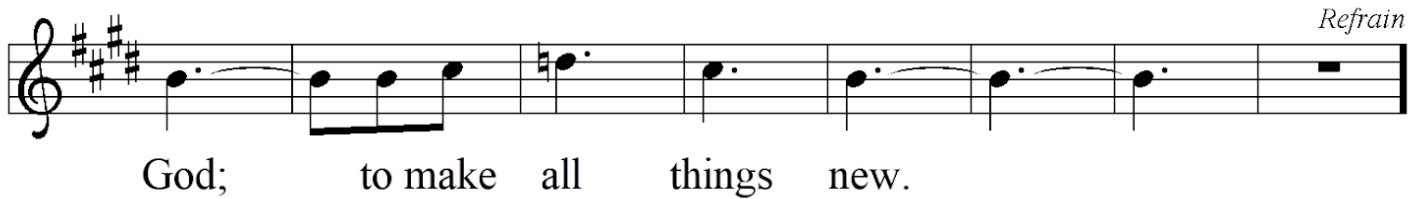


glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



### † *Prayer of the Day*

Holy God, You call us into partnership with you, through the Holy Spirit, in carrying the good news of Jesus' saving love to the ends of the earth. Make us bold to proclaim what you have done for us, and compassionate to all who suffer for your sake. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Choir Anthem:** *I Sing Because I'm Happy*

**Adult Choir**

### **READING: *Philippians 1: 1-18a***

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

<sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup>I want you to know, beloved that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; <sup>14</sup>and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup>These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup>the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

† ***Gospel Acclamation:***

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
 life. Al-le- lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

**† GOSPEL: Luke 9: 46-48**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 9th chapter.

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

<sup>46</sup>An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. <sup>47</sup>But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, <sup>48</sup>and said to them, “Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Children’s Sermon***

**Pastor Beth**

***Sermon***

**Pastor Beth Wartick**

**† *Hymn of the Day: For All Your Saints, O Lord***

**ELW 427**

For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath  
to suffer and to do.

For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness

may live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.

### **Graduates Milestone**

Parents, in Christian love you presented your children for Holy Baptism and, on their behalf, you made sacred promises to God:

- to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house,
- to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures,
- and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

The responsibility for fulfilling these promises is an important task as Christians. We ask you to continue your commitment through life by encouraging, supporting, and loving your child as they grow into adulthood, trusting that you and they are held in the grace-filled love of God.

Will you continue in your baptismal promise of nurturing faith, trusting in the Holy Spirit to work in their life?

**Parents: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Graduates, we come before God today to bless you and thank the Creator for the gift you have been to your parents. You have given their lives a deeper meaning and a deeper calling.

Through you they have come to understand the nature of God's love, joy and forgiveness. We thank God today for the gift you have been to their lives.

Wherever you go, you will always be a part of us and our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will always remain in our prayers. We bless you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. As the church did at your baptism, we place you in God's hands and entrust you to God's care.

**Amen.**

Parents, you have given of your hearts and of your home. You have loved and cared for your children even when it was difficult. We bless you today for the sacrifices you have made. We thank God for the power and selflessness of your love. We honor you for your courage, your patience, your wisdom and your love. Wherever your child goes, you will always remain with them. Your love and example will continue to bless them.

Whatever they do, they will always be your child, and we thank God for the blessing you have been and will be for one another. We bless you in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Members of this congregation, we ask that you also continue your commitment through life by encouraging, supporting, and loving these young people and their parents, trusting that they are held in the grace-filled love of God.

*Congregation:* **Our continued blessing goes with them. Amen.**

### **† *Apostles' Creed***

**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*

With renewed confidence in your power and love, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

O God, you grant us wisdom in ways that the world cannot. Open our ears to listen for your call, that your love might overflow through us into a world desperately in need of your grace. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

You spoke a word and brought into being this astonishing universe, our fragile world, and all its teeming life. Make us to be grateful for this gift, and committed to its preservation and care. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

You work in partnership with us, Holy Spirit, to act in the world for justice for all that you have made. Hold us and our leaders accountable to one another that all might live in harmony. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those living with chronic or terminal illness, addiction, grief, or injuries. Aid all medical professionals and caretakers, and bring healing and wholeness to all in need, especially Mary Ann & Judy. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who

offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, whenever we think of your faithful saints who carried your precious gospel throughout the ages. As their witness has blessed us, so make us a blessing to others, and unite us all in your eternal kingdom. God of new life, **Hear our prayer.**

Hear all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, and gather them into your loving arms, for the sake of our risen savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*† Peace*

### ***Offering***

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*Thank you!*

### ***As The Grains of Wheat***

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the refrain of the hymn 'As The Grains of Wheat'. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values, and the lyrics 'gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from' are written below it.



right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of power and

might; heaven and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san-na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Pastor: You are indeed holy... Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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Pastor: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

*Congregation.*  
A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus.

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† ***Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ***

*Congregation:*

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u-ni-ty of the Spir-it, all glo-ry and hon-or is

yours, O God, now and for ev-er.

A - men.

## † Lord's Prayer

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.


*Nuestro padre en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdónanos nuestros pecados  
como nosotros perdonamos  
los que pecan contra nosotros.  
Sálvanos del tiempo de la prueba.  
y líbranos del mal.  
Por el reino, el poder y  
la gloria es tuya,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.*

## Communion

*If you are communing from home, receive the bread with these words "The Body of Christ given for you" and the cup with "The blood of Christ shed for you."*

## Lamb of God

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God,      you take a - way the sin of      the  
you break the chains of hatred      and  
you are the way of justice      and  
you are the way of mercy      and

*Congregation:*

world; have mer-cy on us, mer - cy on us,

fear;

peace;

love;

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a-way the sins of the world; grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Communion Hymn: Give Me Jesus***

**ELW 770**

In the morning when I rise,  
 in the morning when I rise,  
 in the morning when I rise,  
 give me Jesus.

***Refrain***

Give me Jesus,  
 give me Jesus.  
 You may have all the rest,  
 give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
 dark midnight was my cry,  
 dark midnight was my cry,

give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
just about the break of day,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
oh, when I come to die,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

And when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
and when I want to sing,  
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

## Sending

### *Announcements*

### *† Song of Blessing*



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -  
2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -  
3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:  
ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:  
ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:

3rd time to Coda ☩ | 1 | 2

thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
 thanks be to you for -

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -

mem- b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.

☩ Coda

ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

**† Blessing**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**† Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**