



*If you love me,  
you will keep my commandments.  
John 14:15*

# **First Lutheran Church**

**May 10, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday  
of Easter**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

ELLACOMBE

Albert L. Travis

*The Day of Resurrection!*

**SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER**

*The assembly stands.*

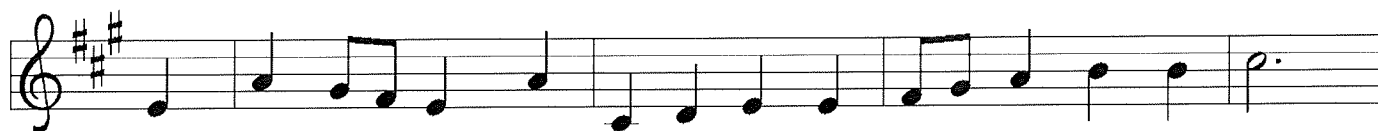
**INTRODUCTION**

AM: 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 the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**GATHERING SONG**

*THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!*

ELW # 361



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!



**FIRST READING**

Acts 17:22-31

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

AM: A reading from Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

<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.’ 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.”

AM: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

*The Cantor will sing the verses.*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **Refrain**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me

and you have become my salvation. **Refrain**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Refrain**

## SECOND READING

1 PETER 3:13-22

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

AM: A reading from 1 Peter, the third chapter.

<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.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!

Word of life, Je-sus Christ, all praise to you.!

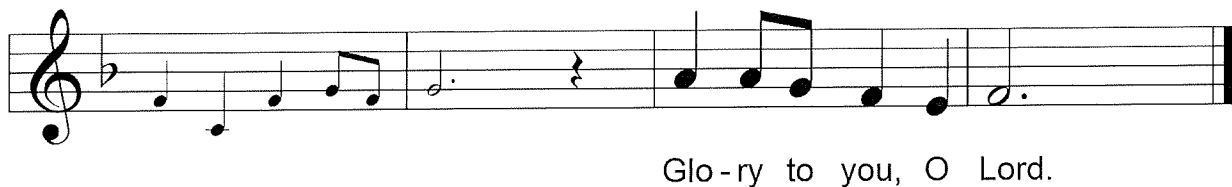
*The cantor sings the verse.*

### GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

PM: The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

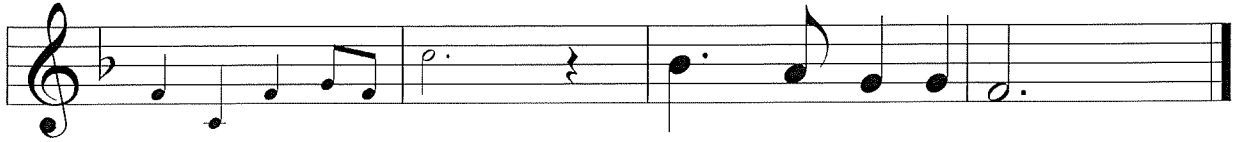


Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

[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.”

PM: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*The assembly is seated.*

**REFLECTION**

**PASTOR MARK SCHURING**

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER**

**ELW # 781**



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther safe-ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*The assembly is seated.*

**BAPTISM: PARKER REESE ONEY**

**PRESENTATION**

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.*

PM: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidate:

S: I present **Parker Reese Oney** for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses the parents.*

PM: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

PM: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that your child may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

PM: Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

PM: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Parker in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

PM: People of God, do you promise to support Parker Reese Oney and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of this child. The assembly joins in the responses.*

PM: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,  
and profess the faith of the church.

PM: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,  
the powers of this world that rebel against God,  
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

PM: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

PM: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

PM: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

PM: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

PM: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

*Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

PM: Parker Reese Oney, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:*

PM: and of the Son,

*Water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:*

PM: and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.**

*Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized receives a baptismal napkin.*

PM: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

PM: Sustain Parker Reese Oney with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized.*

PM: Parker, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.*

PM: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "You have put on Christ; in Him you have been bap - tized." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!" The music is written in a simple, clear style suitable for a church service.

### **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

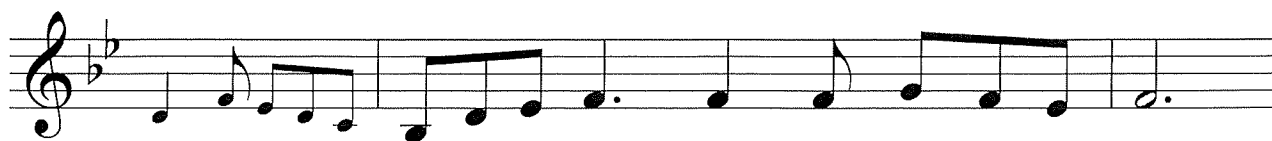
*O STORE GUD*

*Dan Miller*

*How Great Thou Art*

*The assembly stands.*

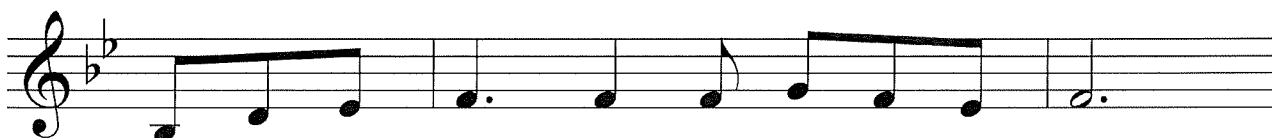
## OFFERTORY SONG



Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## OFFERING PRAYER

AM: As we offer these gifts, we pray they might strengthen the story of faith told by those who come after us.

We thank you for the mothers and mentors who first shared your word.  
May our giving today reflect the selfless love they modeled for us.

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly kneels.*

## ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

PM: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal  
and redeem our world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

AM: 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.

*Each petition concludes.*

PM: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

PM: 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.**

*The assembly stands.*

## ***LORD'S PRAYER***

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**





1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name all par - ent - hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, your - self a child with - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, bind our hearts in u - ni - ty



in love di - vine you claim each fam - 'ly as your own.  
 with heart still un - de - filed to full a - dult - hood come:  
 and teach us how to find the love from self set free;



Bless moth - ers, fa - thers, guard - ing well, with con - stant love as  
 our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place that they may all be -  
 in all our hearts such love in - crease that ev - 'ry home, by



sen - ti - nel, the homes in which your peo - ple dwell.  
 hold your face and, know - ing you, may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease, may be the dwell - ing place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: RHOSYMEDRE, John D. Edwards, 1806–1885

### DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.

PM: Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

### POSTLUDE

Gilbert M. Martin

Laudation for Organ



# Events in Review

<u>Sunday</u>	May 10
10:00 AM	Mother's Day
<u>Monday</u>	May 11
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
<u>Tuesday</u>	May 12
12:00-5PM	Blood Mobile
<u>Wednesday</u>	May 13
9:00AM	Piece Corp.
<u>Thursday</u>	May 14
<u>Friday</u>	May 15
<u>Saturday</u>	May 16



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

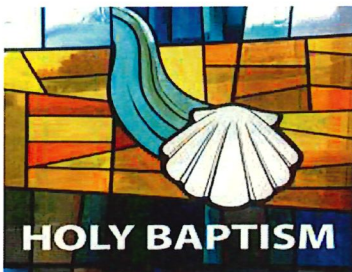


We will be honoring our graduating seniors on June 14th. If you know of anyone we should include, please contact Diane Greene.

## Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	May 17
10:00AM	Easter 7 Service
<u>Monday</u>	May 18
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:00 PM	Bookworms
<u>Tuesday</u>	May 19
6:00 PM	Pre-School Program
<u>Wednesday</u>	May 20
6:00PM	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	May 21
<u>Friday</u>	May 22
<u>Saturday</u>	May 23
1- 4:00 PM	Jean Covert Memorial

# Celebration of Baptism



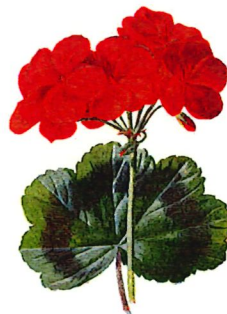
Today we celebrate the Baptism of Parker Reese Oney Daughter of Kayla & John Oney



A Celebration of Life for Jean Covert will be held here at the church on May 23rd from 1 to 4pm .



**LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK**  
May 14—John Kobelt



Geranium order forms for Pentecost are available on the hallway table. Please sign up by May 17th

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## Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”

“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,  
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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