

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE "Communion" Becker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SENTENCES

The Lord is risen! Alleluia! *Luke 24:34*
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!
Blessed is God, who hears our prayers, *Ps. 66:20*
whose steadfast love endures forever.
God calls us to proclaim the good news. *Acts 16:10, 14*
Let us open our hearts to hear God's word.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+ HYMN: GTG #12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION *Rev. 22:17*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *Rev. 22:21*
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

+ HYMN: GTG #372 "O for a World" AZMON

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... God of our salvation, **answer us with grace.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES Lori Filka
Caidra VanDyke
Jacob Castle

TEACHER APPRECIATION Lori Filka

Children and youth are dismissed to Sunday School

INVITATION TO OFFERING *1 John 3:17*

OFFERTORY *Improvisation* Jesse Puglia

+ RESPONSE: GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Belhar Confession (1982)*

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 17:22-31 N.T. page 105
Paul's message to the Athenians

PSALM Psalm 66:8-20
Be joyful in God, all you lands

Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—
those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the LORD with my tongue.
If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the LORD would not have heard me;
but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Peter 3:13-22 N.T. page 184
The days of Noah, a sign of baptism

GOSPEL LESSON John 14:15-21 N.T. page 83
Christ our advocate

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE *Luke 24:46, 48*

We are witnesses to these things:
the Messiah is risen from the dead.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Shalom" Forrest

SERMON Rev. Bill Pinches

+ HYMN: GTG #804 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!" MARION

+ CHARGE *1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Tim. 2:1; Eph. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:13-22; 1 Pet. 2:17*
Go out into the world in peace;
have courage; hold onto what is good;
return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ BLESSING *1 John 4:13-16*
Beloved children, may the love of the holy triune God—
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—abide with you forever.
Alleluia!

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION "May the Lord Go with You" Page

POSTLUDE "Trio Sonata in E-flat Major, I. Allegro" Bach

**You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.**
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Guest Organist: Caitlyn Brown
Guest Pianist: Jesse Puglia
Guest Violin: Rungi Weng
Liturgist: Suzanne Lang
Greeters: Debbie and Rick Markiewicz
Next Week's Greeters: Nancy Sue MacDonald and Tonya Seely
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Doreen Chapman and Will Ozee

**Today's flowers are given by Sandy and John Diehl
in memory of Marian Alborell and David Diehl**

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

77: Letter to Titus:

Paul may have written this letter to his disciple and occasional companion Titus, who was probably a Greek from Crete, towards the very end of Paul's life. (c. AD 65)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 119. Can you obey these commandments perfectly?

No. I am at once a forgiven sinner and a forgiven sinner. As a sinner without excuse, I fail to obey these commandments as God requires. "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it" (James 2:10). I should not adjust the law to my failures, nor reduce my failures before God. Yet there is more grace in God than sin in me. While I should not cease to pray to God for mercy, I can be confident that God is forgiving and that I will be set free from all my sins. By grace I can confess my sins, repent of them, and grow in love and knowledge day by day.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

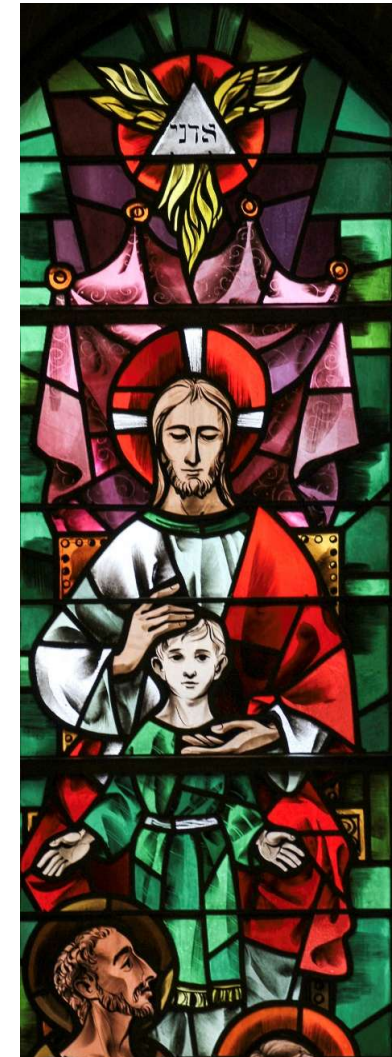
Tuesday	Friends!	3:30 pm
	Worship and Music Committee	6:00 pm
Wednesday	Lunch packing for Advent House	10:15 am
	Midweek Prayer Service	12:00 pm
	Parish Life Committee	12:00 pm
	Wonderful Wednesday (K-12)	4:00 – 6:00 pm
	Wednesday Night Dinner	6:00 pm
	Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:10 pm
Thursday	Ascension of the Lord	
	Spiritual Growth Committee	6:00 pm
Friday	Church Office closed / Pastor's Sabbath	
Saturday	Camp Greenwood Clean-Up Day	
	Yarners	10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 11: Judy Caswell

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*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love."
(John 15:10)*