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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting I

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "O Spirit of Life" WOV No. 680

O Spirit of Life

1 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 2 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 3 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,
 4 O Spir - it of life, O Spir - it of God,

in ev - 'ry need you bring us aid,
 in - crease our faith in our dear Lord;
 make us to love your sa - cred word;
 en - light - en us by that same word;

pro - ceed - ing forth from God's great throne,
 un - less your grace the pow'r should give,
 the ho - ly flame of love im - part,
 teach us to know God's ra - diant love,

from God, the Fa - ther and the Son;
 none can be - lieve in Christ and live;
 that char - i - ty may warm each heart;
 lead us to Christ who reigns a - bove;

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Text: Johann Niedling, 1602–1668; tr. John C. Mattes, 1876–1948
 Music: O HEILIGER GEIST, *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: 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.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For 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. ²⁴The 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, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For '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.'

²⁹Since 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. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:7-18

⁷ Bless our | God, you peoples;*

make the voice of his praise | to be heard,

⁸ **who holds our | souls in life,***

and will not allow our | feet to slip.

⁹ For you, O | God, have proved us;*

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹⁰ **You brought us in- | to the snare;***

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,*

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹² **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,***
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in
trouble.

¹³ I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;*

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁴ **Come and listen, all you | who fear God,***

and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

¹⁵ I called out to him | with my mouth,*

and his praise was | on my tongue.

¹⁶ **If I had found evil | in my heart,***

the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁷ but in truth | God has heard me;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

¹⁸ **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,***
nor withheld his | love from me.

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;****As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen****SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 3:13-22***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.*

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who 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 persons, were saved through water. ²¹And 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, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA****Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?****You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.****GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.**Glory to you, O Lord.***In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of an Advocate, the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This 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. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" WOV (Blue) No. 770

Boring Cry



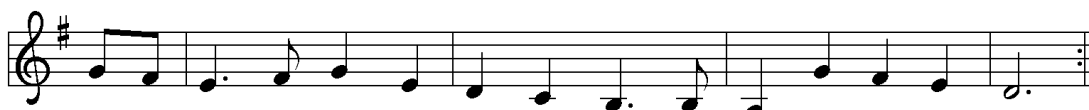
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidates and sponsors gather at the font.

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates 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; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate.

I present name to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Name, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

In Christian love you have presented *these people* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for *them* and help *them* in every way as God gives you opportunity, that *they* may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, your Son suffered for sins once for all, in order to bring us to you. Send upon your Church the Advocate, the Spirit of truth, that we may always be ready to give an accounting for the hope that is in us. And kindle in this congregation called Trinity such love for you, that we may truly keep your commandments. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You care tenderly for your people, especially the littlest ones who are laid in your arms. We therefore ask your blessing this day upon all mothers and all those who act with a mother's love. Give them your own patience, steadfastness, tenderness, and wisdom. Share your deep gentleness and strong love with them as they care for their children and all whom they love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Emma, now to be baptized. Wash away her sin; join her to the saving death of Jesus Christ; raise her up with you to newness of life; pour out on her your Holy Spirit; keep her always in the company of your people; and make her your child forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send forth your Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Provide for the poor, be the protection of the vulnerable, and teach us all to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in your sight. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deal gently with all who are afflicted by pain, confusion, or despair. Heal their hurts, and by your Holy Spirit bring them to a place of refreshment, health, and hope. Give wisdom and patience to all who care for them, and sustain us all with your same Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Savior, you promise life and salvation to everyone who trusts in you, and that because you live we shall live also. Do not leave us as orphans, but draw close to us, keeping us in your care throughout our earthly pilgrimage. And, at the last, gather us into your mighty keeping, where we will share in the love between you and your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil?

I do.

Do you renounce the devil?

I do.

Do you renounce all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

BAPTISM

The minister baptizes each candidate.

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

A psalm or hymn may be sung as the baptized is dressed in a white baptismal garment, and then goes with the ministers before the altar.

BAPTISM HYMN: "Baptized in Water" WOV (Blue) No. 693

Baptized in Water



1 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon name: 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.

Amen

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

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

The sponsor or the baptized responds:

Amen

After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

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

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

Through Baptism God has made *this new brother a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Psalm 150" Nathan Jensen

OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the*

altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.

COMMUNION HYMNS: WOV (Blue) Nos. 684, 685

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

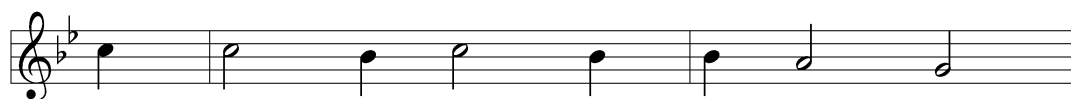
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: *"Oh, Love, How Deep"* **LBW No. 88**

Oh, Love, How Deep



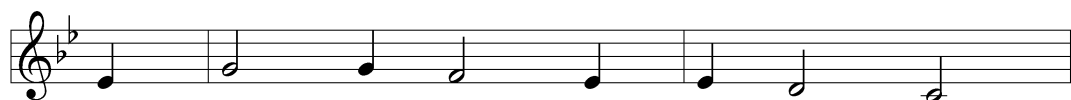
1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;



be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 of high - er or of low - er place,
 his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 for us his dai - ly works he wrought,



that God, the Son of God, should take
 but wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 for us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew;
 by words and signs and ac - tions thus



our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 and to this world him - self he came.
 for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
 he bore the shameful cross and death;
 for us he gave his dying breath.

6 For us he rose from death again;
 for us he went on high to reign;
 for us he sent his Spirit here
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God
 for love so deep, so high, so broad;
 the Trinity whom we adore
 forever and forevermore.

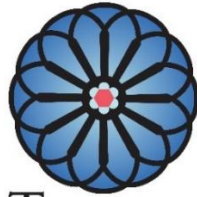
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 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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*To joyfully share God's Word and Sacrament in order to
serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*

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