

**Because
I live,
you also
will live**

JOHN 14:19



MAY 10, 2026



EPIPHANY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

PRELUDE

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Love the Lord
by Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 1

Verse 2

I will serve the Lord
With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind and with all my strength
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2

Bridge

I will love You (I will love You)
I will praise You (I will praise You)
I will serve You (I will serve You)
I will trust You Lord (I will trust You)

Chorus 1

With all your heart with all your soul
With all your mind with all your strength
Love the Lord your God with all your heart
With all your soul with all your mind
And with all your strength

Chorus 2

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
I will serve the Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength

Chorus 3

With all my heart with all my soul
With all my mind with all my strength
(REPEAT)

I will love You Lord with all my heart
With all my soul with all my mind
And with all my strength
(REPEAT 3X)

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(11:00)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(9:00)

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence For Reflection

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: 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.

THE PEACE

We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.



THE WORD

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia! Praise ye the Lord!

Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Allelu, allelu, allelu, Alleluia	Praise ye the Lord Alleluia,
Praise ye the Lord!	Praise ye the Lord!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

A RESPONSIVE READING **PSALM 66:8-20**

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

L: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

C: Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

L: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

C: You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

L: You let people ride over our heads; we went through ire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

C: I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—

L: those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

C: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

L: Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

C: I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.

L: If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

C: but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

L: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

A READING FROM **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.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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, 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation

to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth (ELW 510)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:15-21

(Congregation standing)

L: The Holy Gospel of St. John, beginning in the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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.

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

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

The Prayers conclude:

A: 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 MEAL

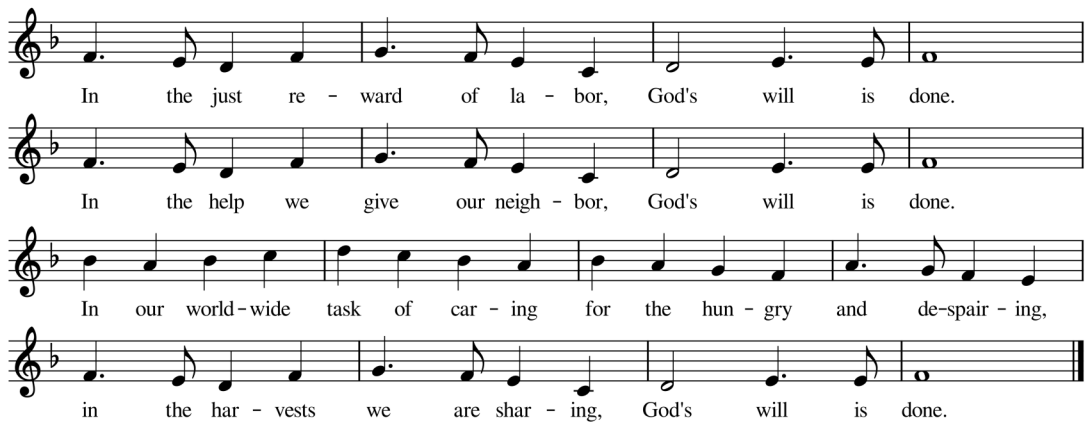
THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

In Christ Alone
Musicians

THE OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation (ELW 679)



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a common time signature (C) and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The lyrics are: "In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done." The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done." The third staff continues with the lyrics: "In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de-spair - ing,". The fourth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done." The piece ends with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray together.

C: **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, 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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

*We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles. **Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.*

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.



THE SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on 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

Lift High the Cross (ELW 660)



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: Jesus is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

A: Like a caring mother, our Advocate, Lady Holy Spirit looks out for us in all that we do. The Holy Spirit comforts and encourages us, both as individuals and as a community of faith. Through the power of the Spirit, we are given eyes to see the needs of those around us, so that we might help others as God has helped us. Through the power of the Spirit, we know just how much God loves us, so we will continue to share that love through our faith-in-action until...

C: Everyone knows that God loves them!

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.

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THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00)

PRESENTATION OF NICK AND NOAH PREUSS FOR HOLY BAPTISM

(Parents and/or sponsors respond to a short series of questions)

Congregation responds to question

L: People of God, do you promise to support Nick and Noah and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Parents and sponsors respond to a short series of questions regarding their faith)

Congregation joins in the apostolic confession of faith

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: 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 into hell. 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.

L: 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. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

HOLY BAPTISM OF NICK AND NOAH PREUSS

WELCOME

(Baptismal Candles are presented)

L: Let us welcome Nick and Noah, the newly baptized.

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.



EPIPHANY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

Ministers: The People of God

Pastor: Chris Hermansen

Minister of Youth: Kris Perkola

Director of Worship and Music: Steve Belfield, Interim

Worship Production: Steve Belfield

Worship Accompanist: Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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Lamb of God

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