



Sunday, May 10, 2026
Blessing & Sending of Graduates
*Services are live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook
each week. Welcome to all to view.*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Blessing of the Quilts

L: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many gifts. We now offer the fruits of our labors, these quilts we have made, to you.

C: We dedicate these quilts to your service. trusting that your love will go wherever each quilt is sent, making it more than just a piece of material – making each quilt an expression of your love.

Gathering

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who calls us beloved children, who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting God forgives us and raises us up.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear. We have not loved others as you have loved us. Forgive us. May your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loves us. In the name of + Jesus, our sins are forgiven. Let the love of God cast out fear and fill us with hope and joy.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn **ELW 641 "All Are Welcome"**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Thank you this morning, Jesus, for festivals, celebrations, and milestones and for all the people who share the joy of your Gospel with us. Shape us into your servants and friends – today and always – with the freedom and courage of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.
Know that the Lord is God.
It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the Lord is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

L/Word of God, Word of Life **R/Thanks Be to God**

Gospel Luke 24:13-35
Sermon

Hymn **ELW 732** *"Borning Cry"*

The Prayers of the Church

- L: Gracious God, for the labors, the love, and the care that gave us the delights of this and every day, we say:
C: **Thanks be to God.**
L: For everything that feeds our spirits, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends, family, teachers, and mentors we have on the journey, we say:
C: **Thanks be to God.**
L: For people in the world who are alone, afraid, or suffering. We pray:
C: **Thank you for hearing all our prayers.**
L: Thanks be to God.
C: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory **ACS 1043** *“Spirit, Open My Heart”*

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 God thanks and praise.

L: People of God, people of life. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways. The first time this meal was shared, Jesus gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people – outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry and the fragile, the lonely and the lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised it was for all time; that whenever the bread was broken and the wine poured, wherever the story was told, he would be there.

Today we remember the story, as its been told a thousand times over, we eat the bread, and we drink the wine; and we know that we all belong at this table and that Jesus is here.

L: So if we come to this table angry,

C: Let this bread and wine be our peace.

L: When we come to this table broken,

C: Let this bread and wine be our grace.

L: If we come to this table betrayed,

C: Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

L: If we come to this table in sadness,

C: Let this bread and wine be our life.

L: If we come to this table in celebration,

C: Let this bread and wine be our joy.

L: For this is a holy table, with food to fill a hungry world
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

C: Thanks be to God.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome at Jesus' table.

ELW 496 *“One Bread, One Body”*

ELW 483 *“Here is Bread”*

Prayer

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Hymn God Be With You

Written by Rusty Edwards

1. God be with you. God be with you.
 In the morning when you wake,
 and with every breath you take,
 God be with you.

3. God be with you. God be with you.
 And wherever you may go,
 as the Spirit winds will blow,
 God be with you.

2. God be with you. God be with you.
 When you travel far away,
 in your daily work and play,
 God be with you.

4. God be with you. God be with you.
 As you listen, teach, and learn,
 and then safely home return,
 God be with you.

Benediction

P: Go in peace

C: **Expect God's love to change you!**

Hymn **ELW 677** *"This Little Light of Mine"*

Congratulations Graduates! It is our joy to celebrate this milestone with you.
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