



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 | 9:00am

Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Receiving Communion

- *You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.*
- *Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.*
- *Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine).*
- *If you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during Communion.*

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex

(lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationurnee>

You do not need a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- **Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.**

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

#405, *The Hymnal 1982*
All things bright and beautiful

Opening Proclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: ***The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.***

Collect for Purity

Celebrant and People: ***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord.***

Gloria

Carrol T. Andrews

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

People: ***Amen.***

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. From 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, so 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. 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.'

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

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse.

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise
to be heard;

***Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to
slip.***

For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as
silver is tried.

***You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon
our backs.***

You let enemies 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,
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.***

I will offer you sacrifices of fat
beasts with the smoke of
rams; I will give you oxen
and goats.

***Come and listen, all you who fear
God, and I will tell you what
he has done for me.***

I called out to him with my
mouth, and his praise was on
my tongue.

***If I had found evil in my heart, the
Lord would not have heard
me;***

But in truth God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice
of my prayer.

***Blessed be God, who has not
rejected my prayer, nor
withheld his love from me.***

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 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. 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 persons, 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

*Commissioned for the Mass celebrated by His Holiness Pope John Paul II
 in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Missouri, January, 1999*

Festival Alleluia

James Chepponis

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Gospel

John 14:15-21

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: Jesus said, "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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

The Creed

***We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.***

***On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.***

***We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father
and the Son.
With the Father and the Son who is
worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.***

Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People ***That we all may be one.***

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. This morning we pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, the Diocese of Renk, and The Church of Pakistan.

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; including Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Paula our Bishop, Pastor Jenni, Deacon Anne, Rev Jane, and Deacon Linda.

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Leader: This morning we pray especially for ***Randy and family, Davey, David and family, Jack, Sandy, Pam, Lisa, Abby and Rob, Elba, Alexander, Eric and family, John and Jane, Dorothy, Dan, Ilay and family, John, Kaye, Mark, the Sharp family, Dale, Tony, Robbie, Karen and Jon, Jerry, Walter, Brent, Tom, Jackie, David and Claire, Linda.***

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest. This morning we remember: ***Dolly Huesing (5/12/2007).***

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Leader: For all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: ***Geoff and Cindy Pullinger (5/11).***

Leader: For the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed. This morning we pray for the people served by Lake Behavioral Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, and for our friends in Madagascar: ***Bishop Samy, Bishop Victor, Canon Donne, Romainia, Darice, Honorine, Alida, Erica.*** Let us pray to the Lord.

Leader: For all those who serve in the Armed Forces, including ***Zoë Babowice, Moshe McClain, Liam Mellen, Christopher Pavy, Nick Unda, Karl Mohrmann, Trish Hull, Clay Anderson, and Quinton Hocking,*** let us pray to the Lord.

Silence

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: ***Amen.***

The Peace

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

After you have greeted others, please have a seat.

Offertory

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

All are invited to make an offering to Annunciation as an expression of gratitude for God's generosity. You can place your gift in the alms basin (offering plate), or you can make an online donation through Zelle by using the QR code or through your bank (use the email: treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org). Thank you for your generosity!

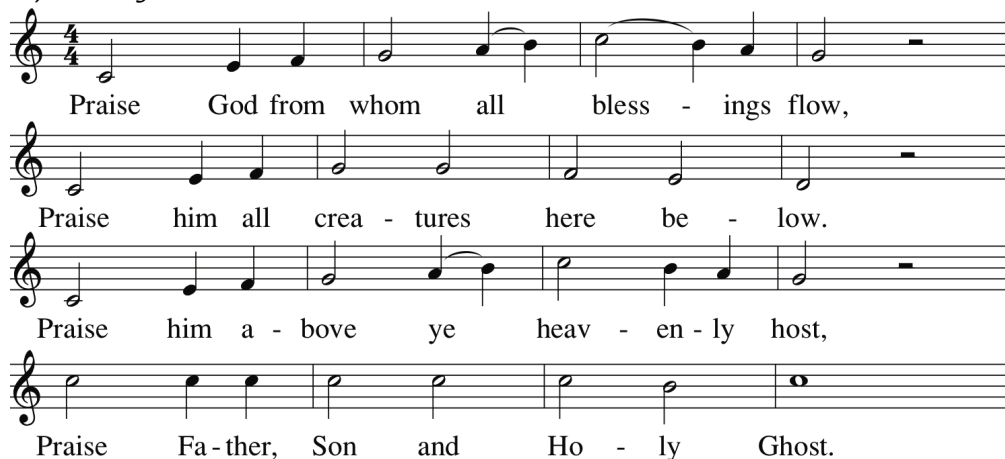


Offertory Hymn

#400, v. 1-3, 7, *The Hymnal 1982*
All creatures of our God and King

Presentation Hymn | Duke Street

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the altar.
Please stand, as able, and sing:



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow,
Praise him all crea - tures here be - low.
Praise him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host,
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: Hear us, O heavenly Father, and with your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify this bread and wine that it, also, may be the Sacrament of the precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who took bread and the cup and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood."

People: Amen.

Deacon: You have been entrusted with the sacraments of the church. Go and share these signs of our community with those who are unable to be a part of our gathering, and assure them that they are in our prayers. May you bring peace to these places that welcome you.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer D, BCP

for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

***We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

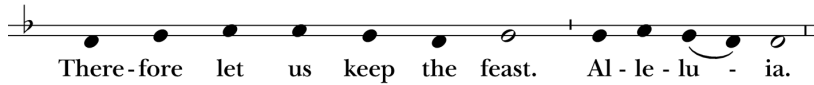
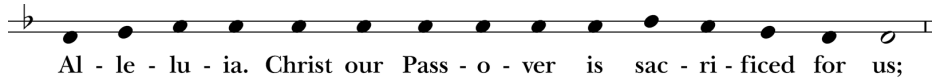
People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

***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,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn

#516, *The Hymnal 1982*

Come down, oh love divine

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.
You're invited to stand or kneel, as able.

People: *God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life
of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Blessing of the Holy Water

Celebrant: Let us pray.
Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your people: bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Amen.*

Celebrant and People together say,

Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Blessing

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is

well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People: *Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements

Closing Hymn

#344, *The Hymnal 1982*
Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Postlude

Crucifer	David McClain
Acolyte	Theo McClain
1st Reader & Psalm	Debbie Rakestraw
2nd Reader	Carol Anderson
Prayers	Jennifer Edwards
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Sunrise Minister

Altar Guild
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Annunciation
of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place..

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope