



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026 Blended 10:45

As We Gather

This is the essence of stewardship-He blesses us to overflowing so that he might
bless others through us.

Welcome

Prelude

+ PREPARATION +

Opening Song "Still" SSP 47

Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand

When the oceans rise
And thunders roar
I will soar with You
Above the storm
Father You are King
Over the flood
I will be still and know
You are God

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

A Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Confession and Absolution

P We confess: Father, we have neglected You and Your commandments.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

A Jesus, we have doubted Your Word and failed to display Your love to others.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

P Spirit, we have trusted our own sinful hearts rather than seeking Your truth.

C **Forgive us, Lord.**

A O Triune God, look on us in mercy and make Your dwelling within us.

C **Restore us as Your rescued people to seek Your holy will. Amen.**

P To save you from sin, the Father gave you His very own Son. On His cross, Jesus paid your debt and rose to declare, "because I live, you also will live." By the Spirit's power, we trust in the pardon won for us by Christ, our Lord. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Song of Forgiveness "You are My King (I'm Forgiven)" SSP 32

I'm forgiven
Because You were forsaken
I'm accepted
You were condemned
I'm alive and well
Your Spirit is within me
Because You died
And rose again

Amazing love
How can it be
That You my King
Would die for me
Amazing love
I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do I honor You

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+ WORD +

A Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son sent us to the ends of the earth with the Gospel and promised always to be with us. Embolden us to spread the good news of Jesus' death, resurrection, ascension, and return; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

I This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLC Chimes "Still"

Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending

the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Song "Same, Same, Hands"

The same, same hands that made the mountains,
are the same, same hands that calmed the sea.

The same, same hands
that make the water fall like fountains
are the hands that gave my life to me.

His hands are guiding me.
Behind before, and on both sides of me.
His hands are guiding me.
And in His hands I know I'll always be.

The same, same hands that make the seasons,
are the same, same hands that made the blind man see.
The same, same hands that keep my heart a beating
were nailed upon the cross for you and me.

His hands are guiding me.
Behind before, and on both sides of me.
His hands are guiding me.
And in His hands I know I'll always be.

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Children's Message

Hymn for Today "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

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Sermon "The Shepherd of the Lambs Makes My Cup Overflow" Psalm 23:5
Note: Pastor Braun would like to use two pictures during his sermon.

Prayer of the Church

- A** As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

A brief time of silence may be observed.

- A** Heavenly Father, within Your creative order You made Your special creation male and female. You blessed them to be fruitful. Be with all mothers, that they may faithfully do the work You have set before them. Bring them honor in this vocation as they continue to serve their families and others in Your gracious love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- A** O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the poor and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings.

Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring
peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all of His sheep. Help us to meet the needs of those who travel with us through life as we are led by our Good Shepherd, day by day. We pray for those near and dear to us, *Roger Mankiewicz, Brooke Zoungrana, Arlene Zitzelberger, Cindy Wike, Curtis Dickson, Lennie Sprayberry, Billie Jo, Mary Kay, Kathy Wurzbach, Rick Miller, Roger Kindt, John Haubold, Jan Peterson, Cindy Maxwell, Armando Florez, Ami Gray, Doug Ebersol, Drake Williams, Joe Kuzma, Jan Peterson, Cythin Estes, Carla Weikert, Robert Wood, Eric Peterson, Kerstin Krueger, Mary Fodor, Joseph Davis, Tammy Tolbert*. Grant them health, healing, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Send down upon Your church the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in confession of Your name. Unite us together to accomplish Your purpose at SPLC. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who serve on our Call Committee and staff. Grant grace and patience to all in our congregation as we faithfully seek the pastor You appointed to shepherd us.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For Your presence and provision within our families and in the lives of our children. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day Tim & Tracy Maher, Paula McCarty, Diane Michal, Rick & Mary Miller. Bless the children of our CLC, Alex, Dawson, Emma, Eric, along with their parents and our staff. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, let us pray...

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offertory "The Goodness of God" Mary Rosenboom

Offering is Received

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

☑ Thank you, Lord, for blessing us that we might be a blessing to others.

+ SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A O Jesus, as we gather in your name, remembering your death and your Last Supper, we beg you to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with your Word and Spirit. Holy Spirit, give us the faith to eat Christ's body and drink His blood as he calls us to do in His Word. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all faithful believers at the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

In your grace, hear our prayers, save us and preserve our faith.

We honor and worship you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the only true God, now and forever.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

A The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Song of Sacrifice "Lamb of God" SSP 4

Lamb of God,
You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God
You take away
the sin of the world;
grant us peace

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Distribution Song "Psalm 23" SSP 73

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

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Distribution Hymn "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

Oh, hearts are bruised and dead,
And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled
Are straying from the fold.

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless
Is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace,
It is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

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Hymn "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB 493

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say;

"This is His glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see

Returning in great majesty."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we

Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Song of Thanksgiving "We Thank You Lord" SSP 5

We thank You Lord

We sing Your praise

We shout aloud alleluia.

Let all the world

seek Your face

and celebrate Your gifts of love.

For you fulfill your promises,

and lead us forth with songs of joy

and shouts of thanksgiving

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus through His true body and blood that has been received. Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith toward You and show fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Easter Benediction

P May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

Song of Departure "What He's Done" SSP 101

See on the hill of Calvary
My Savior bled for me
My Jesus set me free
Look at the wounds that give me life
Grace flowing from His side
No greater sacrifice

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won
Even death is dead and done
His life has overcome
Speak say the Name above all names

Over every broken place
He is risen from the grave

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Now on a throne of majesty
The Father's will complete
He reigns in victory
Sing hallelujah to the King
He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done
I Praise God for what He's done

The Dismissal

P Go in Peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God!**

P For Christ is Risen!

C **He is Risen indeed!**

P Alleluia!

C **Alleluia!**

Postlude

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