

Welcome



May 10, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of Easter

The vision of Gethsemane Lutheran Church is to:  
GROW UP in His Word,  
GROW OUT in his Ministry,  
GROW TOGETHER in His Love.

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+ PRELUDE +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

809 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



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### + INVOCATION +

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

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

**C** Amen.

### + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

*KYRIE*

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** 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.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

### *SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Baptism of Taylor Renee Lockridge & Hudson Reed Lockridge**

**P** We begin in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** It is with joy and gratitude that we welcome Derrick and Taylor, and their son Hudson this morning for baptism! Baptism is talked about a lot in the Bible, so we know it is important.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus says, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...

**C** **And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**P** In the book of Mark, Jesus promises,

**C** **“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”**

**P** And in the book of Acts and in 1 Peter we find,

**C** **“This promise is for you and your children,” and “Baptism now saves you.”**

**P** The Bible also teaches that we are all born full of sin and are in need of forgiveness.

**C** **We would be lost forever unless we are saved from sin, death, and the devil.**

**P** But God the Father...

### *SIGN OF THE CROSS*

**P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both on your forehead and on your heart. This marks you as someone who is redeemed, saved by Christ who died on the cross.

**P** In the Bible we learn about the ways God used water. He sent a flood to destroy the whole world, but because He loved Noah, God saved him and his family. God drowned Pharaoh and his whole army in the Red Sea, but led the people of Israel through the water on dry ground. These remind us of baptism. Then Jesus was baptized in the Jordan river, and now we as Christians are baptized too. It washes away our sins and gives us new life in Jesus!

Let's look at a story about children from the Bible, in Mark 10:13-16: People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them,

**C** **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”**

**P** And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise Jesus! Alleluia!**

**P** Just as Jesus blessed those children, right now we are going to ask for Jesus to bless Miriam as she joins the family of God by praying together the Lord's prayer.

## *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.**

## *PROMISE OF PARENTS*

### *CONFESSIO OF FAITH*

**P** We shall all, together, with parents, faithfully confess in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth and life of faith which God our Father gives us in and through the waters of Holy Baptism.

**P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C** **In the name of Jesus I do renounce them!**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits**

at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### BAPTISMS

**P** May God, who has given you new life through this baptism and has washed away all your sins, bless you and keep you now and forever.

**C** God's peace be with you both! Amen.

### BAPTISMAL CANDLE

**P** Receive this light, and live your life in the light of Christ. Be ready for the day that He will come again to take us all home to be with Him in heaven.

**C** Alleluia!

### PRAYER

**P** Jesus, we praise you for this gift of Baptism and we ask you to bless **Taylor & Hudson** now that They have become Your child. Give them a faith that keeps growing. Bless them with Your love, mercy, and life, and keep them living in the grace given to each of them today through baptism.

**C** God, please bless these parents and sponsors with Your grace and mercy. May they be examples of Christ to their

children, loving them always and teaching them to obey everything You have commanded. Help us, Your family of faith, to be a constant presence of Your love and grace to her and her parents now and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Elder: Through Baptism God has added Taylor and Hudson to His own people, to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior Jesus, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light!*

**C** We welcome you into the Lord's family! We receive you as a sister and brother in Christ, children of our same Heavenly Father, to serve with us in His kingdom!

**P** And you, **Taylor & Hudson**, the Lord Jesus bless you in all your ways from now until forever.

**C** Amen. Alleluia! Amen.

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:16-31

<sup>16</sup>While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup>Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. <sup>19</sup>And they took hold of him and brought

him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, <sup>27</sup>that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, <sup>28</sup>for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. <sup>30</sup>The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to

repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup>Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. <sup>21</sup>Baptism, which corresponds to this, 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, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

<sup>15</sup>[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

<sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he

who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### MESSAGE

### + HYMN OF RESONSE+

### 770 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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### OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

