

Sunday, May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
BLESSING SUNDAY



First Lutheran 2026 Graduating Seniors
*Elsie Braaten, Patricia Hoffman, Emilie
Jarvis, Ryan Rechtzigel, Lindsey Short*

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN WITH FLOWERS

For the Beauty of the Earth ELW No. 879

1 **For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of
the skies, for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

REFRAIN

**Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

2 **For the wonder of each hour of the day and of
the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light:** REFRAIN

3 **For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
mind's delight, for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:** REFRAIN

4 **For the joy of human love, brother, sister,
parent, child, friends on earth and friends
above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:**

REFRAIN

5 **For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth
and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n:** REFRAIN

BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

P: God who teaches us, we give you thanks for our
Sunday School teachers and children. Bless them
as they celebrate the end of this year of learning.
Be with them during the Summer. Remind them

that you are always with them—as they go off to
camps and tournaments, as they enjoy time outside,
as they bask in the warm summer sun. Keep them
safe and help them be rejuvenated in the months
to come. **C: Amen.**

◆ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is
marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

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

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.
(*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water
of life.**

P: 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 joining us in joy
and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C: You guide us to springs of the water
of life.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together
all things in heaven and on earth.

**C: 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 43:1-7A

God resides among the people forever

¹“Then he brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. ²And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. ³The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when he came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. ⁴As the glory of the LORD entered the temple by the gate facing east, ⁵the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

⁶While the man was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. ^{7a}He said to me: ‘Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever.’ “

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

PSALM 115:1, 9-18 *We read responsively*

L: Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory;

C: **because of your steadfast love and faithfulness.**

L: O Israel, trust in the LORD, who is your help and your shield.

C: **O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD, who is your help and your shield.**

L: You that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD, who is your help and your shield.

C: **The LORD has been mindful of us, and will bless us; the LORD will bless the house of Israel and the house of Aaron;**

L: those who fear the LORD will be blessed, both small and great together.

C: **May the LORD increase you more and more, you and your children after you.**

L: May you be blessed by the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

C: **Heaven is the heaven of the LORD, but the earth God entrusted to its peoples.**

L: The dead do not praise the LORD, nor all those who go down into silence;

C: **but we will bless the LORD, from this time forth forevermore. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: ACTS 17:22-31 WOMEN'S

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Paul's message to the Athenians

²² Now Paul stood in the center of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see in everything how devout you are. ²³ For passing through and regarding objects of your worship, I found an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What, therefore, you all worship is unknown, this is what I proclaim to

you: ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Sovereign of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by human hands. ²⁵ Neither is God served by human hands because of needing anything, since God gives to all life and breath to all things. ²⁶ From one person God made all nations, all persons [women, men, and children], to inhabit the face of the earth and God ordered seasons and the boundaries of their habitation, ²⁷ that they would search for God and perhaps reach for God and find God, yet indeed God is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In God we live and move and have our being’; just as some among your poets have said, ‘For we too are the offspring of God.’ ²⁹ Since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the craft and creativity of women and men. ³⁰ At one time God overlooked ignorance; now God commands all men and women everywhere to repent. ³¹ For God has fixed a day on which God intends to judge the world in righteousness through a man whom God has appointed, giving assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

◆ HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

C: **GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

Christ our advocate

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and he will send another Companion, who will be with you forever. ¹⁷ This Companion is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can't receive because it neither sees him nor recognizes him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be with you. ¹⁸ “I won't leave you as orphans. I will come to you. ¹⁹ Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you will live too. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commandments and keeps them loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Breathe* by Pastor D.J.
WITH GUITAR

CHORUS Breathe
Let it Flow
Breathe
You already know
Breathe
Who you are inside

VERSE Days are passing away
Night is coming your way
Much to do, some debt to pay
You're here running around
Step by step through the town
Don't forget that you've got to

CHORUS

VERSE The world will tell you somethings
About the songs you should sing
Just remember you have a voice
Let your heart sing its song
Then we'll all join along
Altogether, we sing and

CHORUS

VERSE And when this song is done
Go and write another one
You've got words that can fill the sky
Floating up in the air
Nothing there to beware
Flying high, you can smile and

CHORUS

◆ **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 to the dead. 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. 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

◆ **OFFERING HYMN** v. 4 **ELW No. 367**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

DISTRIBUTION — HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

ELW No. 613

- 1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.**
- 2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.**
- 3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

C: Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATING SENIOR RECOGNITION & BLESSING

P: Elsie, Patricia, Emilie, Ryan, and Lindsey, as you prepare to graduate and begin this new phase in your lives, we wish to give you God's blessing.

A reading from Jeremiah:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

P: Let's pray.

P: Companion God, we celebrate Elsie, Patricia, Emilie, Ryan, and Lindsey, and praise you for guiding them to this milestone of graduation. You've sustained them through times of challenge and growth. During this time of transition, help them remember the promises of baptism: that you are with them always, and that they are beloved. As they've been a gift to us, we send them now to be a blessing to the world, through Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: You've been a blessing to us. We now bless you.

C: In this season of change, God is with you. May the peace of Christ and the love of God go with you always, and may you remember that you always have a home here. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God Almighty,
who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

◆ SENDING SONG

On Our Way Rejoicing ELW No. 537

1 **On our way rejoicing gladly let us go. Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe. Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy; who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

REFRAIN

**On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!**

2 **Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.**

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Rev D.J. Chatelaine

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GREETER(S)—Senior Class

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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& Tim Emerson.*

CALENDAR

SUNDAY MAY 10

9 am WORSHIP *with HS Senior Recognition
& Last Day of Sunday School*
10 am Coffee
10:15 am Men's Ministry

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

5:30 pm Confirmation
7:15 pm BACCALAUREATE (at First)

THURSDAY: MAY 14 (& 28)

1 pm Love Day

SUNDAY MAY 17

9 am WORSHIP
10 am Coffee
10:15 *Revelation Bible Study*

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