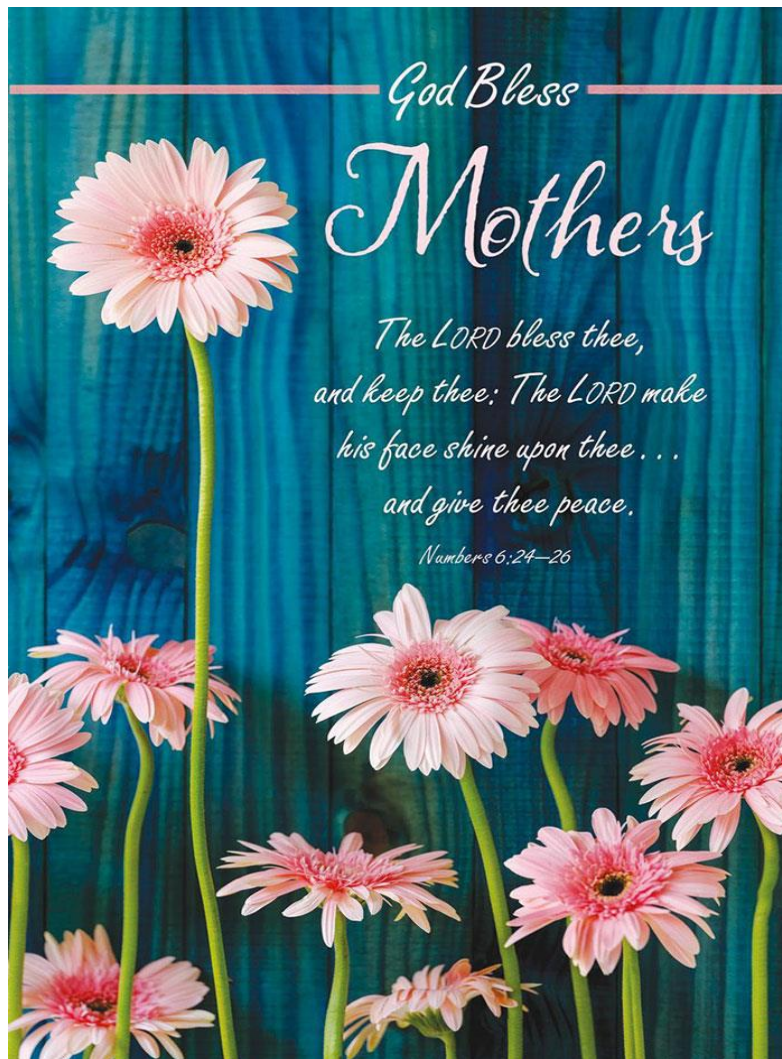


WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026***



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Website Address:
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Holyspiritsecane@verizon.net
Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

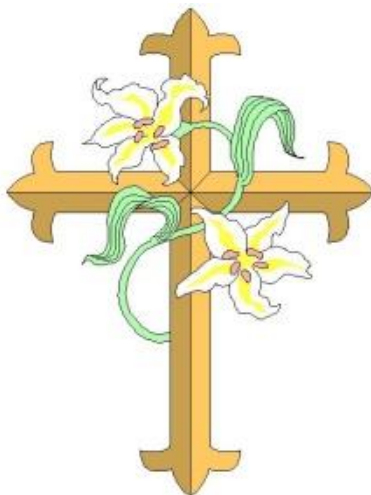
+ GATHERING +

(Please stand as you are able)

GREETING

P: Alleluia! This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!



GATHERING HYMN*ELW 638****Blessed Assurance**

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

A: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we give thanks for the Great Exchange,
 the mercy and forgiveness that wrap
 our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

(A: *Water is poured into the font.*)

P: For a word at the dawn of creation,
 which spoke water and life into being.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

P: We give thanks for the gift of Holy Baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus who **+** forgives all our sins. For Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

C: Amen.

Adapted from Meta Herrick Carlson, *Speak it Plain: Words for Worship and Life Together* (Minneapolis: Fortress, 2020)

SONG OF PRAISE

ELW p. 140

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ **WORD** +**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ 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.’

²⁹ “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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our ^lGod, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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,¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,²⁰ 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 lives, were saved through water.²¹ 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,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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.

***GOSPEL**

John 14:15-21

P: The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:]¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.¹⁹ In a little while

the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Rev. Christopher Drummond

(Please stand as you are able)

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 595

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

***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.**

(Please remain standing)

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(response after: Merciful God.)

C: receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

(Please be seated)

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

OFFERTORY*ELW 367 (vs 1, 2 & 4)**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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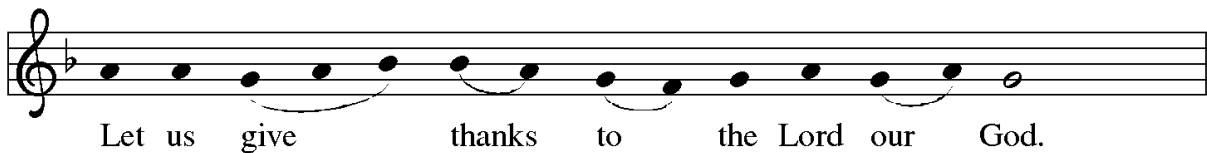
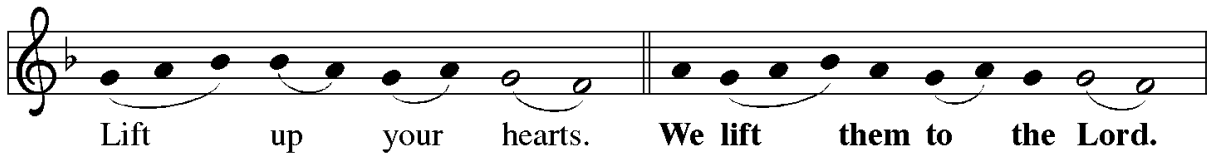
OFFERING PRAYER

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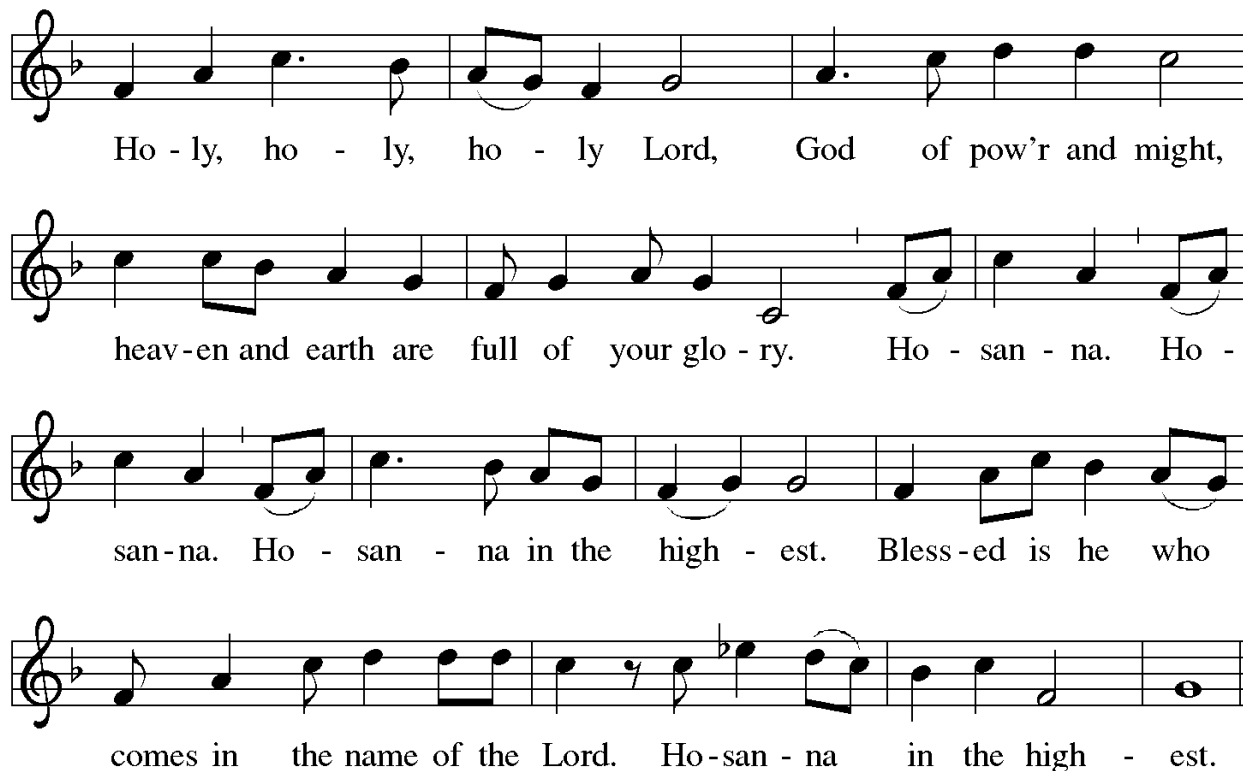
A: Merciful God,

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

(Please stand as you are able.)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. [...] Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Breathe ✝ new life into us.

C: Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

P: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: Be what you see. See who you are, in Christ Jesus.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: These are the gifts of God for all of you—the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Communion is received down the center aisle, and gluten free bread is available. Prepackaged communion cups are also available at the back of the church before the service begins. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able)

(After all have received Communion and returned to their seats, we sing this hymn.)

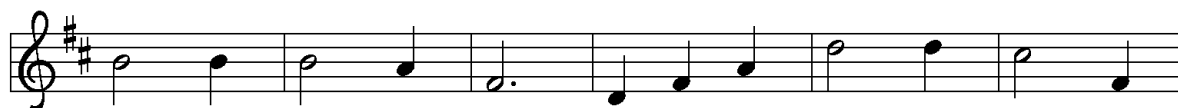
COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 735

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
 2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
 3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
 me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
 pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
 love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
 grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413
 Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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A BLESSING FOR MOTHERS OF ALL KINDS

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray,
Holy One,

C: Through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. 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.

+ **SENDING** +

***FINAL BLESSING**

P: Please bow your heads. [...] And the blessing of our most-loving God:

✝ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life be with you this day and always.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN*ELW 840****Now Thank We All Our God**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878

Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Apr's Income: \$ 11,174 (Includes 75th Anniv. donations)

Apr's Expense: \$ 9,036

Average Attendance: 43

ALTAR FLOWERS are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of the Pre-K Graduating Class from Nancy Harris and to the Glory of God for all mothers. Happy Mothers day from Nancy Hooper.

BULLETIN COVER is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Janet Kline by Pat Colahan

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve 5/10

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Alan S./Alan D. Ushers

Gary P./Volunteer – Counter

Donna D. – Altar

Scheduled to serve 5/17 (3:00pm)

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Colahans - Ushers

Colahans - Counters

Donna D. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, May 11

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

7:00pm – Council Mtg (Hall)

Tue, May 12

**6:00pm – Nursery School Dinner Mtg
(Mtg Rm)**

Wed, May 13

7:30pm - AA (Hall)

Thu, May 14

10:30am – PK Grad (Hall)

**6:30pm – Ascension Day @ Reformation
Media**

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Sat, May 16

10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

Sun, May 17

**3:00pm –Worship Service/Installation
Reception following**

PASTOR DRUMMOND'S INSTALLATION SERVICE – Sunday, May 17. Service for this day will be at **3:00pm** with reception afterwards. **Please note there will be no service at 10:15 this day.**

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

Annie Berner

Eileen Maloney

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Lois Saunders

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Dolores Maurer

Marie Schall

Geralyn Gerakaris

Joan & Harry Chaykun

Nikki Miller

Jack Bierling

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for May, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, Gerilyn Gerakaris, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

John Turner

Lynn McGrane

Sue Thomas

Jean Cilurso

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Linda Martin

Bill McVian

Suzie Thomas

Announcements and Upcoming Events

COUNCIL MEETING –Monday, May 11th at 7:00 in the hall.

NURSERY SCHOOL MTG – Tues, May 12th at 6:00pm in the mtg room – dinner meeting.

PRE-K GRADUATION –Thursday, May 14th at 10:30am. Members are invited to attend and cheer our students.

MEMORIAL DAY – May 25th Office Closed.

BREAKFAST SERVICE – 10:15am, Sunday, May 31st held in the hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

BOTTLE CAPS - Plastic caps of any sort are now being collected and shipped to a manufacturer to make Buddy Benches for schools so children can connect and share in friendship together. On behalf of those who will benefit from your donations, thank you.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its Annual Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- **HELP** on the day of the Strawberry Festival. There are sign-up sheets in the front hallway or email us at kline94@hotmail.com. Help will be needed at: 9:00 a.m. to help cut strawberries, 9:30 a.m. to help set up and 5:00 p.m. to help with the festival (games, craft table, raffles, etc.)
- **Spread the word.** We have flyers in Narthex for you to take to family, friends, neighbors, or post in stores.
- **Raffles baskets.** We are going to make up raffle baskets. Each basket will have an approximate value of \$50. We have a list of items for you to purchase and donate in order to make the baskets. Please check the lists (in front hall) to sign up. If anyone would like to make an entire basket, please sign your name beside the basket on the list. If you have a different idea for a basket that you would like to make, please let Cyndi or Bill Kline know. The items to put inside the basket on the list are just examples. You can add what you would like to the themed basket. A basket can also be made by a couple of families instead.
- **Gift cards to stores, restaurants, adventures, along with monetary donations,** should be given to Cyndi or Bill Kline.
- **Attend the Strawberry Festival** for good food and fellowship.
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Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson

Office Secretary – Jeanne Warner

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