

*SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

*May 10, 2026*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us today sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

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# 619 Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him

CW 619



1 Praise the Al - might - y; my soul, a - dore him!  
 2 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 3 Trust not in princ - es, they are but mor - tal;  
 4 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud him un - til death. With songs and  
 par - don and peace from him ob - tain; ev - er the  
 earth-born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 of him who does such won-drous things! All that has



an - thems I'll come be - fore him as long as  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, their faith - ful  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal when the dark  
 be - ing, to praise him sole - ly, with hap - py



he al - lows me breath. From him my life and  
 God he will re - main. He helps his chil - dren  
 grave will claim its prey. Since, then, no one can  
 heart its a - men sings! Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; bless, O my soul, his ho - ly  
 in dis - tress, the wid-ows and the fa - ther -  
 help af - ford, trust on - ly Christ, our God and  
 an - gel host praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



name.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
less.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Lord.	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!
Ghost!	Al - le - lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia!

*PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE*

## INVOCATION

- M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on six staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## First Reading

Acts 17:22–31

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

<sup>24</sup>“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. <sup>25</sup>Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. <sup>26</sup>From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. <sup>27</sup>He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. <sup>30</sup>Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**


# PSALM

The soloist will sing the first refrain and all verses. The congregation will join in singing the second, third and fourth refrain.

## 66A Let All the Earth Cry Out to the Lord

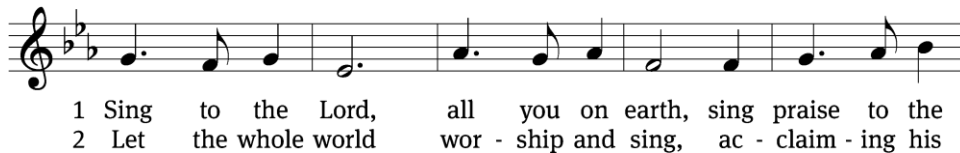
Psalm 66A

### Refrain

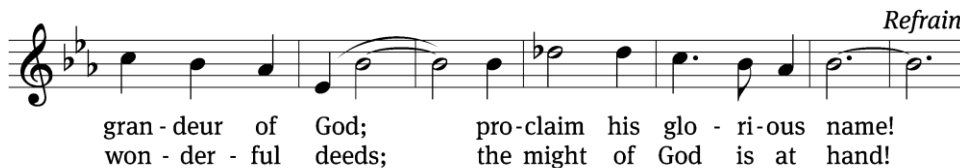


Let all the earth cry out to the  
Lord, cry out to the Lord with joy!

### Verses



1 Sing to the Lord, all you on earth, sing praise to the  
2 Let the whole world wor - ship and sing, ac - claim - ing his



gran - deur of God; pro - claim his glo - ri - ous name!  
won - der - ful deeds; the might of God is at hand!

### Verse



3 Lis - ten now, all you who trust in the Lord,  
our God has done great things for us,  
an - swered our prayers with his kind - ness.

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## Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you should happen to suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed. Do not be afraid of what they fear, and do not be troubled. <sup>15</sup>But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you.

<sup>16</sup>But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, <sup>18</sup>because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. <sup>20</sup>These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God's patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. <sup>21</sup>And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:15,16

Alleluia. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel

John 14:15–21

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, hold on to my commands. <sup>16</sup>I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will see me no longer, 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>The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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# 557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CW 557



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joi-ce, with ex - ul - ta - tion  
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly  
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -  
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly  
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my  
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for  
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how  
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life  
me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left  
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!  
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.  
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.  
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 He spoke to his beloved Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of my crown,  
and bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
slay bitter death for them that they  
may live with you forever."

10 “What I on earth have lived and taught  
be all your life and teaching;  
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought  
and honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one’s man-made laws  
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause;  
this final word I leave you.”

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.  
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## SERMON

1 Peter 3:15-22

### *The Good News of Easter*

*PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE*

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **THE 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.**

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## 445 He's Risen, He's Risen

CW 445



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



he o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
 the Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 and death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 pro - claim the blest ti - dings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



and earth, sea, and moun - tain, the prais - es pro - long.  
 for Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 he lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.  
 with Fa - ther and Spir - it he ev - er shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–1887, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



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# 606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

CW 606



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, abr., alt.

Tune: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

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**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

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**Organist** .....Sarah Hanke  
**Soloist**..... Jim Tice  
**Deacons**..... Dave Frey and Gary Knowlton  
**Ushers**..... Jake Vershum and Henry Schneider  
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