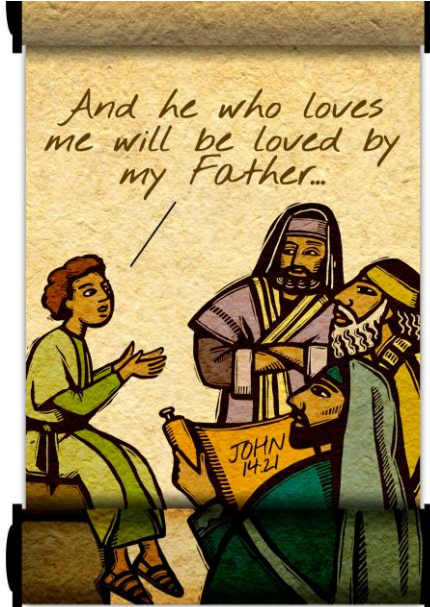


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Sixth Sunday after Easter
May 10, 2026
10:45 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.
If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Meditation

Massenet/Hopson

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

Invitation to Worship

In this hour of worship, we celebrate the Spirit of Truth - the Advocate who lives within us and stands beside us. We are reminded that loving God is not a heavy burden of rules, but a rhythmic response to the One who loved us first. Even when the world cannot see him, we recognize him, for he dwells with us and in us. Come, let us dwell in that promise.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Gabriella Lynn Montero



Welcome in the name of God, who creates, saves, and calls us with grace that lasts forever.

Amen

God uses water to connect sacred words to our senses. This is a symbol we already know for its creative power to help and nourish. We use water to clean, bathe, cook, and play.

In baptism, we are claimed by the God of living water, a precious and limitless supply of that which gives and sustains life.

Gabriella, do you desire to be baptized into the body of Christ, to hear publicly that you are a beloved child of God, to be surrounded by promises that will nurture your faith?
I do.

As you come to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

- to live among God's faithful people,
- to pray daily,
- to receive the word of God and the holy supper,
- to learn the prayers, creeds, and commandments,
- to open the holy scriptures,
- to be nurtured by the faith and prayers of others,
- so that you learn to trust God,
- proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made,
- and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to grow in the Christian faith and life?
I do.

The gift of baptism is freely given by God and does not depend on your own understanding or action. As a member of the body of Christ, you carry these promises together with a community.

People of God, do you promise to help Gabriella grow in the Christian faith and life, to be a living testament to God's yes and the wide family we have in the church on earth?
We do.

Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
**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.**

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

There's nothing particularly special about the water we're using today.
It came from the faucet and is just like the water you drink when you're thirsty
or use to bathe at home.

But this ordinary water becomes extraordinary, because we know God can do
amazing things with water. There are lots of stories in the Bible about water making
things new, saving people, and sustaining life. We know that when God makes
promises with water, amazing things can happen.

Gabriella Lynn, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

We pray. Gracious God, through Jesus you have destroyed the power of death.
And, since death isn't so scary anymore, we are set free to live with courage and
abundance. Bless Gabriella Lynn with dignity, belonging, and purpose from heaven.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on Gabriella Lynn, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence.
Amen

Gabriella Lynn, beloved child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Gabriella Lynn, child of God, you are clothed in Christ.
All who are baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Amen

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

Please welcome Gabriella, our newest sibling in Christ.

Welcome, Gabriella! We rejoice in your baptism and promise to help you remember today. Faith can get hard and heavy, so we carry it together. We are still and always becoming, strengthened by your presence. Thank God for you!

Please rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

ELW 408



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

We 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.
Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

1st Reading Acts 17:22-31

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from Acts.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. 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, 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. 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.'

"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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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.

Thanks be to God!

2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Translation: NRSVue

A reading from First Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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, 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, 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.

Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

ELW Setting 3

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

Translation: NRSVue

The holy gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 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.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 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.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Shari Duminy

Please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

Loving Spirit

ELW 397



- 1 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth-er you en - fold me, hold my life with-in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close-ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir-it, lov-ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres-ence I may rest.
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the needs of all creation.

After each petition:

Spirit of Truth,
receive our prayer.

Pastor's closing prayer:

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of
new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*During the Musical Offering, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Musical Offering

The Peace of Christ
Spirit Voices

Biery

Offering Prayer

We pray. 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 rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

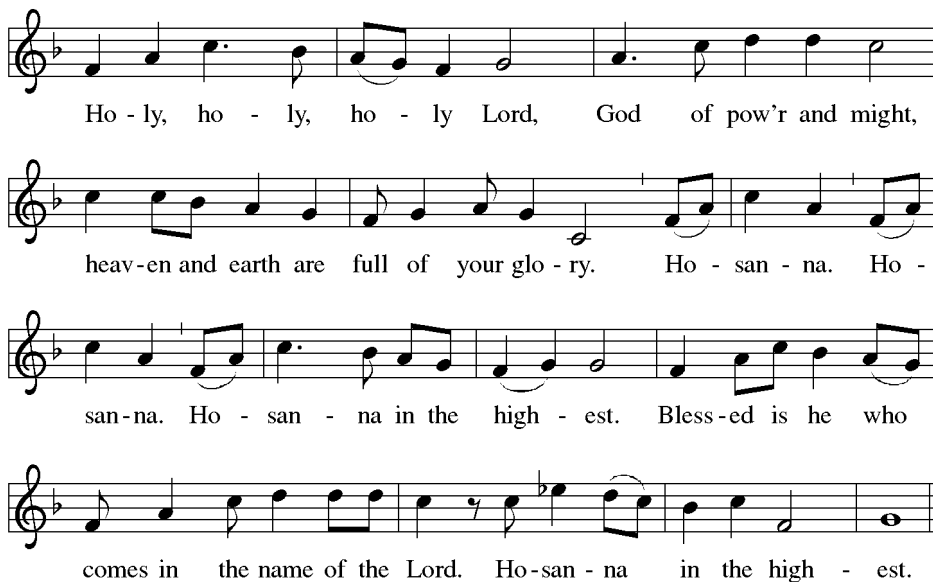
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 3



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.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Remembering his love for us
on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people;
throughout the world.

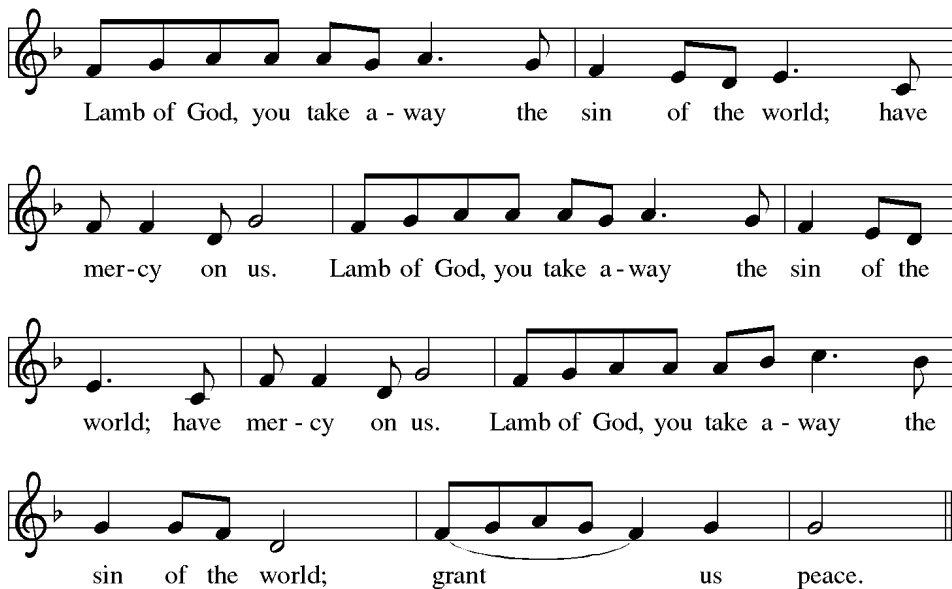
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to the Table

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of Communion

VERSE

C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B

1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
 3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.

5 C G/B Am E7 F/A C/G G C Fm/C C Gm7 Bb/C

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Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here. here.
 Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus fied.
 We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci

CHORUS

Fmaj7 F6 Em7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7 Bb/C C Bb/D C/E Fmaj7 F#dim

In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup there's life for-ev - er. In this mo-ment,

15 Em7 Aaug7 Dm7 G7 C D.C. C

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by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here. here.



1 Shout for joy loud and long, God be praised with a song! To the Lord
 2 By God's word all was made, heav'n and earth, light and shade, na-ture's won -
 3 Yet our pride makes us fall; so Christ came for us all— not the righ -
 4 Now has Christ tru - ly ris'n, and his Spir - it is giv'n to all those



we be - long: chil-dren of our mak - er, God the great life giv - er.
 ders dis-played, we to rule cre - a - tion from its first foun-da - tion.
 teous to call— by his cross and pas - sion, bring - ing us sal - va - tion.
 un - der heav'n who now walk be - side him, though they once de - nied him.

Refrain



Shout for joy, joy, joy! Shout for joy, joy, joy!



God is love, God is light, God is ev - er - last - ing!

Please rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

We pray. Holy One,
 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

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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.

Amen

Sending Hymn

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Sending Music

Postlude

Bruckner

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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
- Download our mobile app for recurring or one-time gifts;
- Establish automatic contributions to the church using your bank's bill pay service.

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