

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 10, 2026 - 11:15am

Pre-service Music

Invocation

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

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.** **Psalm 124:8**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** **Psalm 130:3**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(Silence for prayerful confession)

Absolution

Song:

"God of Wonders"

(based on the recording by Shane & Shane)

**Lord of all creation of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high**

**Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy**

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

**Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
And as I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night**

(Chorus)

**Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth
Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy**

(Chorus)

**Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Song:

"I Lift My Hands"

By Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher

Verse 1

**Be still there is a healer
His love is deeper than the sea
His mercy is unfailing
His arms a fortress for the weak
Let faith arise
Let faith arise**

Chorus

**I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge
You are my strength
As I pour out my heart
These things I remember
You are faithful God forever**

Verse 2

**Be still there is a river
That flows from Calvary's tree
A fountain for the thirsty
Your grace that washes over me**

Let faith arise
Let faith arise

(Chorus), (Chorus)

Bridge

Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes
Let faith arise let faith arise
Open my eyes open my eyes

(Chorus)

I lift my hands to believe again
You are my refuge
You are my strength
As I pour out my heart
These things I remember
You are faithful God, You're faithful God, forever

Prayer Time Concluded with Our 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.

Song:

"God Is Able"

By Reuben Morgan, Ben Fielding

God is able, He will never fail, He is Almighty God
Greater than all we seek, Greater than all we ask, He has done great things

Lifted up He defeated the grave, Raised to life our God is able
In His Name we overcome. For the Lord our God is able

God is with us. God is on our side, He will make a way
Far above all we know, Far above all we hope, He has done great things

Lifted up He defeated the grave, Raised to life our God is able
In His Name we overcome, For the Lord our God is able

God is with us, He will go before

**He will never leave us, He will never leave us
God is for us, He has open arms
He will never fail us, He will never fail us**

**Lifted up He defeated the grave, Raised to life our God is able
In His Name we overcome, For the Lord our God is able**

**Lifted up He defeated the grave, Raised to life our God is able
In His Name we overcome
For the Lord our God is able**

For the Lord our God is able, For the Lord our God is able

Welcome & Children's Time

Pastor Randy Bard

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So 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.

¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For 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. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And 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, ²⁷that 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, ²⁸for

“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.”

²⁹Being 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. ³⁰The times of ignorance

God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because 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.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

A Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

A He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C He has put all things under his feet. Amen.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but 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; ¹⁶yet 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. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For 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, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because 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. ²¹Baptism, 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, ²²who 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.

Holy Gospel Reading

John 14:15–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever 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.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon: Paul Preaching Jesus and the Resurrection

Pastor Tim Eden

Our Offerings to the Lord

(Members & guests please fill out the attendance card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate. E-Giving available online at www.blcbs.org)

Benediction

Closing Song:

"The Power of Your Love"

by Geoff Bullock

Lord, I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love.

Refrain: Hold me close, let Your love surround me;
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like an eagle and I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

Lord, unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face,
the knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life,
in living ev'ry day in the pow'r of Your love. *(Refrain 2 times)*

And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on in the pow'r of Your love.

Announcements

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