

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

Children are always welcome at worship.

If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery available for parents and their children on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.
Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.*

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Hallelujah by Cohen and Raney

Rose Ringers

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you are able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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 for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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

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. **Amen.**

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

Text: Fred Pratt Green Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

YOUTH CHOIR

I'm Gonna Sing with Over My Head

by Terry Taylor

The Music in Me

by Coates and McMillan

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.

Thanks be to God.

ROSE RINGERS

Savior like a Shepherd

by Arnold Sherman

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Silence is kept to reflect upon God’s message to us.

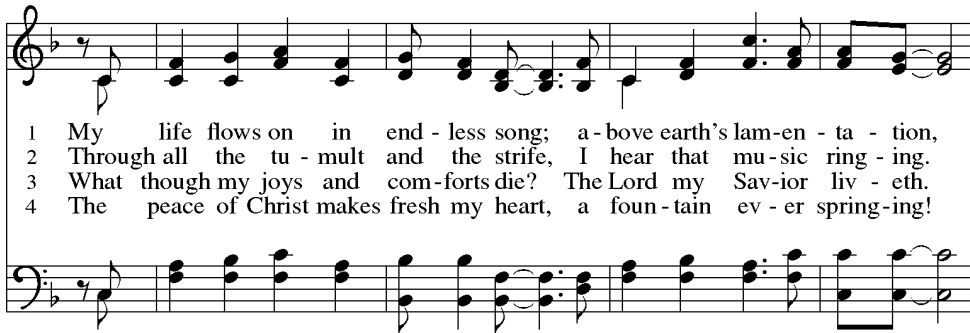
PASTORAL PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

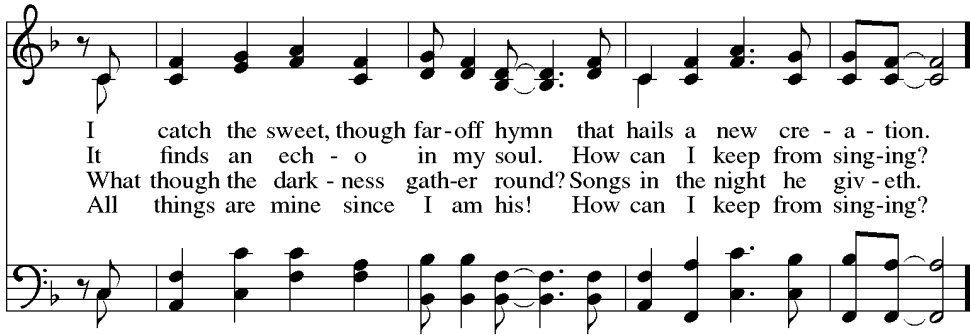
My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Text: Robert Lowry

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry

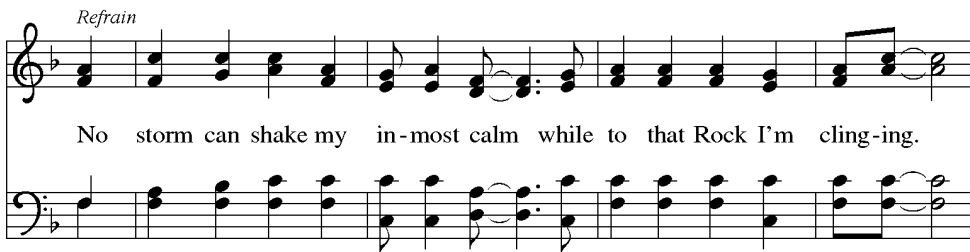


1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and say, "Peace be with you."
The assembly is seated.*

OUR RESPONSE

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is
available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.*



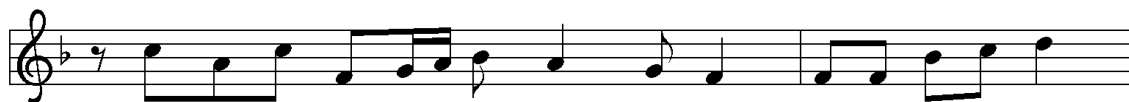
ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

by Eric Nelson

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

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.**

CHILDREN

*During the closing hymn, the children are invited to the back and side doors
to hand out flowers to the women of our congregation as they leave.
Happy Mother's Day!*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Text: Cyril A. Alington Music: GELOBY SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joyce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God on this Mother's Day in memory and honor of all the ladies who have contributed their gifts and talents to the life of this congregation. Given by Gerry and Rose Wilson.



Mother's Day banners are placed in memory of our mothers, Mary Alice Ross and Nell Barkhymer, whose strength and faith inspire us daily. Given by Mike and Donna Ross.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: Ed Grove (5/27), Bob Hockensmith (5/21), **Connie Wilkins** (5/13)

Continuing Prayers: Madeline Artman, **Joanne Caskey, June Diehl, Harold Forrester, Charles Kampmeyer, Dalton Paul, Julie Paul**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold, **Hunter Boock**

ATTENDANCE May 3 50 in person 5 online



SUMMER WORSHIP Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Memorial Day Weekend, which will be Sunday, May 24. Worship will be at 9:30 in the sanctuary. The last day for Sunday School will be May 17. Thank you to our teachers (Mary Gotwald, Tim Gotwald, and Nicki Johnson) for their work and dedication throughout the year.

PENTECOST FLOWERS On Pentecost Sunday we will be decorating the worship space with red geraniums to celebrate this special day. We hope to fill the chancel with geraniums. Geraniums are \$7.00 each. Order forms are on the table outside the sanctuary by the elevator entrance. Order forms are due by today!



WOMEN OF THE ELCA meeting is on Thursday, May 14 at 1:00 p.m. in meeting room one.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY Come and be a part of this small group as we study the Holy Scriptures together. We will read stories in Matthew and discuss them, intertwining God's word and our daily life. Join us on Monday afternoons from June 1 through June 29 at 1 p.m. in Meeting Room #1. If you are only available to attend one or two sessions, that is fine. Join us for those. Sign-up sheet is by the main office door. Led by Pastor Nicholson.



UNDY SUNDAYS to support the Back to School Event begin in May. Please donate underwear for elementary age children. Size small, medium and large are needed for boys and girls. Boys underwear are briefs (no extended legs) and girls are regular, no low cut. Also, camisoles for girls are needed. Please put the items in the box outside the main office. Donations by cash or check can also be made using the envelopes provided or use your own. Please make checks out to First Lutheran with "Back to School" in the memo line. Thank you!!!

BIRTHDAY BAGS for Little Daisy's Closet are needed. The needs are: large birthday bags, plates, napkins, candles, balloons, small gifts, snack items, cakes, icings, and cake pans. Thank you for your contributions to make up the bags!



ST. SERAPHIM Soup Kitchen needs your help. Since they provide soup, hotdogs, sandwiches, crackers, drinks and a sweet bite for folks who need a meal on Thursdays and Saturdays, the Orthodox Church is asking for donations of canned soups. No tomato please. There is a bin in Memorial Hall for donations.

SCAN (Student Clothing Assistance Network) Working with the social workers of the school district, SCAN volunteers fill emergency requests for clothing and school supplies. When a request is received, it is assigned to volunteers to acquire the necessary items, either through purchase or donation. When requests are received the need is urgent. The children involved are in crisis situations—domestic upheaval, homelessness, unexpected relocations. Please contact Tim or Mary: 717-264-4759, 717-491-0611, tim@gotwald.org, mary@gotwald.org

A MOTHER'S *Love*

There's no love like a mother's,
Her heart is filled with care.
With Christ as her example,
Her Savior's love she'll share.

A mother's love is endless,
Not changing for all time.
When needed by her children,
A mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one.
For all their tears and heartaches,
And special work they've done.

When days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on,
Through many generations,
God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
Who love with higher love,
From power God has given,
And strength from up above.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST
May 10 – May 17

Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Pentecost Flower Orders Due
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Scouts
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	LWR Quilters
Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Women of ELCA Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Rose Ringers
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Friday		FNF DEADLINE
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:45 a.m.	Ascension Worship with Holy Communion



May 10

Lector: Sally Herritt

Communion
Assistants:

Greeters: Joe Hunt
Marsha Hunt

Altar Guild: Barb Evans

Ushers: Jim Brown
Bill McCoy
Carol McCoy
Rick Gates

May 17

Joyce Ray

Donna Ross
Mike Ross
Karen Sloan

Joe Hunt
Marsha Hunt

Barb Evans

Jim Brown
Bill McCoy
Carol McCoy
Rick Gates

May 24

Jane Love

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Tim Gotwald
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Church Office Hours – Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We welcome visitors this morning.

Please pick up a **visitor's packet**. They are located at the top of the steps.
at the rear of the church or on the table at the elevator entrance.

Our Mission

The mission of First Lutheran Church is to be the light of Jesus,
burning brightly and vigorously in our community.

Sunday Schedule

Donuts and Coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School for All Ages at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

also on Facebook at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
and on our webpage at www.FELCC.org

ALL are invited to hear and receive God's blessing in Jesus,
and to worship with us.