

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 10, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of grace and glory, **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves us and ☩ frees us from our sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

Greeting

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

C **And also with you.**

Praise Songs

Oh, the Glory of Your Presence

Oh, the glory of Your presence.
We, Your temple, give You rev'rence.
So arise from your rest and be blessed by our praise
As we glory in Your embrace,
As Your presence now fills this place.

Wellspring

River of Joy flowing deep in my soul,
Wellspring of Life won't You come make me whole
Water the desert of my thirsting days,
Fountain of Love, hear my sweet song of praise.

Chorus:

I sing with joy as I rest in You,
I sing with faith s I trust in You.
I sing with love as I worship You:
Wellspring of Life, come and make me new.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **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 Peace

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

Pictures from Athens

First Reading Acts 17:22-31

So Paul stood up in front of the council and said:

People of Athens, I see that you are very religious. As I was going through your city and looking at the things you worship, I found an altar with the words, "To an Unknown God." You worship this God, but you don't really know him. So I want to tell you about him. This God made the world and everything in it. He is Lord of heaven and earth, and he doesn't live in temples built by human hands. He doesn't need help from anyone. He gives life, breath, and everything else to all people. From one person God made all nations who live on earth, and he decided when and where every nation would be.

God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us, and he gives us the power to live, to move, and to be who we are. "We are his children," just as some of your poets have said.

Since we are God's children, we must not think that he is like an idol made out of gold or silver or stone. He isn't like anything that humans have thought up and made. In the past, God forgave all this because people did not know what they were doing. But now he says that everyone everywhere must turn to him. He has set a day when he will judge the world's people with fairness. And he has chosen the man Jesus to do the judging for him. God has given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ All of you people, come praise our God! Let his praises be heard.

⁹ **God protects us from death and keeps us steady.**

¹⁰ Our God, you tested us, just as silver is tested.

¹¹ **You trapped us in a net and gave us heavy burdens.**

¹² You sent war chariots to crush our skulls. We traveled through fire and through floods, but you brought us to a land of plenty.

¹³ **I will bring sacrifices into your house, my God, and I will do what I promised**

¹⁴ when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will sacrifice my best sheep and offer bulls and goats on your altar.**

¹⁶ All who worship God, come here and listen; I will tell you everything God has done for me.

¹⁷ **I prayed to the Lord, and I praised him.**

¹⁸ If my thoughts had been sinful, he would have refused to hear me.

¹⁹ **But God did listen and answered my prayer.**

²⁰ Let's praise God! He listened when I prayed, and he is always kind.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

Can anyone really harm you for being eager to do good deeds? Even if you have to suffer for doing good things, God will bless you. So stop being afraid and don't worry about what people might do. Honor Christ and let him be the Lord of your life.

Always be ready to give an answer when someone asks you about your hope. Give a kind and respectful answer and keep your conscience clear. This way you will make people ashamed for saying bad things about your good conduct as a follower of Christ. You are better off to obey God and suffer for doing right than to suffer for doing wrong.

Christ died once for our sins. An innocent person died for those who are guilty. Christ did this to bring you to God, when his body was put to death and his spirit was made alive.

Christ then preached to the spirits that were being kept in prison. They had disobeyed God while Noah was building the boat, but God had been patient with them. Eight people went into that boat and were brought safely through the flood.

Those flood waters were like baptism that now saves you. But baptism is more than just washing your body. It means turning to God with a clear conscience, because Jesus Christ was raised from death. Christ is now in heaven, where he sits at the right side of God. All angels, authorities, and powers are under his control.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

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

(sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel ***John 14:15-21***

Jesus said to his disciples:

If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

I won't leave you like orphans. I will come back to you. In a little while the people of this world won't be able to see me, but you will see me. And because I live, you will live. Then you will know I am one with the Father. You will know you are one with me, and I am one with you. If you love me, you will do what I have said, and my Father will love you. I will also love you and show you what I am like.

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Please be seated

Choir Anthem ***Lord, Lift Me Up***

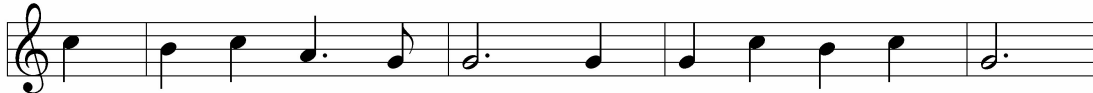
Sermon

Hymn of the Day *(next page)*

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 To him, my highest and best, I sing, when love pos - sessed:
 4 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! What - e'er my hands be - gin,
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 this bless - ing shall break in: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!

5 Let all of humankind
 in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

6 Sing, sun and stars of space,
 sing, all who see his face,
 sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er,
 today and evermore,
 shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt.
 Music: LAUDES DOMINI, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

The Apostles' Creed

A Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers of the Church

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

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshipping community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation.

Merciful God, **receive our 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 God 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.

{P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us 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.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *(next page)*

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy to like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time. We wish everyone a very **Happy Mother's Day!**

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Don Grabau.

Thank You: To Charlie Schmidtke for leading us in worship today which Pastor Fred and Anne are on vacation. We look forward to your message, Charlie. Pastor Fred will return on Thursday, May 14.

Today's Altar Flowers: Are given to the Glory of God from Sharon Wall in loving memory of her husband, Dick, on his birthday.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for May – Justice Center: The Family Justice Center of Erie County provides services and support to individuals in unhealthy relationships, and provides the education needed to break larger cycles of relationship abuse. Their comprehensive service model tears down barriers to service, enabling clients to heal

and cultivate hope. Please donate through tithely, or place your donations in an envelope (located in the narthex) or mail your check to the church office. Indicate on your check that it is designated for Family Justice Center. Thank you.

Adult Education: The final class of this semester is tomorrow at 1 pm. The topic is Spain and France – James and Mary Magdalene, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.**

Happening at Augustana: All are invited to join the Watch Party to view the recently released movie version of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby VanPelt this **Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 pm**. Bring a snack or drink to share. The book club's next book is *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. Book club will meet **June 4, 6:30pm** to discuss the book.

Women's Lunch Group: You are invited to join the group for lunch on **Thursday, May 14 at 12:30 pm**, at Lebro's Restaurant, 330 Campbell Blvd., Getzville. Please contact Judy Menz or Barb Maugans if you have any questions.

Chicken Chowder Sale: TOL will be holding a chicken chowder sale on **Saturday, May 16, starting at 12 noon**. It's a popular event, and the chowder tends to sell out fast so come early! Want to get involved? There are many ways to help make this fundraiser a success. Sign up on the bulletin board or speak with Matt Grabau. Visit the ingredient sign-up board in the Narthex. If you're donating produce, please drop it off at TOL during the week of May 11. We'll be prepping the vegetables on **Friday, May 15**. Tell your family, friends and neighbors about TOL's chowder!

Sermon Discussion/input: Meets again on **Wednesday, May 27 at noon**. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

Spring Show at TOL: Niagara Frontier Chord Authority is returning to Trinity Old Lutheran Church for a Spring Show, "Let the Music In", on **June 6 at 7 pm**. We are so excited to sing for you as we have just returned from our regional contest with awards for Most Improved Chorus, along with recognition for our performance of our tunes! We would love to see you there. Tickets are \$10, children 10 and under are free. For tickets, please see Barb Yendall.

Mark Your Calendars and Stay Tuned for Details:

-Adult Retreat: Our annual Adult Retreat at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will be the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. The sign-up sheet is available on the main bulletin board.

-Craft Show and Basket Raffle: Our 3rd annual event will take place here at TOL on **Saturday, September 19**.

New Community Partner: We welcome our new community partner, AA. They will meet each Monday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this meeting, please let them know about this opportunity.

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for **May** are washclothes and dental floss. In addition, we always need additional empty baskets when we assemble the basket raffle prizes. Thank you.

Help Wanted - Usher Sign-Up Sheet: If you can help us by ushering some Sunday, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, for the months of May and June, on the main bulletin board. Thank you!

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added, and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

This week's calendar

<p><i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i></p> <p><i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p>	Sun	5/10	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	<p>Happy Mother's Day! Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting</p>
	Mon	5/11	10 am 1 pm 5:45 pm 6:30 pm	<p>OA Meeting Adult Ed Yoga AA Sandwich Team #4</p>
	Tues	5/12	5:45 pm 6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	<p>Chair Yoga Eta Sigma Sorority Watch Party at Augustana CoDA</p>
	Wed	5/13	5:45 pm	Yoga
	Thurs	5/14	9:30 am 12:30 pm 5:45 pm 7 pm	<p>Yoga Women's Lunch Group Yoga GA Meeting</p>
	Fri	5/15	9 am 10 am	<p>Chowder Prep South Asian Lutheran Community</p>
	Sat	5/16		Chicken Chowder Sale – Noon till sold out
	Sun	5/17	9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	<p>Worship Service at Augustana Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Council Meeting Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting</p>

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