

**The Sixth Sunday Of Easter
May 10, 2026
Heritage Lutheran Church
Apple Valley, MN
9:00 a.m.**



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1. Welcome

2. The Confession Of Sin

Pastor Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

Congregation Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Absolution

Pastor The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

3. Opening Hymn #56 “Ye Lands To The Lord”

1 Ye lands, to the Lord make a jubilant noise; Glory be to God!

Oh, serve Him with joy, in His presence now rejoice; Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

2 Not we, but the Lord is our Maker, our God; Glory be to God!
His people we are, and the sheep led by His rod; Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

3 Oh, enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise; Glory be to God!
To bless Him and thank Him our voices we will raise; Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4 For good is the Lord, and His mercy is sure; Glory be to God!
To all generations His truth shall still endure; Sing praise unto God out of Zion!

4. Opening Versicles

Pastor O Lord, open my lips.

♪ **Congregation** And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Pastor Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

♪ **Congregation** Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: Forevermore. Amen. Alleluia.

5. The Invitatory and Venite (*Psalm 95*)

Pastor Oh come, let us worship the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** For He is our Maker.

Oh, come let us sing to the Lord:

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving:

and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all Gods.

In His hand are the deep places of the earth:

the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For He is our God: and we are the people of His pasture

and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

6. Hymn #33 “We Now Implore God The Holy Ghost”

1 We now implore God the Holy Ghost
For the true faith, which we need the most,
That in our last moments He may befriend us
And, as homeward we journey, attend us.
Lord, have mercy!

2 Shine in our hearts, O most precious Light,
That we Jesus Christ may know aright,
Clinging to our Savior, whose blood hath bought us,
Who again to our homeland hath brought us.
Lord, have mercy!

3 Thou sacred Love, grace on us bestow,
Set our hearts with heav'nly fire aglow
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, in peace with ev'ry brother.
Lord, have mercy!

4 Thou highest Comfort in ev'ry need,
Grant that neither shame nor death we heed,
That e'en then our courage may never fail us
When the foe shall accuse and assail us.
Lord, have mercy!

7. Psalm 98 (read responsively by whole verse)

¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

² The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

8. Old Testament Lesson Acts 17:23-31

²³ For 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. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And 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, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually 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 are indeed his offspring." ²⁹ Being 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. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because 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."

9. The Epistle 1 Peter 3:15-22

¹⁵ but in your hearts honor 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; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For 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, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because 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. ²¹ Baptism, 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, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

10. The Gospel John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even 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. ¹⁹ Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ Whoever 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."

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us!
♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to You, O Lord!

11. Heritage Choir “Gather Your Children” Jaroslav J. Vajda/Allan Mahnke

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace,
And draw us to you with your passionate pleas:
Still seek us and call us to come and be blessed
To find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest.

Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord,
We cluster around you, and grow by your Word,
One day to remember these moments so rare,
Of caring and closeness, just because you are there.

Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme,
Compassion our nature, your vision our dream:
Who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do,
What joy can be tasted, or what promise come true?

Host at our table in our house and yours,
Here bind us together with love that endures;
Like parents, like children, let this be our fame,
That, blest, we bless may, to the praise of your name.

12. Children’s Message

13. Sermon Hymn #423 “How Can I Thank You Lord”

1 How can I thank You, Lord, For all Your loving-kindness,
That You have patiently Borne with me in sin's blindness?
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.

2 It is Your work alone That I am now converted;
O'er Satan's work in me You have Your might asserted.
Your mercy and Your grace That rise afresh each morn
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart newborn.

3 Lord, You have raised me up To joy and exultation,
And led me on the way That I may know salvation.
My sins are washed away, For this I thank You, Lord;
And with my heart and soul I trust Your holy Word.

4 Grant that Your Spirit's help To me be always given
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven;
That He may give me strength In my infirmity
And e'er renew my heart To serve You willingly.

14. Sermon – “Your Divine Life Coach” *John 14:15-21*

15. The Offering

16. Te Deum Hymn #42 “God, We Praise You”

1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your church adored:
All creation shows Your glory, Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,
Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

2 True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,
While Your church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

3 Jesus Christ, the king of glory, Everlasting Son of God;
Humble was Your Virgin Mother, Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

4 Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made;
Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid:
Raise us up from dust to glory, Guard us from all sin today.
King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.

17. Prayers

The Kyrie Sung by All

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer Sung by All

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.

The Collect

Pastor Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

18. Benedicamus & Benediction

Pastor Let us bless the Lord!

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God!

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

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

19. Benediction Hymn #438 "Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit" (verses 1-4,7)

1 Come, oh, come, Thou quick'ning Spirit, God from all eternity!
May Thy power never fail us; Dwell within us constantly.
Then shall truth and life and light Banish all the gloom of night.

2 Grant our hearts in fullest measure Wisdom, counsel, purity,
That they ever may be seeking Only that which pleaseth Thee.
Let Thy knowledge spread and grow, Working error's overthrow.

3 Show us, Lord, the path of blessing; When we trespass on our way,
Cast, O Lord, our sins behind Thee And be with us day by day.
Should we stray, O Lord, recall; Work repentance when we fall.

4 With our spirit bear Thou witness That we are the sons of God
Who rely upon Him solely When we pass beneath the rod;
For we know, as children should, That the cross is for our good.

7 Holy Spirit, strong and mighty, Thou who makest all things new,
 Make Thy work within us perfect And the evil foe subdue.
 Grant us weapons for the strife And with vict'ry crown our life.

Announcements

Board of Elders – The Board of Elders will meet on Monday, May 11th at 6:30 pm.

Church Council – The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, may 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Every Member Sunday – We will celebrate Every Member Sunday on Sunday, May 17th and we will have a potluck after the 9:00 a.m. worship service. As we plan for the potluck, we are asking people with last names starting with A-H to bring a salad; last names starting with I-P to bring a main dish, and last names starting with R-Z to bring a dessert.

Worship Change – The Council voted to change our second service to Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. This change will take place June 1st. The last Saturday evening service will be on May 16th at 5:30 pm.

Budget Forum Meeting – Sunday May 31st after church.

Annual Voters' Meeting – Sunday, June 14th after church.

VBS – Vacation Bible School will be the week of July 27 – 30.

Women's Bible Study – The Monday Evening Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 pm. Contact Ruth Braun if you would like more information.

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

Choir – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

Fellowship - Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

Spring Clean Up – Please see the volunteer board for opportunities to help around the church grounds. There are indoor and outdoor projects. Please take a look and see if there are any projects that you would like to help with.

Budget Update – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of March. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$170,837	\$174,264	(\$3,427)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$12,653	16,059	(\$3,406)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Member Giving	\$243,207	\$190,323	\$52,885	\$392,117



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