



**For Christ  
also suffered  
once for sins,**  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
that he might bring us to God.

1 Peter 3:18

# **Sixth Sunday Of Easter**

**May 10, 2026**

Faith Lutheran Church  
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## Welcome to our Visitors!

Welcome in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are glad you are here. It is our sincere prayer that God would refresh you by His Holy Word and Sacrament and that you would take with you His peace and joy. If you would care to give us your contact information, we would like to get to know you better and keep in touch. If you have questions or are interested in membership, please speak to anyone here.

## Holy Communion

We come to the table at the invitation of the Lord, receiving the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Christians who share this faith and wish to join us at the table are welcome. Young children may be brought forward for a blessing.

## Mission Statement

“...that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

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May 10, 2026

LBW Holy Communion Setting One

\*indicates Congregation please stand

**Bold**-Congregation responses

PRELUDE HYFRYDOL

*Arr. Anne Krentz Organ*

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

God our Father does care about us. In His mercy, He has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the church of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✝ and of the Holy Spirit. May Almighty God strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

**Amen**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN Love Divine, All Love Excelling**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



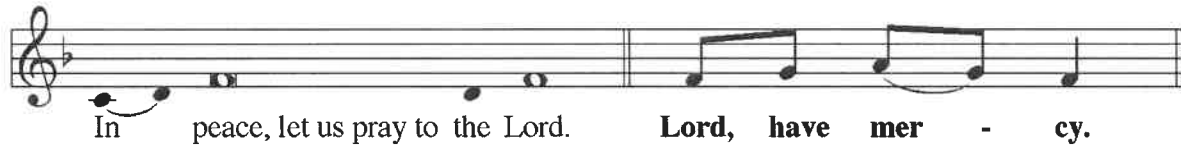
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

**\*GREETING**

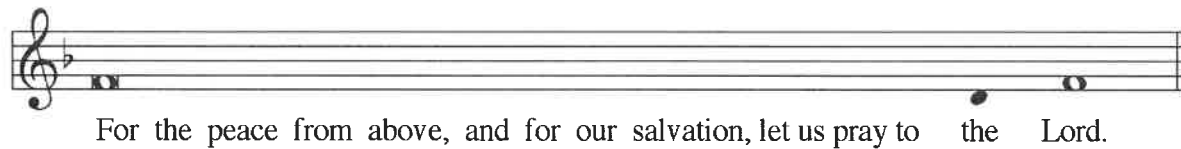
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**


**\*KYRIE**



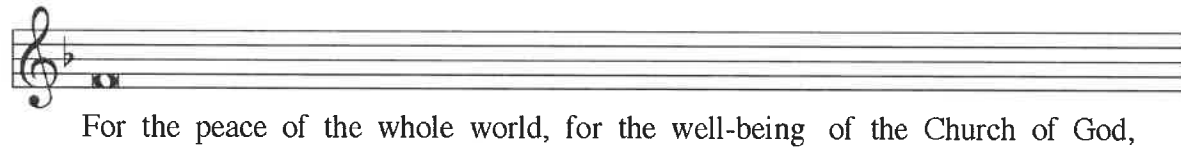
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



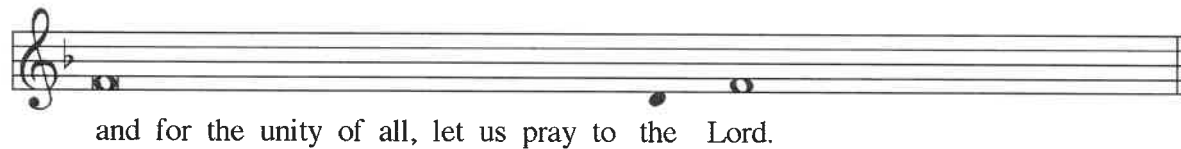
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



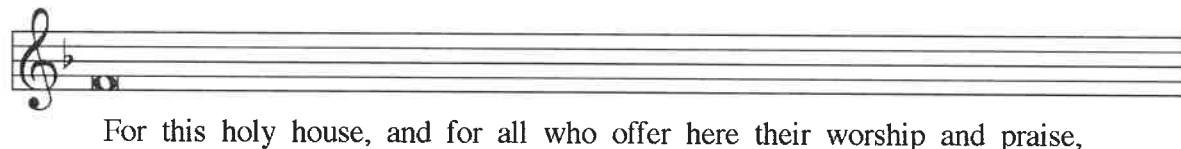
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



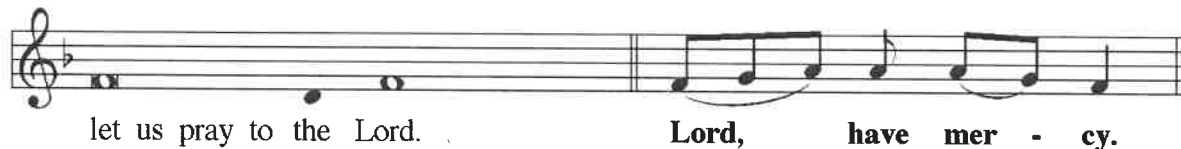
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



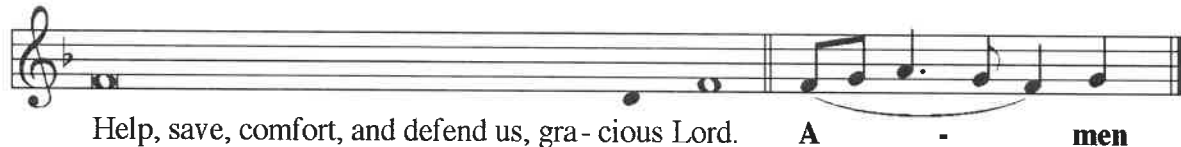
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (cont)**



Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. . . .

Gracious God, in the sacrament of Baptism, you bless us with the presence of your Son, dwelling in us, and the gift of your Holy Spirit as our advocate. Grant that we may treasure this gift above all else, following Christ in obedience and humility; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## **FIRST READING:**

The First Reading is from Acts, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>16</sup>Now while Paul was waiting for {Silas and Timothy} at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup>So 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. <sup>18</sup>Some 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. <sup>19</sup>And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? <sup>20</sup>For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” <sup>21</sup>Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. <sup>22</sup>So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. <sup>26</sup>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,<sup>27</sup> 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,<sup>28</sup> 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.'<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup> The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent,<sup>31</sup> 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."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 66



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.

- <sup>7</sup>Bless our God, you peoples;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- <sup>8</sup>Who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- <sup>9</sup>For you, O God, have proved us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- <sup>10</sup>You brought us into the snare;  
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs. *Refrain:*
- <sup>11</sup>You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- <sup>12</sup>I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows,  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- <sup>13</sup>I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- <sup>14</sup>Come and listen, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me. *Refrain:*
- <sup>15</sup>I called out to him with my mouth,  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- <sup>16</sup>If I had found evil in my heart,  
the Lord would not have heard me;
- <sup>17</sup>But in truth God has heard me;  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- <sup>18</sup>Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld his love from me. *Refrain:*

# \*CELTIC ALLELUIA

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verses

1. Now he is liv - ing, the Christ. Out of the  
 2. Christ is the first-fruits from death, fill - ing the

1. tomb he is ris - en; he has con - quered death,  
 2. church with his glo - ry! Dark - ness van - ish - es

1. o - pened heav - en to all be - liev - ers. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. in the light \_\_\_\_\_ of his pow - er. \_\_\_\_\_

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## \*GOSPEL:

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

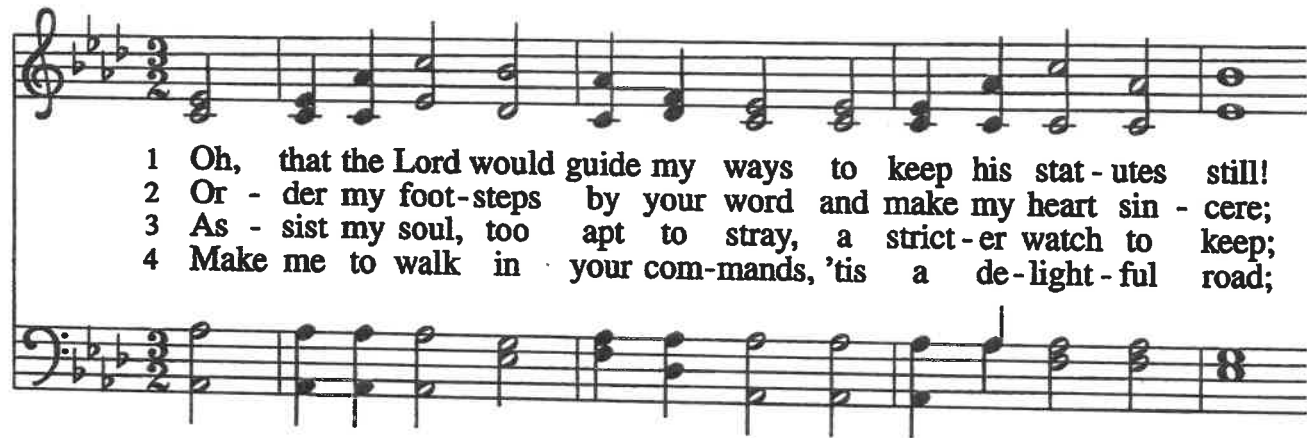
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>15</sup>{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>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."

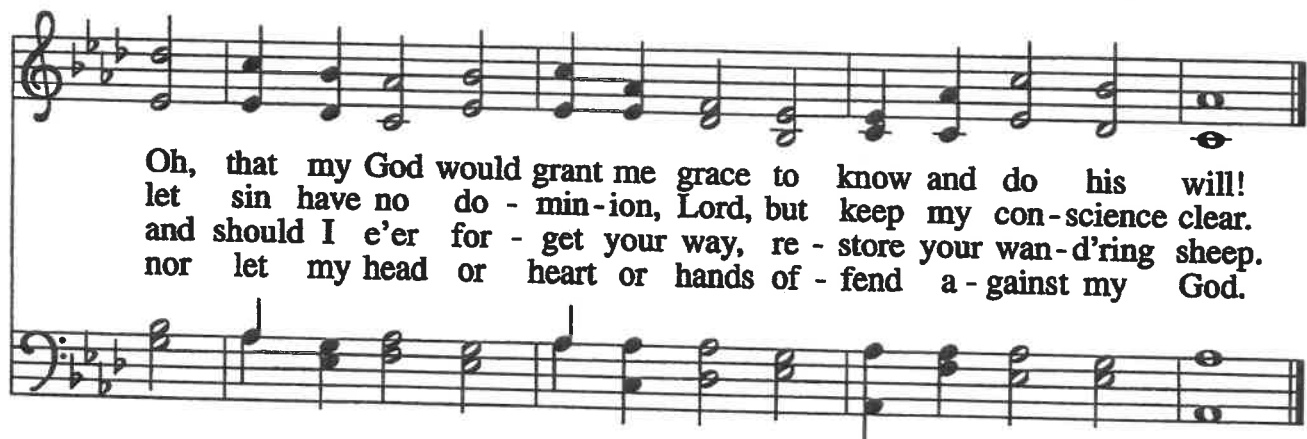
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Paul "I Will Not Leave You as Orphans. I Will Come to You."

HYMN OF THE DAY Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in your com-mands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!  
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.  
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.  
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.  
Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

EVAN  
CM



**\*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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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**

## \*THE PRAYERS

Set our minds on heavenly things;  
**Fill us with your joy.**

## \*PEACE

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

*(Let us greet one another with the peace of the risen Christ.)*

## OFFERTORY “God, Give Us Christian Homes”

*Written by B.B. McKinney Arr. Cindy Berry*

## \*LET THE VINEYARDS

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, 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**

## \*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 him thanks and praise.**

## \*PREFACE

## \*SANCTUS



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.

**\*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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



**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.**


## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.


The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN Bread for the World



Bread for the world: a world of hun- ger. Wine for all peo - ples:



peo-ple who thirst. \_\_\_ May we who eat be bread for oth - ers.



May we who drink \_\_\_ pour out our love. \_\_\_ pour out our love. \_\_\_

1-3 to Verses Final *Fine*

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life,  
Broken to reach and heal the wounds of human pain.  
There we divide your people, you are waiting there  
On bended knee to wash our feet with endless care.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the wine of peace,  
Poured into hearts once broken and where dryness sleeps.  
Where we are tired and weary, you are waiting there  
To be the way which beckons us beyond despair.

### **\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you unto life everlasting.

**Amen**

### **\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☪ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **\*BLESSING**

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**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**Go In Love**

Nancy Price

Don Besig



Go in love; have no fear.



God will guide you, He is al-ways near. Go in love;



take His hand. God will hear you, He will un-der - stand.



May His light for - ev - er shine up - on you; may His peace be



al-ways in your heart. Go in love; face each day. God will



lead you, He will show the way. Go in love



and live in faith. A men.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### **SERVING THE FAMILY OF FAITH**

#### **This Week: 5/10**

Reader: Bill Palmer

Communion: Gina Schiess

Fellowship: Barb Spelzhausen

Usher: Frank Gray

#### **Next Week: 5/17 CFS**

Reader: Nancy Wells

Communion: Nancy Wells

Fellowship: Gina Schiess

Usher: John Humphrey

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5/17 Chicago Folk Service

5/24 Pentecost Sunday

5/25 Memorial Day

5/31 Holy Trinity Sunday

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