

# Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A



## Word and Sacrament

*“Not Just Going to Church, but BEING the Church”*

**Saint Bartholomew Lutheran Church**

May 10, 2026 11:00AM



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

## **Welcome to Worship!**

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This morning, we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter! The lyrics to the hymns are in the red hymnals in the pews. We extend special greetings to all our guests who are with us today. Your presence, along with our members and friends, is truly valued. Know that all of God's people are always welcome here at St. Bartholomew.

### **Holy Communion**

Saint Bart's celebrates the real presence of Jesus through the bread and wine. We invite all to come and share. At the time of communion, you will come up to the altar and receive communion. Pastor will come to you if you choose to remain in the pew.

### **Praying People**

Everyone is invited to offer their prayer concerns during the Prayers of the Church.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Year A**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

## **Announcements**

**Enid's Pantry** will be **open** Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am.

**Spanish Service Saturday**, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am.

**Bible Study**- Sundays at 9:45AM beginning next week at 945am.

**Pentecost** May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Synod Assembly** May 30th

We can use any food or monetary donations to help our community in need.

Are there any other announcements?

## **Bell/Prelude**

### Welcome and Announcements

### **A Litany for Mothers**

P To those who gave birth this year to their first child

**C We celebrate with you.**

P To those who lost a child this year

**C We mourn with you**

P To those who are in the trenches with little ones every day and wear the badge of food stains

**C We appreciate you**

P To those who experienced loss this year through miscarriage, failed adoptions, or running away

**C We mourn with you**

P To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with pokes, prods, tears, and disappointment

**C We walk with you. Forgive us when we say foolish things. We don't mean to make this harder than it is.**

P To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, and spiritual moms

**C We need you**

P To those who have warm and close relationships with your children

**C We celebrate with you**

P To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children

**C We sit with you**

P To those who lost their mothers this year

**C We grieve with you**

P To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother—

**C We acknowledge your experience**

P To those who lived through driving tests, medical tests, and the overall testing of motherhood

**C We are better for having you in our midst**

P To those who will have emptier nests in the upcoming year—

**C We grieve and rejoice with you**

P And to those who are pregnant with new life, both expected and surprising—

**C We anticipate with you**

P This Mother's Day, we walk with you. Mothering is not for the faint of heart and we have real warriors in our midst.

**C We remember you.**

(pass out Flowers)

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

**P** 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. We thank you for the waters that nourish us  
especially the Delaware River. Blessed are you.

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

**P** 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.

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

**P** 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.

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

**P** 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. **C** **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: ACS 1045

Come, Share the Spirit



1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures  
2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows  
3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry  
4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the  
from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has  
peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -  
giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.  
ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.  
giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.  
oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;  
Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead  
Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;  
Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.  
all those who hear the liv - ing Word.  
his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.  
Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

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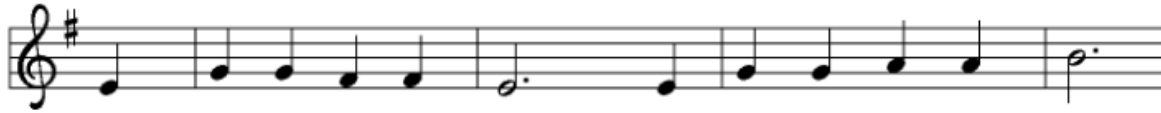
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

**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**

**Y** Kyrie



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Canticle of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

*Prayer of the Day*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** 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..

**C** **Amen**

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## WORD

**A** I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth (Psalm 34:1). Lord, bless the reading of your word. Make it come alive in our midst.

**C** Amen.

### **First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. 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. 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, 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. 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, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 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.’

“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. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 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.”

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Responsive Reading: Psalm 66:8-20**

- A Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.
- C **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- A For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- C **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- A You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- C **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**
- A those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- C **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**
- A Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- C **I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- A If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;
- C **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- A Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?  
<sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,  
<sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation



**P The Holy Gospel according to John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.**

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> 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.”

**P The Gospel of the Lord**

**C Praise to you O Christ.**

**SERMON**

## Hymn of the Day: ELW #397

### Loving Spirit



- 1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—
- 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
- 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
- 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
- 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be—



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

## *Apostles Creed*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Each petition ends:

A Merciful God

C **Receive our prayer**

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 *especially* Cindy, the Chung Family, Jimmy, Mark, Moreland, Joe, Nick, Bob, Justin, Billy, Gloria, Rosemary, Tom, Rich, Heather, and Gail. 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our partner churches: Abiding Presence and Prince of Peace; we pray for our Bishop Christa Compton. We also pray for the concerns of this congregation: those who travel, those absent from worship, those celebrating birthdays especially Carmen Ramos; and for those celebrating anniversaries; also for the people of God in this place and for other needs in our community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer up prayers for loved ones, thanksgivings to God, or any other intercessions silently or aloud... (Pause) 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.**

(PASTOR) 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.**

## THE OFFERING

Online offering: <https://www.stbartlutheran.net/donate>

### OFFERING PRAYER

A Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

**C Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

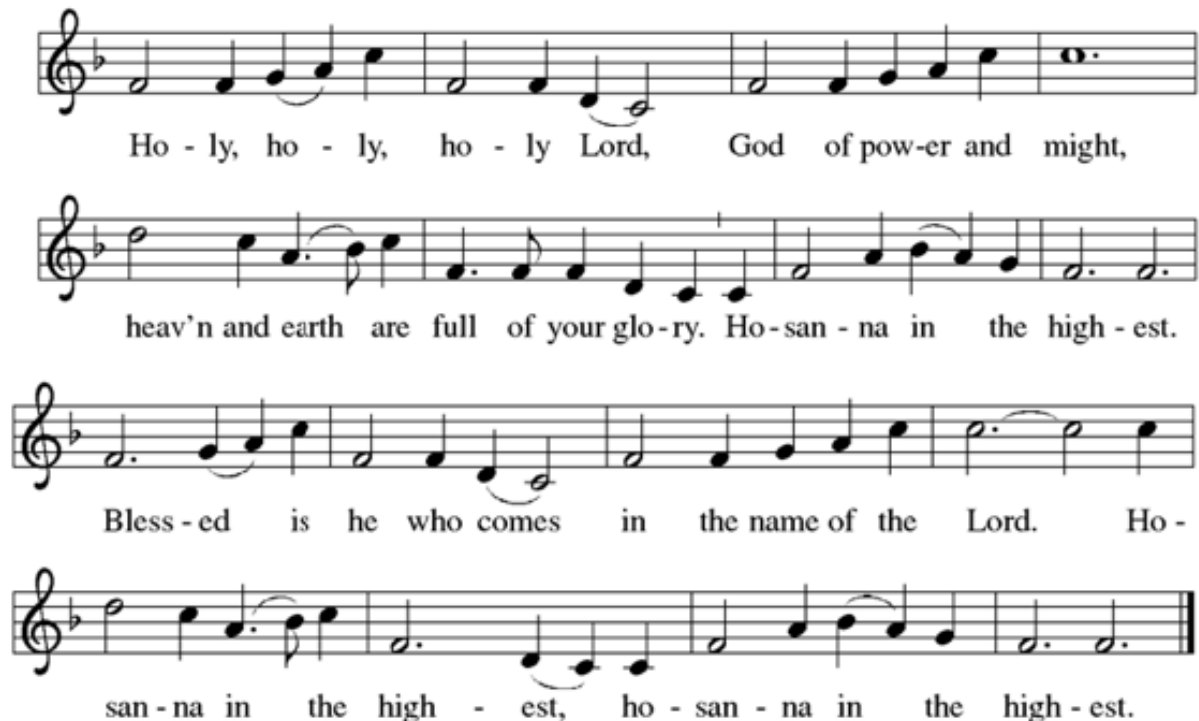
**C. It is right to give thanks and praise.**

## *PREFACE*

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen  
Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to  
them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven  
resound with gladness; while angels and archangels and the  
powers of all creation sing forever the hymn of your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

**C 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

### Invitation

P Come to the table of new life.  
Receive the risen Lord!

### Distribution

### Blessing

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

**C Amen.**

## Post Communion Blessing

**P** 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,  
**C** **Amen**

**+Sending+**

## **Benediction**

**P** 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.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ELW 822

## Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*

1 Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it!  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

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;Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Dismissal.

**A** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Postlude*