

May 10, 2026

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

**FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31** <sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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, <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> 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. <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, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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.”

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22** <sup>13</sup> 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.

**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.”

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Sunday May 10, 2026

Welcome Everyone, Happy Mother’s Day!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

*You are invited to come forward via the centre aisle and form a single line across from the steps leading to the altar area. Once you have communed and the pastor has spoken the communion blessing, you may place your used wine glass into the bowl on the stand near the side aisle. Then you may return to your seat via the side aisle.*

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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**Weekly Calendar:**

**Monday:** Pastor’s day off

**Tuesday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne

**Wednesday:** Pickleball 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Rose City Quilters 9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Pastor in Welland

**Thursday:** Pastor in Welland

**Friday:** Pickleball 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
Pastor in Port Colborne

**Saturday:** Pickleball 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

We live and serve on land that for thousands of years, Indigenous peoples have walked. We live on the traditional territory of several Indigenous peoples, including the Neutrals, the Mississauga, the Anishnaabe and the Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their continuing stewardship of this land and we also honour the heritage and gifts of the Métis people.

**Worship leaders, ushers and counters for this week’s service:**

Scripture Reader Bobbye Goldenberg  
Prayers Marilyn Schultz  
Usher/Greeter Bob Hansen  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

**Worship leaders, ushers and counters for next week’s service:**

Scripture Reader Marilyn Schultz  
Prayers Bobbye Goldenberg  
Usher/Greeter Norm & Carole McLeod  
Counters Bob Hansen & Carole McLeod

**Upcoming Events & Dates to Remember**

Next Church Council meeting is Thursday May 21 @ 10:00 am.

Last week’s attendance 15, last year’s attendance 20.

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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.

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 (*local waters may be named*).

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.**

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers. Enjoy your very special day.



**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**

**GATHERING**

Thanksgiving for Baptism ..... (in guide)

Gathering Hymn..... **ELW # 408**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie .....**HS Page 3**

Hymn of Praise “Now the Feast”.....

.....**HS Page 4**

Prayer of the Day

**WORD**

First Reading.....Acts 17:22-31

Psalm.....66:8-20

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

Gospel verse: .....**HS Page 8**

**Response: “Glory to you, O Lord”**

Gospel.....John 14:15-21

**Response “Praise to you, O Christ”**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day.....**ELW # 397**

“Loving Spirit”

Nicene Creed.....**HS page 10**

Prayers of Intercession

“Receive Our Prayer”

Sharing the Peace

Offering Prayer

**MEAL**

Great Thanksgiving (sung)...**HS page 14**

Sanctus “Holy, Holy”.....**HS page 15**

Eucharistic Prayers and Acclamations

.....**HS page 16**

The Lord’s Prayer.....**HS page 18**

O Lamb of God .....**HS page 18**

Communion Hymns....**ELW # 457 & 781**

Prayer after Communion

Song after Communion

“Thanks be to You” ..... **HS page 20**

**SENDING**

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn.....**ELW # 449**

“We Know That Christ is Raised”

Dismissal: Go in peace. Live in hope.

“Thanks be to God”