



A Welcoming Christ-Centered Community

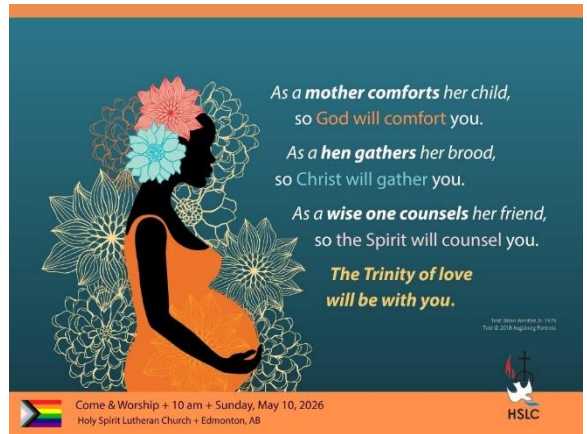
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## May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter Service of Holy Communion

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Ushers: Toby S & Ellen P

Council President: Karen Oko  
Musician: Isaac Courneyea  
Video/Live Streaming: Anton Chell  
Worship Host: Kathryn Elford

### Welcome

**Gathering Song** “*Making Their Way*” (ACS 979)

### Easter Greeting

**Mother’s Day Prayers** (Written by Leah D. Schade).

### Children’s Time

**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 Acclamation - ELW Setting 7, p. 179**

**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.”

## **Sermon**

**Song of the DAY** ‘*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*’ (ELW 618)

**Statement of Faith** – written by Dan Sire

**I believe in God, the source of all life, wholeness, and love.**

**I believe that God is revealed in Jesus Christ.**

**I believe that in his life,**

**Jesus reveals God in grace, mercy, forgiveness, and justice.**

**I believe that in his death,**

**Jesus reveals God’s determined presence in the world even in the face of hatred, violence, and pain.**

**I believe that in his resurrection,**

**Jesus reveals God calling us to abundant life both now and forever;**

**life beyond our fearful and fragile imaginations.**

**I believe that God lives among us, within us,**

**and through us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**I believe that God moves us to be together**

**in communities of faith, hope, and love.**

**I believe these things not out of certainty but out of faith;**

**as one who trusts in the reality of God**

**revealed in Jesus Christ**

**through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Tom d, Susan K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Brenda & Blain T, and those we hold dear in our hearts.*

## **Peace**

**Offertory** “*Accept O Lord*” (ELW 691, WOV 759) vs 1

**Offering Prayer**

**Thanksgiving at the Table**

**The Lord's Prayer** – contemporary sung

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Songs**

Lamb of God – ELW Setting 7, p. 1182

*'There is a Longing in Our Hearts'* (ACS 1078)

*'Come Now, You Blessed'* (ACS 1059)

*'May the God of Hope Go with Us'* (ACS 984)

**Benediction** – *'Hope Everlasting'* Liturgy of the Beloved

**Community Life**

**Sending Song** *'Go to the World'* (ACS 991). vs 1 & 4

**Dismissal**

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