

Williams Bay Lutheran Church Worship

May 10, 2026

Service of the Word & Holy Communion

9:30 AM



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.

Please silence your cell phone. Thank you.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering

The Holy Spirit call us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive 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, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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.**

Let us pray: 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. **Amen.**

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

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ 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. ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ 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.’

²⁹ “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. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ 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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

- ⁸ Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.
- ⁹ **Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have ¹ tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- ¹ ver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us in- ¹ to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- ¹ on our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through ¹ fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place ¹ of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house ¹ with burnt offerings
and will pay ¹ you my vows—**
- ¹⁴ those that I promised ¹ with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I ¹ was in trouble.
- ¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the ¹ smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- ¹ en and goats.**
- ¹⁶ Come and listen, all you ¹ who believe,
and I will tell you what God has ¹ done for me.
- ¹⁷ **I called out to God ¹ with my mouth,
and praised the Lord ¹ with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸ If I had cherished evil ¹ in my heart,
the Lord would ¹ not have heard me;
- ¹⁹ **but in truth ¹ God has heard me
and has attended to the sound ¹ of my prayer.**
- ²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- ¹ ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing ¹ love from me.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ 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, ¹⁵ 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, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ 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,¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison,²⁰ 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.²¹ 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,²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 14:15-21

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

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

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Pastor Tom

Silence for Reflection

Hymn of the Day

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

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 of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

Petitions conclude with: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Offering

MEAL

Offering Hymn

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW 184



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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Words of Institution for Holy Communion

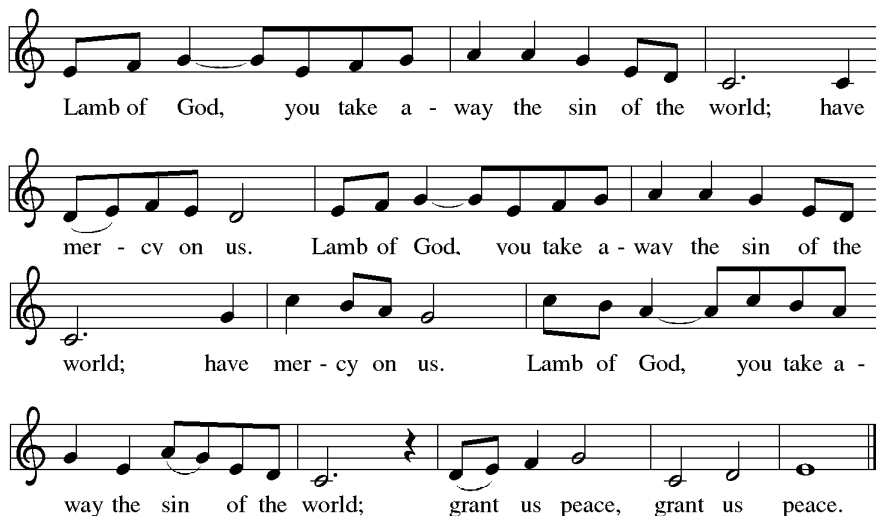
Lord's Prayer

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.

All are Welcome to receive the Lord's Meal at His table.

Hymns during Communion

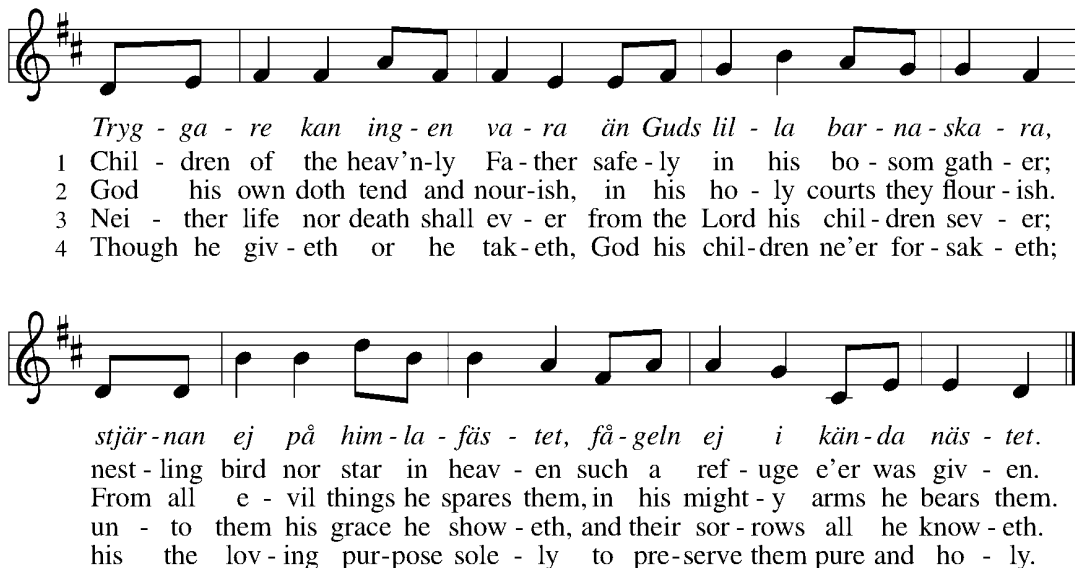
"Lamb of God"



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, grant us peace.

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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Morning has Broken

WOV 556



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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Table Blessing

SENDING

Sending Prayer and Blessing

Sending Hymn

All Thing Bright and Beautiful

WOV 767



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.

Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

Dismissal

Thanks be to God!



Thank you to Karen & John Yancy for the altar flowers given in memory of John's mother Florence Yancey and Karen's mother, Joan Rydin Ebert.

Grace Notes

- May 10 Simplified Service, 8 AM
 Traditional Service, 9:30 AM
 Sunday School, 9:45 AM
- May 11 Office Closed
- May 12 Services at Sherwood, 10 AM
- May 13 Coffee Club, 9:30 AM
 Property & Finance, 5 PM
 Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 PM
 Confirmation, 7 PM

Join us for a **Beloit Sky Carp** baseball game outing for June 23! Sign-up in the narthex.
\$20/ticket



Happy Mother's Day - Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and to all women who care for and who nurture the faith of children. Happy Mother's Day!

Ursula Wellhausen moved to RidgeStone Village, Room 212, 1025 S. 2nd Street, Delavan, WI 53115. Ursula appreciates the visits and prayers from our members.

Graduation Sunday - May 17th - Please let Pastor Tom or Kari Pfeil know of high school and college graduates. Pastor Tom will offer a prayer, a blessing, and a gift for our graduates.

Harold Friestad is now residing at Sherwood Lodge Assisted Living, 116 Cherry St., Wms Bay. Just two blocks north, down the street from church. He is on 3rd floor, room 309. I know he would enjoy a visit from you.

Thanks, Jorine Granberg

Worship Servers

Service		May 10	May 17
Usher	9:30 AM	OPEN	Jim Pfeil
Lector	8:00 AM	Dori Freundt	OPEN
	9:30 AM	Laurel Schulz	Marilyn Carlson
Cantor	9:30 AM	Pastor Tom	Marilyn Carlson
Acolyte	9:30 AM	Olivia Beth	Evie Dowling
Communion Assistants	9:30 AM	Laurel Schulz	OPEN
		Stu Bieber	OPEN
Refreshments		Pastor Tom & Evie	Y & E Committee
Altar Flowers		Karen & John Yancey	Pastor Tom
Altar Guild		Dori	Dori
Sunday School		Paula Williams	Paula Williams
Offering Counters		Dinah & Jack	Dottie & Connie

Life Together as God's People

Ministers	Williams Bay Lutheran Church Members
Pastor	Rev. Thomas Dowling
President	Allen Filloon
Vice President	Mike Reno
Treasurer	Bruce Hildner
9:30 Organist	Marianne Peterson
8:00 Pianist	Susan Gali, Chris Groth, and Sandra Johnson
Custodian	Mary Mock
Landscaping	Gunnar Olsen
Parish Secretary	Sandra Johnson