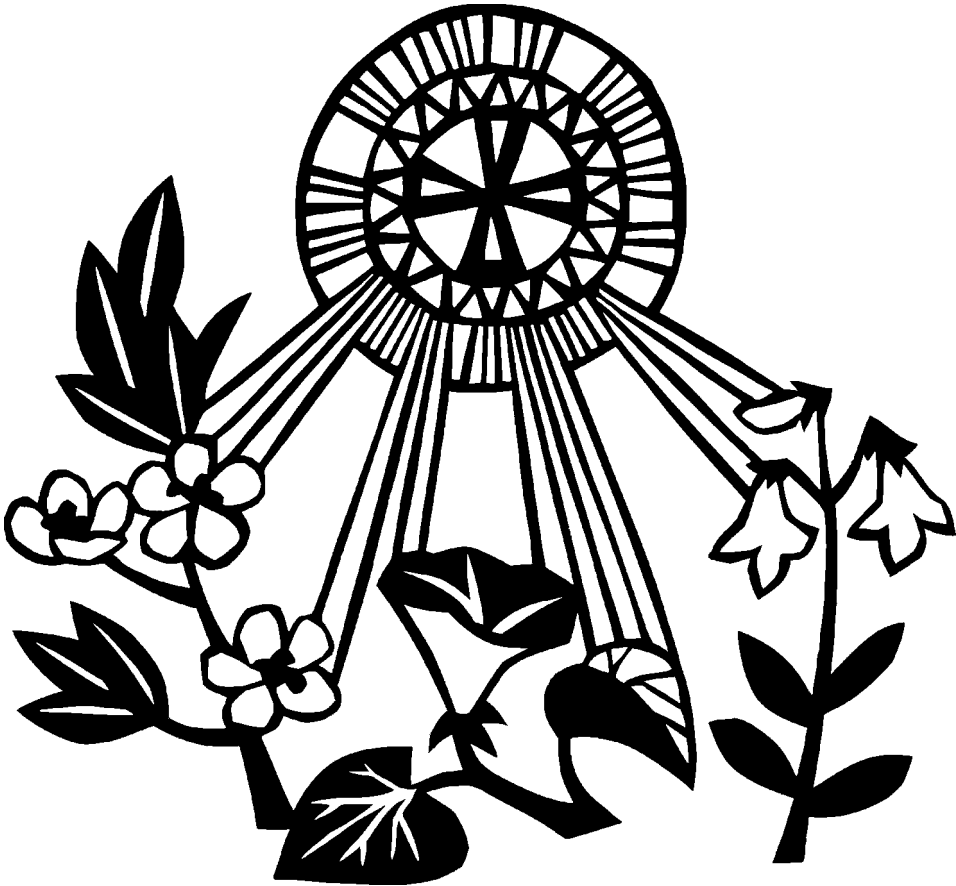


# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



May 10, 2026  
8 a.m.

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
East High and South Bedford Streets, Carlisle, Pennsylvania  
Church Office: (717) 249-3310  
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*We worship, welcome, witness, teach and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Welcome!** We are happy you are here as we gather to be forgiven, fed and blessed by God for mission in the world.

**We especially welcome our guests – thank you for joining us this morning!** Please feel free to ask the usher or a neighbor in your pew if you have any questions about the service or our building. We invite you to provide your name and contact information using one of the blue cards in the pew rack. You may place the card in the offering box or give it to the pastor. Please join us again soon!

**We will be celebrating the sacrament of holy communion this morning.** We believe that in the bread and wine of holy communion we are offered the gift of Christ's body and blood. We welcome all baptized Christians to our Lord's table, where we are united with the saints of every time and every place.

Please come forward via the center aisle. Pick up a glass at the head of the aisle. **Starting at the baptismal font (left) side and filling in across to the pulpit (right) side,** please stand at the communion rail. After communing (**gluten-free wafers are available upon request**), return to your seat via a side aisle, placing your glass on the empty tray located there. Those not communing are encouraged to come forward for a blessing. **If you have not yet recorded communion during this calendar year,** please complete a communion card (available in the pew rack) and place it in the offering box.

**We invite and encourage children of all ages to be present in worship!** Children's bulletins and activity bags are available at the High Street and Atrium entrances to the nave. If your little one needs a break during the service, you are welcome to go to our **nursery**. Exit the nave via the door to the Atrium (left front of nave by the baptismal font). Walk through the Atrium to the Christian Education wing. The nursery is the first room on the left. Worship is broadcast over a speaker in the nursery.

**Everything you will need for this service,** with the exception of the hymns, is included in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW). **Large print bulletins and hymns are also available.**

**Offering** may be placed in the box on the table at the center of the nave. Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

**\*Indicates to please stand if you are able.**

**☒—congregational response**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✝ Gathering ✝**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen**
- P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

**\*Apostolic Greeting and Prayer of the Day**

- 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.**

- ❏ 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**

A reading from Acts. 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 and find 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.”

❏ The word of the Lord.

❏ **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 66:8-20** *Read responsively. light print - lector; bold print - congregation*

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.**

Come and listen, all you who believe, and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

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

A reading from First Peter. Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 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, 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, 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. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 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, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 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. 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, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

℣ The word of the Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

## **\*Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21**

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

Ⓢ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

**\*Hymn of the Day ELW 804** *Come Down, O Love Divine*

**\*Nicene Creed**

Ⓐ Let us profess the faith of the church.

Ⓢ **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

**\*Prayers**

- A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.  
*Each petition concludes:* **A** Merciful God, **C** **receive our prayer.**
- P** 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.
- C** **Amen**

**\*Sharing of Christ's Peace**

- P** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

*Please exchange the peace with those around you, saying: "Peace be with you" or responding "and also with you," as you offer a handshake or hug, nod, bow, or offer the peace sign. Please remain standing.*

**\*Offertory Prayer**

- A** Let us pray. 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**

**✠ Meal ✠**

**\*The 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 our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### **\*Eucharistic Prayer and Lord's Prayer**

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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

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

**P** Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own

gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**☩ Amen. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

**\*Invitation to Communion**

**☩** Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

**\*Lamb of God**

**☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen**

**Distribution** (*Please see detailed instructions in front of bulletin.*)

**✠ Sending ✠**

**\*Post-Communion Blessing and Prayer**

**☩** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**☩ Amen**

**A** Let us pray. 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,

**☩ Amen**

## \*Blessing

☐ 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. ☑ **Amen**

\*Sending Hymn ELW 449 *We Know That Christ Is Raised*

## \*Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

☑ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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## ✝ Serving in Worship ✝

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Lisa M. Leber

**Preacher:** The Rev. Richard G. Lorenz

**Assisting Minister:** Hope Miller

**Cantor:** Dr. Stan Wicks

**Lector:** David Fitzsimons

**Communion Setup/cleanup:** Bill Gillingham

**Usher/greeter:** Tracy Stritch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

+**Chancel flowers are given** in loving memory of Mary R. Miller and Gladys E. Orner by Sam and Robin Orner.

+**Attendance: Sunday, May 3**, 8 a.m.: 30, 10:30 a.m.: 97 (127)

## PRAYER LIST

Ally	Carl & Lisa Dillman	Harry Kline
Bill & Rita	Alissa Faris	Kay, Ron & Donnie Parsons
Cindy & Eric	Carol Gainor	Jim Schade
Cooper	Gene Glavin	Kristin Shaffer
Dan	Paul Hartman	Alecia Staley
John & Pat	Keith Houtz	Keith & Mary-Alice Williamson
Matthew	Pat Hummel	
Jay Chestnut	Janet Jacobs	

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Today		Holy Communion	10:30 a.m.
Mon.	May 11	Offering Counters – <i>room 16</i>	9:30 a.m.
Tues.	May 12	LWR Quilting Group – <i>room 18</i>	9:30-11 a.m.
		Overeaters Anonymous – <i>room 17</i>	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	May 13	Alcoholics Anonymous – <i>room 17</i>	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	May 14	Staff Meeting	1:30 p.m.
		Bell Choir – <i>room 25</i>	6 p.m.
		Alcoholics Anonymous – <i>room 17</i>	6:30 p.m.
		Chancel Choir – <i>Choir room (lower level)</i>	7-8:15 p.m.
Sat.	May 16	Marge Knox funeral and luncheon	11 a.m.
		AA Women’s Big Book Study – <i>room 17</i>	10 a.m.
Sun.	May 17	Holy Communion	8 and 10:30 a.m.

**+All people interested in being received as new members of First Lutheran** are asked to attend orientation on Sunday, June 7, from 6-8 p.m. in the Atrium. Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran transferring from another congregation, new to our denomination, or somewhere in between, you will find the introduction to our congregation and review of basic Lutheranism helpful. **New members will be received during Fellowship Sunday worship at 9:15 a.m. on June 14.** Please be in touch with Pastor Leber for more information or to sign up at [pastor@firstlutherancarlisle.org](mailto:pastor@firstlutherancarlisle.org) or (717) 215-6055.

**+Our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellowship Sunday will be on Sunday, June 14!** We will have a joint holy communion service at 9:15 a.m. followed by breakfast in the Martin Luther Room. Folks will be able to sign up to bring breakfast items beginning next Sunday.

**+Share Hope. Save Lives.** Our long-time missionaries, Dr. Steven and Jodi Swanson, have just opened Tanzania's first pediatric clinic, the Arusha Pediatric & Maternity Centre. Jodi will be stateside for a week this June to update First Lutheran and other supporting congregations about the amazing work being done to care for children as well as pregnant mothers. While she is here, we would like to present Jodi with a generous check to help purchase needed equipment for the APMC such as beds/cribs, oxygen concentrators, otoscopes/ophthalmoscopes, monitors, and IV pumps. **To date we have raised \$1,375 toward our goal of \$5,000 for this wonderful cause.** Please help us meet (or exceed!) this goal by making a donation identified for "Arusha Pediatric".

Pastor Leber will be hosting a gathering at her home from **5-7 p.m. Friday, June 12**, for informal conversation with Jodi (i.e., guests can drop in as able). At a designated time (TBA), Jodi will make a more formal presentation to those gathered. Light refreshments will be served.

**+Calling all bread bakers!** After a long hiatus, this summer we will resume our pre-pandemic practice of using loaves of bread for communion on Sunday mornings. We will need smaller loaves of bread for 8 a.m. and "regular-sized" loaves (baked in 9" pan or similarly sized if free-form) for 10:30 a.m. *Bakers should use a recipe for leavened white bread that is not crusty or crumbly.*

Please let Robin Orner, office manager, know if you can help - the more bakers, the better!

**+JOIN US FOR SEASON 2 OF *THE CHOSEN***, the dramatic series based on the life of Jesus. On **Wednesday evenings in June and July**, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. in our "theater" in room 16 to view one episode (run time from 30-50 minutes) and then spend some time in conversation facilitated by Pastor Leber, wrapping up with a brief evening prayer service.

You can catch up on Season 1 on several platforms and streaming services, including <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> (free) and Amazon Prime.

While the series is telling a story, each episode also stands on its own, so feel free to come when you can.