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IN HIM WE LIVE  
I AM IN THE FATHER AND  
AND MOYE AND  
YOU ARE IN ME and I AM IN YOU  
HAVE OUR BEING  
A C T S 17:28 + J O H N 14:20

*"Solomon's Evangelical Lutheran Church, following the example of Jesus Christ, seeks to live in the confidence and fullness of God's grace; to preach the Good News boldly and truthfully; to support and serve others in faith; to work in harmony with all creation."*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 10, 2026

**May 10, 2026**  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*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.*

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ORGAN PRELUDE** *Introduction, Chorale, and Andante from "Partita on Hyfrydol" - Charles Callahan*

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES**

**\*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.**

**\*GATHERING SONG *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (ELW 392)**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

**\*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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW 382) Vs 1**



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *For Where Love Is, There Is God* - Douglas E. Wagner

## **FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31**

A reading from Acts.

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<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.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

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

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

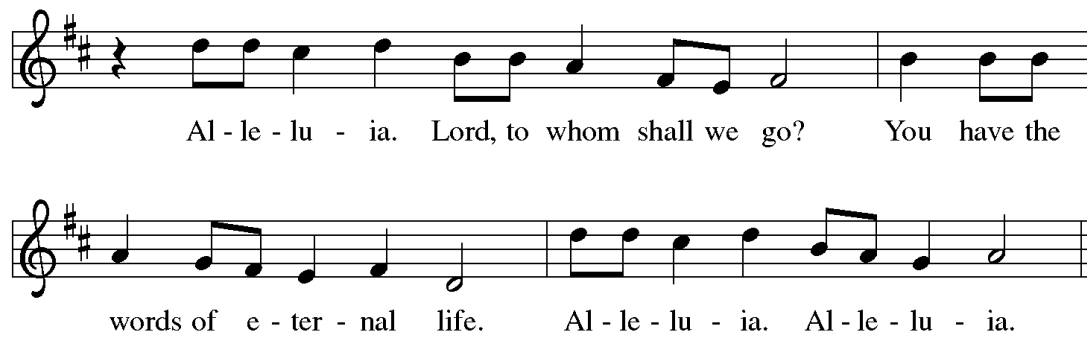
- <sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

[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.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Rev. Julia Brown

\*Please stand as you are able for the final verse

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* (ELW 404)



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
from his pas - tures stray; Lead us in ho - li -  
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.  
Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINES, German folk tune, 15th cent.

Please join me as we confirm our faith together in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**\*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 THE CHURCH** (*Please respond.*)

P: Merciful God, C: receive our prayer.

**\*PEACE**

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

**\*OFFERTORY** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* (ELW 686)



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.  
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray:  
Gracious God,  
**in the abundance of your steadfast love, you  
call us from death to life,  
from silence to speech,  
from idleness to action.**  
**With these gifts we  
offer ourselves to you,  
and with the Church through all the ages  
we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

O God of justice and love,  
we give thanks to you that you illumine our way  
through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others,  
and at the end bring all the world to your feast;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom,  
with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**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.**

### **\*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 SONG *Let All Things Now Living* (ELW 881)**



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
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**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER**

**POSTLUDE** Let All Things Now Living - Dale Wood

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The altar flowers** this morning are placed to the glory of God.

**Welcome Visitors!** We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

**Any pastoral care or concerns can be addressed to Pastor Julia Brown** by email to [pastor@solomonslutheran.org](mailto:pastor@solomonslutheran.org) or phone 703-434-9220.

**Prayer requests for the following:** *Eva Stahl, Amy Eichelberger, Paul Steiding, Clif Rau, Dennis Hose, Sam Brooks, Kaitlyn Dovey, Patsy Wildeson, James Bersch, Kristen Hardman, Charles Carl, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, all the Homebound, and our world & country. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.*

**Please Be Aware:** *We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.*

**Weekly Calendar Reminders:**

- May 11 - Council 7pm
- 12 - Social Ministry 7pm  
Christian Ed 7pm
- 13 - Qigong/Tai Chai 7pm
- 14 - Choir 7pm

**Pentecost Sunday is May 24.** It is a beloved tradition to wear red on that day.

**The Power Pack Program ends in May.** Social Ministry thanks all who participated in this ministry to help those in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Social Ministry thanks all those who participated in the paper drive for Maranatha Food Pantry.** We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**AC&T, CO. INC, our propane supplier, has made available to members of Solomon's, 4 season tickets to the Hagerstown Flying Boxcars Baseball Team, for all home games.** Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please call Ron Coldsmith.

**Bible Study - Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the fellowship center conference room.**  
May 20 - The Gospel of John.

**Qigong/Tai Chi Class - Wednesdays at 7:00pm at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room.** This is an open class. All movement is done standing. Sitting can be an option. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

**If you are not taking your altar flowers home,** please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

**The 2026 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room.** Please sign up for as many as you can.

**The 2026 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room.** The cost of the two vases will be \$60.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$60.00 with the bulletin information.

### **Music Notes/Hymn Notes:**

Our Gathering Song this morning, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” was written by William C. Dix in 1866 as a Eucharistic hymn for Ascension Sunday. It is also commonly used during the Easter season as we are doing today. While lying bedridden with a near fatal illness, Dix was able to write these words to this joyful hymn of victory. Inspired by the words of Revelation to sing a new song (Revelation 5:9), this hymn invites us to lift our voices and praise the ascended Christ who remains with us today. The hymn was originally titled “Redemption through the Precious Blood.” The tune used is known as “Hyfrydol,” which was composed by Roland Prichard, a Welsh musician, in 1844, when he was 20 years old. Several other hymns in our current hymnal use the tune “Hyfrydol.” They are: 585, 631, and 707. Once again, we open our worship service today with another meaningful and uplifting hymn for the Easter season, which is drawing to a close in another week.. (Wikipedia; and Dianaleaguematthews.com).

Katherine K. Davis (1892-1980) wrote the text for our sending hymn, “Let All Things Now Living” specifically for the tune ASH GROVE in the 1920s. The text was first published as an anthem and descant setting in 1939 under the name John Crowley, one of several pseudonyms she used. A fine song of praise and thanksgiving, it employs Old Testament images, calling forth praise from all creatures, directing that praise to God, our Creator (vs.1). In vs. 2, we join our voices with the entire universe in a song of “hosanna and praise.” This hymn became increasingly popular, partly due to the memorable Welsh tune, ASH GROVE. It appears in many hymnals today. (hymnary.org; Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins, Austin C. Lovelace, pg. 61)

This morning’s prelude is based on our opening hymn, using the tune “Hyfrydol.” It begins with a quiet introduction to the hymn, leading into the melody of the hymn. The next movement is much freer in style, with ornamentation on the melody throughout. Charles Callahan included in his notes that the piece was written in “homage to J.S. Bach.