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Gathering Music	"Organ Meditations"	organ
Welcome & Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness		
Gathering Song	"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"	ELW 582
Greeting		
Prayer of the Day		

### WORD

First Reading	Acts 17:22-31	
Psalm	Psalm 66:8-20	
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
Children's Word	Loved	
Gospel	John 14:15-21	
Sermon	A Sermon For Today	
Hymn of the Day	"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"	ELW 735
Nicene Creed		
Prayers of Intercession		

### MEAL

Gathering of Gifts		
Offering Prayer		
Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Words of Institution		
The Lord's Prayer		ELW p. 154
Distribution		
Post Communion Blessing		

### SENDING

Blessing		
Sending Song	"We Know That Christ is Raised"	ELW 449
Dismissal		
Sending Music	"Christ is Alive"	organ


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*Mother's Day*

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Kyrie		ELW p. 147
Canticle of Praise	"Glory to God"	ELW p. 148
Prayer of the Day		
Musical Offering	"Get Up"	Sunday School Choir
Children's Hymn	"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"	ELW 535, vs. 1
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Musical Offering	"Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"	Blessings
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### Sign Language Interpreter:

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## Welcome to Our Contemporary Service!

Gate of Life is a service that will impact you musically, visually, and with the power of God's Word and Jesus' salvation as its backbone. **The name "Gate of Life" comes from the scripture John 10:9-10**, where Jesus says: *"I am the gate ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* Expect worship to be highly engaging through the use of images, music that moves the body and soul, a message that encourages all to participate, and a community focused atmosphere with Christ at the center.

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May 10th, 2026  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Gospel	John 14:15-21
Sermon Title	A Sermon For Today

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**Preacher:** Rev. Lisa Hawe

**The Gate of Life Worship Leader:** Michele Nyman

Do you enjoy The Gate of Life?

**WE INVITE YOU TO VOLUNTEER!**

If you would like to be a part of the Gate of Life service in a musical way, helping with visuals, or behind the scenes work, please contact Michele Nyman at [nyman@bethellutheran.com](mailto:nyman@bethellutheran.com).

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1. Celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday (and always on a Thursday), **Ascension Day** commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven as told in the Gospel of Luke and recorded in the first chapter of Acts. The risen Christ ascends into heaven, and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. Join us for this celebration on **Thursday, May 14th at 6 pm in the Sanctuary.**
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3. **The Spring Rummage Sale is on Friday, May 15th** 7:30 am - 2 pm, bag sale 2:15 - 4 pm. Coffee, cinnamon rolls, cookies, bars, and a BBQ lunch for purchase. We accept furniture in good condition, spring/summer clothing, books, etc. Please do not bring computers, TVs, curtain rods/blinds, lighting or plumbing fixtures, microwaves, or out-of-season clothing. **DONATIONS** may be brought on Wednesday, May 13th, from 4 - 8 pm, or Thursday, May 14th, from 8 am - 4 pm to Bethel Hall using the loading dock door or the south door of the church. Bring furniture and books to the Narthex (south door). Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful event. All monies go to help support charities.

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- SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, 2026 -

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