

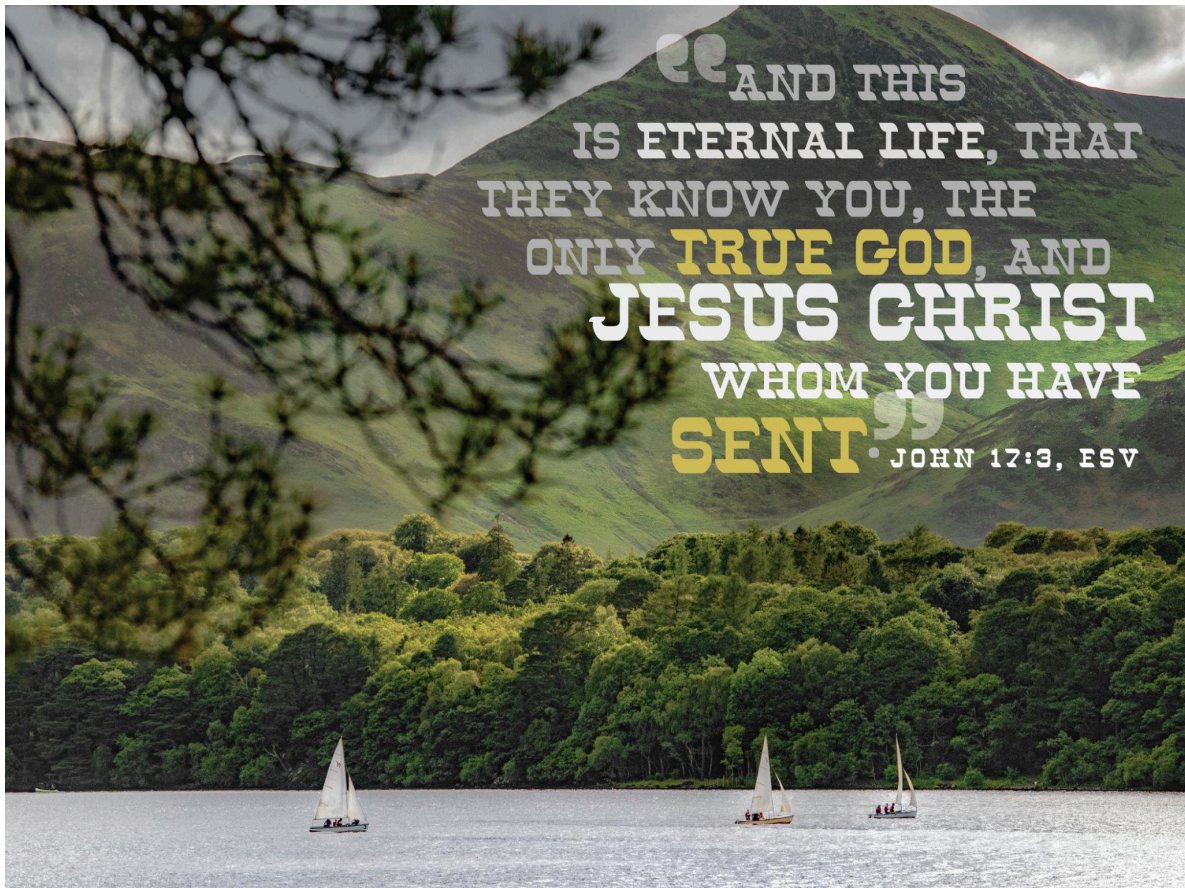
5.17.2026

10:00 am



7th Sunday of Easter

*Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.*



### **Today's Worship Theme**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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*Greeter: TBD  
Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff  
Altar Guild: Beth Reavis  
Coffee Host: TBD*

*If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.*

✠ **GATHER** ✠

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For up-to-date info, see the “Grace Happenings” Thursday e-newsletter and our website’s monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).



**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY MOMENT**

*Jennifer Davis*

**PRELUDE**

*We rise.*

**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. 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.**

*We rise.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**  
*Please share a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **GATHERING HYMN**

*"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"*

*ELW 393*

## **GREETING**

*Assisting Minister: TBD*

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.**

## **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.**

*Be seated.*

✠ **WORD** ✠

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.*

## **A READING FROM Acts 1:6-14**

*Lector: Cinda Williamson*

*Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure*

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."  
*(CONT.)*

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35** *Read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## **A READING FROM 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*God will sustain and restore those who suffer.*

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

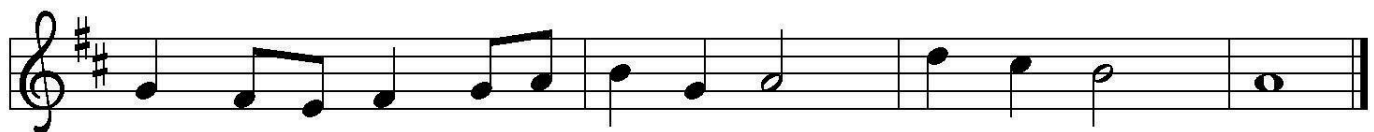
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*We rise.*

### **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.

## **GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11**

*Christ's prayer for his disciples*

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Pastor Steve Troisi*

*We rise.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"*

*ELW 403*

## NICENE CREED

We profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed. **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.**

*We kneel.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:*  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



Be seated.

✠ MEAL ✠

## **OFFERING SONG**

“O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

*O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,  
O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee: I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.*

*O Joy, O Joy, O Joy that seeks me through the pain,  
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.*

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We rise.

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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, **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

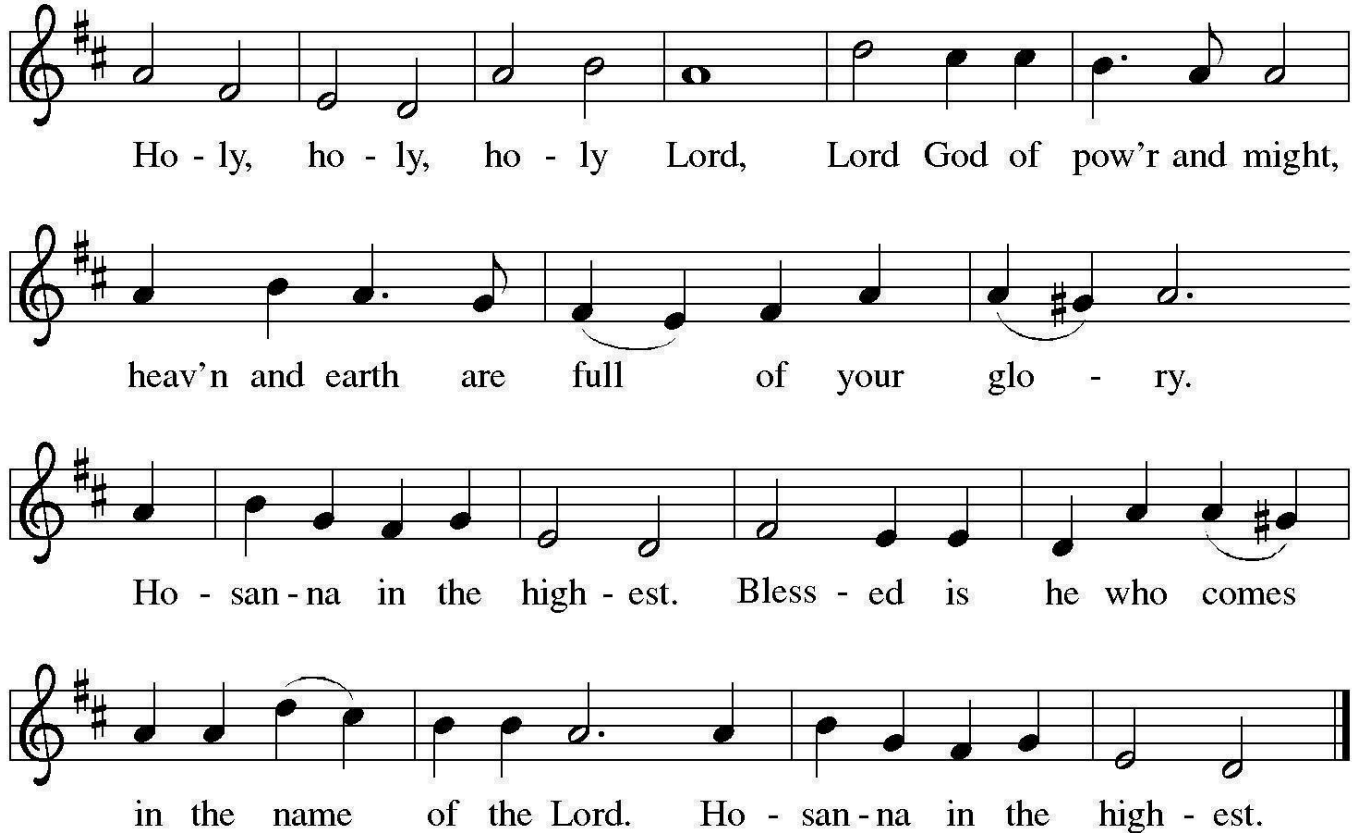
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."



## 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Communion Assistant: TBD*

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion at the head of the aisle. You'll receive bread first (gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you. On the first and third Sundays, healing prayers are offered in the Chapel.*

## COMMUNION SONG (See p. 154 in ELW.)

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*"As the Grains of Wheat"*

*ELW 465*

*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"*

*ELW 484*

*We rise.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

## 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

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*ELW 855*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

<p><b><u>CHANCEL FLOWERS</u></b>          Are given to the glory of God          and in memory of Beth Mueller          by Carolyn Witt.</p>	<p><b><u>SANCTUARY LAMP</u></b>          Is burning to the glory of God          and in joyous celebration          for the birth and baptism of          Betty Burkhart          by Duane &amp; Ruth Daggett.</p>
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**READINGS FOR MAY 24**

Acts 2:1-21 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 | John 20:19-23

**GIVING REPORT**

Giving September 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026

April Giving	April Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$18,252.00	\$33,333.33	\$256,891.84	\$266,666.64



During the month of May, we will be running our annual Grace Stewardship Drive. Please take a moment as a household to fill out a **2026-2027 Household Financial Pledge Card**. And as an individual, complete the **2026-2027 Individual Time and Talent Pledge Card**.

In the “Grace Happenings” weekly e-newsletter you will see links to each of these forms so you can complete them digitally. If you prefer, paper copies are available in the narthex. Please reach out to the Stewardship Committee (Kristie Evans, Alan Hauser, James Holden and Wayne Powell) or the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you!