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**May they be one,  
as we are one**

**JOHN 17:11**

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**  
**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*Congregation please stand*

**OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP**    *(Ascension of our Lord)*

P: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

**C: for God reigns over all the earth!**

P: God has gone up with a shout!

**C: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!**

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## PREPARING

### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God has opened to us the gates of righteousness  
that we may enter through them.

Confident in God's love, let us confess our sin.

**C** **Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit  
we have been raised from the waters of baptism  
to share in your glorious resurrection.  
Yet we have not lived as Easter people.  
We are unsure of your promise,  
confused about your will,  
and afraid in the face of danger.  
Like Mary, we weep at the tomb,  
but do not recognize your presence.  
Call us by name, risen Lord,  
that we may know you with confidence.  
Whenever we are tempted to fear death,  
give us courage to confess your Easter victory.  
Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts,  
Keep our minds on your reconciling love.  
Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil,  
reveal again to us your triumph  
over the destructive powers of oppression.  
Forgive our sin  
and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation,  
through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

P God who raised Jesus from the dead  
has not given us over to death.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven.  
Amen.

**Gathering Hymn**

***“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

**ELW 504**

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no c - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

**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.

## Kyrie

*Congregation will sing all of the Kyrie in unison.*

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## Prayer of the Day

**Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### First Reading

**Isaiah 45: 1-7**

- <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I have grasped  
 to subdue nations before him  
 and to strip kings of their robes,  
 to open doors before him—  
 and the gates shall not be closed:
- <sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
 and level the mountains;  
 I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
 and cut through the bars of iron;
- <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
 and riches hidden in secret places,  
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob  
 and Israel my chosen,  
 I call you by your name;  
 I give you a title, though you do not know me.
- <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
 besides me there is no god.  
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
- <sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 21: 1-7



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<sup>1</sup>The king rejoices in your | strength, O LORD;  
how greatly he exults | in your victory!  
<sup>2</sup>**You have given him his | heart's desire;**  
**you have not denied him the request | of his lips.**  
<sup>3</sup>For you meet him with blessings | of prosperity,  
and set a crown of fine gold up- | on his head.  
<sup>4</sup>**He asked you for life, and you gave | it to him:**  
**length of days, forev- | er and ever.**  
<sup>5</sup>His honor is great, because | of your victory;  
splendor and majesty you be- | stow upon him.  
<sup>6</sup>**For you will give him ever- | lasting blessings**  
**and will make him glad with the joy | of your presence.**  
<sup>7</sup>For the king puts his trust | in the LORD;  
because of the lovingkindness of the Most High, he | will not fall.

**Second Reading****Acts 1: 6-14**

<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.”

<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.

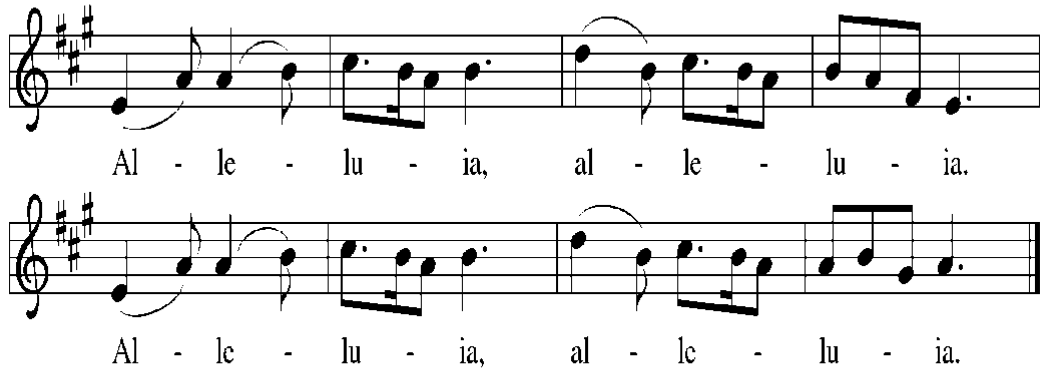
Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation please stand*

# Gospel Acclamation

## *Celtic Alleluia*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style with eighth and quarter notes, some beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllable placement under the notes.

*Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.*

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Verse: The stone which the builders rejected,  
becomes the cornerstone chosen.  
Praise the work of God  
for this marvel in our eyes.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 17: 1-11

<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.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Jennifer**

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Thine the Amen”*

**ELW 826**

## Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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## **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.**

## **Sign of Peace**

**P The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C And also with you.**

## Prayers of Intercession

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world.

*A brief silence.*

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus.....God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made.....God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity..God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. We pray for Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Ron, Chuck, Jessie, Helen, Carol, Millie, Lillian, Marian, Peggy, Glenn, Lisa and Sandy.....God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

You have given to your church the inheritance of faith in Christ alone, and bestowed your Spirit's love upon us to make us one in you. Help us to grow in strength and courage to witness to this hope: that all may find your saving love eternally in Christ.....God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give.....God of Resurrection,  
**C hear our prayer.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Stewardship Snippet: John 17: 11 – “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.”**

In today’s gospel Jesus is preparing the disciples for a time when he is no longer with them. He’s counting on them and US to continue his mission.

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours; yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.” *From Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)*

**Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.**

**Offertory**

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### *Offering Song*



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.

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## MEAL

P Let us pray,

**C Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

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.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

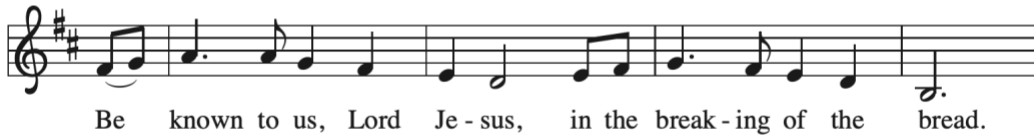
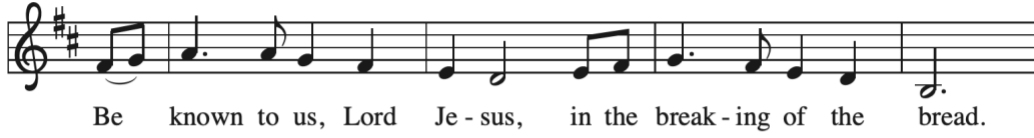
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Christ Lutheran Church**

## Be Known to us, Lord Jesus



## Holy Communion

*Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**ELW 856, 629, 608**

*Congregation please stand*

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



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,  
 2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:  
 till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,  
 till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 where Christ, the bless-ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

## Post Communion Prayer

P Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Charge

P God's Spirit is poured out upon us  
to make our hearts strong with love  
and bold with praise,  
that we may proclaim God's Son  
to the ends of the earth.

### Blessing

P May God, who creates, redeems, and sustains,  
keep you steadfast in faith, buoyant in hope,  
and abounding in love.  
And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

### Dismissal

P Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Sending Hymn**

***"Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand"***

**ACS 1024**

## Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

*Refrain*



*Kwa - ke*      *Ye - su*   *na - si - ma - ma,*      *ndi - ye*  
Here on      Je - sus   Christ   I will   stand.      He's the



*mwam - ba ni*   *sa - la - ma.*   *Ndi - ye*   *mwam - ba ni*   *sa - la -*  
sol - id rock   of my   life.   He's the   sol - id rock   of my



*ma,*      *ndi - ye*   *mwam - ba ni*   *sa - la - ma.*  
life.      He's the   sol - id rock   of my   life.



1 There's no   oth - er   place   I can   hide   till the  
2 It   is   not   the   work   of my   hands   that has  
3 When my   days   on this   earth are   done,   and I



storm that rag - es sub - sides.   My voice cries   to God from the  
washed a - way all my sins.   I'm re - deemed,   and all of my  
stand at God's ho - ly throne,   my heart will   not have an - y



*flood,*      and I'm   saved   be - cause   of his   blood.  
*days,*      Je - sus   Christ   will be   my heart's   praise.  
*fear;*      in Christ's   righ - teous - ness   I am   here.

*Refrain*

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P We at Christ Lutheran Church are  
C **God's called, Loved Children who serve.**  
P Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## **Prayer Concerns**

Shirley Hoffman, Pat Reich, Elyse Brown, Allan Imler, Sylvia Webb & the Indian Mobile Mission, Join Hands, Loads of Love, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Brian Proctor, Joanne Reisinger, Jackie Maguire, Jack Smith, Cathy Cavanaugh, Charlotte Dyer, Rachelle Gilcrease, Roxy Huss, Karen Ersoz, Darlene Johnson, Ron & Marian Hoffman, Ron & Nancy Moore, Chuck Hoffman, Helen Huss, Jessie Frye, Carol & Glenn Shumaker, Millie Bell, Lillian Kistler, Hope Kominek, Matthew Landis, Peggy Paden, Chris Hope, Velma Wittlinger, Lindsey Melnick, Judy Moore, Donna Kistler, Kristen Gaisior, Charlene McBride, Gay Weller, Frank Valentine, Lisa Dubay, Shelly Hill, Samantha Moyer, David Siegfried, Sr., the family of Robert Caradonna, Jesse Clouser and Family, Sandy Morrison.

The Altar Flowers are Presented to the Glory of God  
By Clyde & Jean Tota.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Joe Abate  
Next Sunday – Ann Fleisher – Assisting Minister

Wine – Cindy Brookhart  
Next Sunday- Ann Fleisher

Grape Juice – Becky Yohe  
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

Altar Guild – Beverly Reifsnyder  
Next Sunday – Cindy Brookhart

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Next Sunday – Sandy Hoover, Terry Kuhn

Ushers – Team 2  
Ernie Meisel, Sue Masser, Kendra Masser

SUNDAY, May 17th, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship service – 11:00am – Holy Communion

Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

MONDAY, 18th, 2026

Website Taskforce – 5:30pm

TUESDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Bible Study – 1pm - Zoom

Promo/Marketing Task Force – 7pm – Zoom

WEDNESDAY, May 20th, 2026

AT Hiker Meal 5-7pm

THURSDAY, May 21st, 2026

LWR Quilters – 1:00pm

FRIDAY, May 22nd, 2026

SATURDAY, May 23rd, 2026

SUNDAY, May 24th, 2026

The Day of Pentecost

Worship service – 11:00 am - Holy Communion

Worship & Music Committee meeting following the service

Bible Study – 7:00pm – Zoom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Noisy Offering** – Today is Noisy Offering Sunday. This month our noisy offering will support United Lutheran Seminary (ULS) which celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. Over the years, Christ Lutheran has been blessed through the dedicated and faithful work of the seminary as many of our pastors have received their theological education from ULS (formerly Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg) including Pastor Jenn, Pastor Bob Wittlinger, Pastor Beth Martini, Pastor Dave Schreffler, Pastor Elaine Dent, Pastor Nancy Easton, and surely so many others! There are 52 students graduating from ULS this year who will be sent out to serve the mission of Christ and the work of the church faithfully. Our hope is to donate \$2.00 per graduate in support of the 2026 class - so our goal is \$104! We give thanks for all of those LTSG & ULS graduates who have served Christ Lutheran over these many years and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and bless the work of the seminary into the future.

**Worship & Music Committee Meeting** – There will be a short meeting next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service.

**Harshbarger's May Fundraiser** – This fundraiser offers a way to enjoy some of the delicious food you've eaten at Harshbarger's in the convenience of your own home! (Ice cream excluded.) You are able to order from a variety of subs, sandwiches, salads, pizzas, homemade bread, pies, sticky buns and apple dumplings. You will also be able to purchase gift cards that can be used when you go to Harshbarger's in person. Please see Becky Yohe for an order form. Orders & payment are due May 17<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Ministry Project for May & June** – We will be collecting the following items for the Duncannon Senior Center: toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, dish soap, cleaning supplies, shampoo, body or hand lotion.

**Field Trip to CLC Harrisburg** - On Tuesday, May 26, you are invited to join us as we visit the historic Christ Lutheran Church in Harrisburg to learn more about their medical and dental clinics which are offered on site through the church's ministry to serve those in the local community. We will meet at 12:00 at Christ, Duncannon and travel together to Harrisburg. Our tour appointment is at 1:30. If you would like to join us for the tour, please RSVP to Pastor Jenn.

**May Meetings/Events**

May 17 – Harshbarger orders due.

May 19 – Promo/Marketing Task Force meeting – 7pm – Zoom

May 24 – Worship & Music meeting following the worship service.

May 26 – Bible Study – **11am** - Zoom

Visit to Christ Lutheran Church, Harrisburg to tour the medical & dental clinic.

Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom

May 28 – Harshbarger’s Delivery Day

**June Meeting/Events**

June 3 – AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

June 5&6 – Lower Susquehanna Synod Assembly.

June 8 – Finance Committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom.

June 10 - AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

June 11 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.

June 15 – CLC Book Club Discussion – 7pm – Zoom.

June 17 - AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

June 20 – Appalachian Trail Festival – 2-8pm in the Duncannon Square.

June 21 – NO Sunday evening Bible study.

June 23 – NO Tuesday afternoon Bible study.

June 24 - AT Hiker Spaghetti Dinner – 5-7pm.

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

**May 17, 2026**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**A Focus on Relationship**

The prayers of Jesus in today's reading come at the conclusion of what is called the "Farewell Discourse" in John's gospel, which takes place prior to Jesus' arrest in the garden. In this discourse Jesus repeatedly emphasizes themes of relationship, mutual love, and service as he teaches, gives final instructions, and prays for the disciples.

In John, more than in the other three gospels, *relationship* is the ultimate focus of the life of faith. Jesus' mission on earth is to bring people into knowledge of and relationship with God the Father. Jesus exemplifies perfect relationship with the Father and wants all people to know this same intimacy with God. He also prays that his disciples might live in such a loving and mutual relationship with one another. Moreover, he prays that we might be one, so that our unity reflects the unity of the Father and the Son.

Our relationship with God is strengthened and refreshed in faith communities that worship together, attend to each other's needs, and serve others and creation in acts of love and compassion. In the Bantu languages and philosophy of Africa, *ubuntu* refers to the moral conviction that "I am because you are," or "I am because we are." Ubuntu recognizes that our well-being and our futures are bound up in the well-being and the future of others.

Christianity is a religion of relationship, not of self-efficacy. In an increasingly individualistic and fragmented world, our faith in Christ demonstrates a bold witness to the power and beauty of community. How might Jesus be leading us and the church in this subversive work? How might mutual love and interdependence be signs of our faith, forging a path of healing for our broken world?

