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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 17, 2026**

\* Stand as you are able

## **GATHERING**

### **INVOCATION \***

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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, in the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN\***

ELW # 393 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

### **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.**

## **KYRIE\*** (pages 138-139 in front of hymnal)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the lord.

### **Lord have mercy.**

For his holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen**

## **Hymn of Praise\***- Pages 139-140 in front of hymnal

### **Prayer of the Day .**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

### **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.

**P: The Word of the Lord:**

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 68:1-10, 32-35**

<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 <sup>1</sup> 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!**

## **1 Peter 4:2-14; 5:6-11**

<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 in so far 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.

**P: The Word of the Lord**

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation \* (pg. 142 sing together)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia

## **P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 17:1-11\***

### **C: 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.”

**P: The Gospel of the Lord: C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day \***

ELW #475 “Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”

**The Apostles’ Creed \*** (Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

**Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer  
Petitions**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Response P: Merciful God. C: Receive our Prayer

### **Sharing the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**  
(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

### **Offering Hymn \***

ELW # 182 "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

### **Offering Prayer \***

**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 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.**

## **MEAL**

### **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.**

### **The Preface \***

P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** (pg. 144 ELW)

### **The Words of Institution\***

### **The Lord's Prayer \***

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## **Hymn**

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## **Distribution**

## **Communion Hymn**

ELW # 604 “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”

# **SENDING**

## **Communion Blessing \***

### **Prayer After Communion \***

**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 #855 “Crown Him with many Crowns”

### **Dismissal \***

**P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!**

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Redeemer Announcements

- Today's flowers are provided to the church in memory of Larry Weber.
- Today's Lector is Scott Lopas, and our ushers are Bruce and Lori Horst.
- Next week's Lector is Michelle Burton and our usher is Donna Lee.
- Pastor will be in the office on **Thursday May 21st** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office every **Thursday from 9am-12pm**.
- There is an Ecumenical Chapel Service at The Gardens **Thursday, May 21 at 1:30pm**
- Our next "Conversations with God" will be **May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

### Ministry Partners

- Special Giving for May is Casa Guadalupe
- Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday, May 30th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.
- Lincoln Elementary School

In the Nest:

- Casa Guadalupe English Language Learners "ELL" meets Monday & Wednesdays from 6-7:30PM.
- Al-Anon Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Girl Scouts meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

### The Needs of Our Partners:

#### Lincoln Elementary School.

**Snacks** include: Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, and Granola Bars.. **NO NUTS**  
**Food Drive/Pantry:** cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods and mac and cheese with cheese sauce.

#### Casa Guadalupe

**Snacks** Kid snacks – **NO NUTS**, Fruit cups, cereal, canned goods.  
**Other Items:** Books (gently used is okay), new toys.

See The Herald and the giving tree in the coffee area for these and other needs.

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS  
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**