

blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Service of Holy Communion:

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 God 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 in this glorious meal.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer:

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

Distribution of Holy Communion

Distribution Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ELW #810

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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:

P: 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.

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW #367

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C: Thanks be to God

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, May 17th, 2026; 9:30 am

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: 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.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: 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.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: 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.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* ELW #382

Call to Worship Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

P: Let God rise up; let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

C: As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.

P: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

C: Sing to God; sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds--his name is the LORD-- be exultant before him.

P: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

C: God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.

P: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah

C: the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

P: Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;

C: your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

P: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord,

C: O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

P: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.

C: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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 your children may be drawn into your bountiful dwelling. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

First Reading:

Acts 1:6-14

Janna Kloth

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost.

These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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." ¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When 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. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading:

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, 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. ¹³But 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. ¹⁴If 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.

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion, your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And 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. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

As We Seek Your Face

(See Below)

As we seek your face, May we know your heart, Feel your presence, acceptance, As we seek your face.

At your feet we fall, Sov'reign Lord. We cry holy, holy, At your feet we fall.

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Gospel Reading:

John 17:1-11

(After the reading is announced: C: Glory to you, O Lord.)

¹After 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, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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."

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.)

Children's Message

Pastor Daryl Schubert

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day:

Jesus Loves Me

ELW #595

Nicene Creed:

Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn:

We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: 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