

# *Ascension of Our Lord*

"These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled."



**May 17, 2026**

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome & Announcements

**Gathering Hymn**

**“We Are Called”**

**ELW #720**

Come, live in the light  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom  
To live in the freedom of the city of God

*Refrain:*

We are called to act with justice  
We are called to love tenderly  
We are called to serve one another  
To walk humbly with God

Come, open your heart  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more *Refrain*

Sing, sing a new song  
Sing of that great day when all will be one  
God will reign and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers united in love *Refrain*

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Call to Confession

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.      **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.      **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

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.**

**This is the Feast**

**vs 1,2&4**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

Detailed description: The image shows musical notation for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is the 'Refrain' and is marked with a treble clef and a common time signature. The lyrics 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff begins with a new line of lyrics: '1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb'. The fourth staff continues with 'who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.' The word 'Refrain' is written at the bottom right of the page.



2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Adult Choir

“I Am Your Child” – Heather Sorenson

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

## Psalm: Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

## Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.





1. Lord, for God's com - ing king - dom shall be theirs.

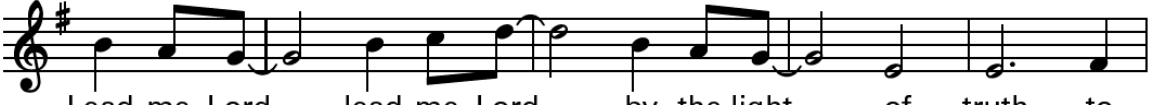


1. Bless - ed are the sor - row - ing, for they shall be con -



1. soled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain



Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to



seek and to find the nar-row way. Be my way;



be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, to -



day. day. And lead me, Lord, to - day.

2 Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
and the pure in heart shall see their God.  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
for I say they shall be satisfied. *Refrain*

3 Blest are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace,  
all will call them children of the Lord.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
for in heaven, great is your reward. *Refrain*

## **Blessing of 2026 Graduates – Presentation of Quilts (8:30)**

P: Congregation, let us pray for these parents and these young adults.

**C: Wherever you wander, may the warmth of this quilt, the fellowship of this Church, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the power of God, and the blessings of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. Go with God’s blessing. Amen.**

## **Apostles’ Creed (8:30)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Baptism of Alexander Rodriguez-Roth (10:30)**

*Alexander is the son of Armando Rodriguez Vazquez & Holle Rodriguez. His baptismal sponsors are Curtis Roth, and Luke & Amanda Windschitl. May God’s blessing be upon this child.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Alexander*, and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?      **C: We do.**



## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

Hymn (10:30)

“Jesus Loves Me!”

ELW #595 vs 1

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

*Refrain* Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.

### Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

### Sharing God's Peace

Offertory – The *Noisy Offering* today benefits the United Way Backpack Project.

### Offertory Hymn

### "We Are An Offering"

ELW #692

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff with a 7/8 time signature. It consists of seven lines of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering." There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the first, third, and seventh lines of music.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

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

## **Holy Communion**

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." For gluten-free wafers, ask the servers. If you desire to commune while seated, please sit near an aisle and let an usher know. We will bring communion to you. Children not yet communing are invited forward to receive a blessing. If you would like to have grape juice instead of wine, please hold up your index finger when you reach a communion server.*

**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.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *(We pray with these words, or the words closest to your heart.)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Communion Hymn**

**"You Are Mine"**

**ELW #581**

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."
  
- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."

*Refrain*

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

3 "I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

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## Communion Hymn

## "Build Us Up, Lord"

ELW #670

1 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
set in us a strong foundation.  
Lead us to do your holy will;  
form and shape your new creation.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
as we guide and teach each other,  
help us to share your love with the world:  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother.

### *Refrain*

Growing in Christ, we plant seeds for the kingdom;  
we follow in faith what's begun!  
Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your word  
to spread the news of your Son!

2 Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
let our lives reflect your glory.

Cast away all our doubts and fears;  
help us tell the world your story.  
Build us up, Lord, build us up;  
help us bear good fruit for you,  
Lord, give us vision and keep us sure.  
Grant us faith that's steadfast and true. *Refrain*

Text: Mark Glaeser, b. 1956, and Donna Hanna, b. 1952

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## Communion Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn

### “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**ELW #543 vs 1&3**

- 1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
- 3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

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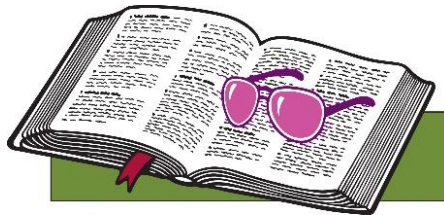
### Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***In Our Prayers This Week:***

Linda Brown, Russ Brown, Tanya Curran, Alex Fenske, Olivia Finden, Eloise Finstad,  
Marj Frederickson, Megan Schuetzle Furth, Brad Haynes, Gene Haynes, Marilyn Hudson,  
JJ Johnson, Mavis Jones, Roger Lund, Dyan Miller, George Putnam, Karyl Putnam,  
Verne Radloff, Sharon Riser, JoAnn Saffert, Marge Schmidt, Randy Schottle,  
Marilyn Stuckey, Denny Waloch



*Summer Worship  
Schedule*

Beginning on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24<sup>th</sup>, worship will be one  
service on Sundays at 9:00AM.



Cole Mitchell Frederick	Brent & DeAnn Frederick
Calleigh Evelyn Frederickson	Jason & Crystal Frederickson
Brynn June Gramentz	Patti Gramentz Eric Gramentz
Dirk Robert Haynes	Niki Hubert Jared Haynes
Lahni May Kaupa	Paul & Cortney Karels
Braxton Michael Kiecker	Michael & Shawna Kiecker
Isabel Kathryn Krenz	Jason & Katie Krenz
Lauren Elaine Kveno	Seth & Kristin Kveno
Kelsey Marie Landsteiner	Melissa Weber Jared Landsteiner
Sophia Kathleen Lund	Doug & Kathy Lund
Sophia Renee Netzke	Amy Keech Steve Netzke
Henry Carlin Oscarson	Kelly Neidecker Carlin Oscarson
Aubree Lauren Schmidt	Kelly & Sarah Schmidt
Kennedy Lyn Steele	Jason & Kari Steele
Brayden Gregory Wendinger	Greg & Amanda Wendinger
Jevin Allen Zamzow	Shannon Zamzow, Doris Zamzow Josh Jones



**Senior Pastor:** Kathleen Ulland-Klinkner  
**Education Ministries Coordinator:** Lindsay Medina  
**Business Administrator:** Lois Aufderheide  
**Director of Music Ministries:** Thomas Maidl

**Associate Pastor:** Amy Karlson  
**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman  
**Office Administrator:** Jen Geiger

**Pianist:** Tom Maidl, Jody Braulick  
**Deacon:** (8:30) Heidi Wilker  
**Acolytes:** (8:30) Lyla Krenz, August Kveno  
 (10:30) Avery Hillesheim, Brittney Lilleodden

**A/V:** Tom Kaehler  
 (10:30) Coryn Enck

**Communion Server:** (8:30) Joan Krikava (10:30) Marlene Ingebritson  
**Lector:** (8:30) Deb Kaehler (10:30)  
**Ushers:** (8:30) Dean Fischer (10:30)  
**P/P:** (8:30) (10:30)

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	<b>Weekly Offering</b>	<b>YTD Offering</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
<b>5/10</b> General Offering	\$ 6,560.00	\$ 196,811.62	\$ 197,910.65
<b>5/10</b> Building Fund	\$ 575.00	\$ 19,341.00	\$ 20,096.11
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,135.00</b>	<b>\$ 216,152.62</b>	<b>\$ 218,006.76</b>
<b>5/10</b> World Hunger	\$ 320.00	\$ 2,511.00	

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>8:30AM Sun.</b>	<b>10:30AM Sun.</b>
5/10/26	193	108