

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

THANK YOU for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

THANK OFFERING: Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

RESTROOMS are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

In His Word, God makes it clear that the Lord's Supper is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament. Page 156 in the front of Christian Worship provides a guide for preparation.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Sunday School Choir

Sing Hallelujah

Sing hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Sing hallelujah to Christ the Lord!
Sing hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Sing hallelujah to Christ the Lord!

Clap hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Clap hallelujah to Christ the Lord!
Clap hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Clap hallelujah to Christ the Lord!

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

Stomp hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Stomp hallelujah to Christ the Lord!
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Sing hallelujah for Jesus loves you! Sing hallelujah to Christ the Lord!
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Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

On Eagles' Wings

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, Who a -
 2 Snares of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
 3 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand To

bide in his shad - ow for life, Say to the Lord: "My
 fam - ine will bring you no fear; Un - der his wings your
 guard you in all of your ways; Up - on their hands they will

ref - uge, My rock in whom I trust!"
 ref - uge, His faith - ful - ness your shield.
 bear you up, Lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Refrain

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, Bear you on the



breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, And



hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1951, abr., alt.
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ON EAGLES' WINGS
Irregular

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Please stand if you are able

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,




but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.




O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

The Word

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, ¹⁶“Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

¹⁸“Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out.” ¹⁹(This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood.) ²⁰“Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

May his residence be deserted.

Let there be no one dwelling in it.

And, let someone else take his position.

²¹“Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

²³They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

²⁶Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12–17; 5:6–11

¹²Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

¹⁴If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand if you are able

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:18

Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 17:1–11a

¹After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ²For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

⁶“I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹“I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

CW 446



1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
 3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
 4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
 5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then



now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
 life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
 hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
 I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
 be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view



rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
 shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
 grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
 that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
 God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this



night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?
 death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
 Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.
 flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; (sts. 1–3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 4): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (st. 5): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.

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SERMON

1 Peter 5:6-11

“Remain Firm in the Faith!”

Please stand if you are able

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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

Please be seated as we prepare the altar for Holy Communion

Please stand if you are able

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.**

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

500 Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

CW 500



1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy



hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and



ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

5 As he of old deceived the world
and into sin and death has hurled,
so now he subtly lies in wait
to undermine both Church and state.

6 A roaring lion, round he goes,
no halt nor rest he ever knows;
he seeks the Christians to devour
and slay them by his dreadful pow'r.

7 But watchful is the angel band
that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
to guard his people where they go
and break the counsel of the foe.

8 O Lord, awaken songs of praise
for angel hosts that guard our days;
teach us to serve you and adore
as angels do forevermore.

Text: Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560, abr.; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–1569; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.
Tune: Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg, Wittenberg, 1543, ed. Joseph Klug
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776 With the Lord Begin Your Task

CW 776



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, praise and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task is thus be - gun with the Sav - ior's bless - ing,



For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; he is your sal - va - tion.
in his prom - is - es con - fide and no ill can harm you.
safe - ly then your course will run, naught your soul dis - tress - ing.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, and, when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose in the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where while you here must wan - der;



in his name then close your eyes; be to him com - mend - ed.
save you from the tempt - er's might, with his pres - ence cheer you.
who in wis - dom tru - ly knows how to stem dis - as - ter.
you at last the joy will share in the man - sions yon - der.

Text: Morgen- und Abend-segen, Waldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
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Please stand if you are able



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



Please be seated

510 In Christ Alone

CW 510



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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