

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

COMMUNITY LIFE

ELCIC Day of Action events:

- This month, we're gathering a Spring Food Hamper for the Interfaith Food Bank
- May 31 at 1:45 pm – meet at the church and then head out to for Spring carolling with some of our homebound members and friends.

INTRODUCTION

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG "Shout to the Lord" ELW 821 – piano, bass, guitar, cajon

(Sing twice. Second verse "Our" and modulate to Bb and repeat last line – music in A & Bb in binder)



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

Our our



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

our we



My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

Our our



let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

we are



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

We



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

we'll we'll



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

we

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people,
Christ has completed the work of salvation,
reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.
Through Christ, we are made one with God.

In life, death, and resurrection,
Christ guides us into life with God here and now.
Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving,
Christ draws us together as the people of God,
diverse members of the one body.
**Through Christ, we are made one with God
and one another.**

So, come, let us worship God
who saves us into eternal life
with God and one another!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

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<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/stories-that-matter/week-6-seventh-sunday-of-easter-year-a/week-6-seventh-sunday-of-easter-year-a-liturgical-resources>

"What the Lord Has Done" (binder)

1 7 Let the weak say I am strong. 7 Let the
2 In - to the riv - er I will wade. 7 There my
3 7 I will rise from wa - ters deep in - to the

poor say I am rich. Let the blind say I can see. It's what the
sins are washed a - way. From the heav-en's mer - cy stream 7 of the
sav - ing arms of God. I will sing sal - va - tion songs. 7 Je - sus

Refrain

Lord has done in me. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na to the Lamb
Sav - ior's love for me. Christ has set me free.

that was slain. Ho - san-na, ho - san - na, Je - sus died and rose a - gain.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

It is our delight to pray. 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.**

The congregation is seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:6-14

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.

A reading from Acts 1.

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 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. 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Alleluia" NTF

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

Today's gospel reading and sermon are prepared and shared by Rev. Margaret Koizumi, Lutheran Campus Ministry Chaplain, Synod of Alberta and the Territories Assistant to the Bishop .

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

"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. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, 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. 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. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 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

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Be Glorified" ELW 744



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

APOSTLES' CREED

We join God's people throughout the world in affirming our faith:

**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.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of life, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. With grateful hearts, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

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 life, **pour out your love.**

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 life, **pour out your love.**

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 life, **pour out your love.**

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 especially Alice, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Karen, Janet C, Janet D, Dave, Tiffany, Corrie, Alice, Patrick, Joel and Ellen, Linda H, Carol, Murray, Shirley J., Derek, Isobel, Shirley K., Hugh and Ally, Jim N., Donna, Clayton and Margaret, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Ray, Doreen, Alan T, and those we name silently now . . . God of life, **pour out your love.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment (*other transitions may be named*), and accompany us in our prayers during these times. We ask your blessing Creative Fingers. Hold in your care Violet Plant and Joan Pommen, as well as Pastor Joel, Vanessa and Hans. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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 life, **pour out your love.**

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.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMISSION & BLESSING

As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

As people of faith we now return to the world.

Go out to share the story of faith,
the story of life, with the world around you.

**We share the faith in word and in deed,
in speech and in action.**

As you go out to give a living witness,
as you go out to testify to God's love active in the world,

**We go knowing that God goes with us,
sharing the laughter and the hope, the fears and the tears.**

May the grace of the + Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all, now and forever. Amen.

~ Commission posted by Rev Gord on **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

SENDING SONG "May the God of Hope Go with Us" ACS 984



¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

SENDING

Go in peace. Share the Good News:
Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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