



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 6

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Sandra Eithun

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: *The Head That Once Was Crowned*

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- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns
is crowned with glory now;
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty victor's brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav'n affords
is his by sov'reign right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and heav'n's eternal light.
- 3 The joy of all who dwell above,
the joy of all below
to whom he manifests his love,
and grants his name to know;
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
with all its grace, is giv'n;
their name, an everlasting name,
their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Greeting

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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

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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 this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Canticle of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia.(Repeat)

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia. Alleluia

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

...one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Acts 1: 6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

²**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.**

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸**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.**

⁹You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11

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.

^{5:6}Humble 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

The holy gospel according to John. **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.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Judith Johnson

Hymn of the Day: *I Come with Joy*

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Apostles' Creed

Together let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.

Prayers of Intercession

...Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
...through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Thank you for your gifts and offerings. Whether you give electronically, or by cash or check in an envelope, we greatly appreciate your continued support of God's ministries.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Thanksgiving at the Table

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Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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- 1 Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
for when humbly in your name
two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Touch we now your garment's hem.
- 2 As disciples used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
so now bind our friendship up.
- 3 All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
We will serve with faith anew.

Post-Communion Blessing

...Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Lord of All Hopefulness*

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- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Dismissal

Go in peace. to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *All Depends on Our Possessing*

Terry Osman

Announcements

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, May 17	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15AM	Fellowship/Adult Bible Study/Eucharistic Ministry Meeting
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Saturday, May 23	4:00PM	Worship in person or online
Sunday May 24	9:15AM	Fellowship/Adult Bible Study
	10:30AM	Worship in person

Thank you

Thank you to Rev. Judith Johnson for sharing the good news of the gospel with us this morning.

Summer Worship Schedule

Next weekend starts our summer worship schedule (May 23/24). There will be a Saturday service at 4:00PM in person or online and a Sunday service at 10:30AM in person.

Eucharistic Ministry Team

To the members of the Eucharistic Ministry Team and anyone who may be interested in joining the team; Today at 9:15AM, please join Nancy Davis and Debbie Thomas in the gathering space for a brief meeting to review scheduling and the list of those who are presently being served by the Eucharistic ministers.

Name Tags

As we prepare for our new pastor at Lord of Life, the council has suggested to the members that we get back in the habit of wearing our name tags that have been provided for you. This will make it much easier for the new pastor to put a name to your face and to get to know you on a personal level. Please let Kayleen know if you do not have a name tag in your church mailbox and she will make sure you get one.

Adult Bible Study

Thank you to Rich Mohr-Kelly who has volunteered to take the lead of the Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:15. He is planning on facilitating these discussions throughout the summer. It will continue to be held on Sundays at the 9:15AM time. Please refer any questions to Rich.



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This Week's Worship Servants

Readers:	8:00	10:30 Al Simms
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