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May 17th, 2026 9:30am

Ascension Sunday

Graduate Recognition Sunday



Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 3, page 138
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Karen Niemeier

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

ELW page 94

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 for reflection

P: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,

C: we have sinned against you and against our neighbor,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with repentance and faith turn to him, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through ✠ Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* ELW # 392

* Greeting *ELW page 138*

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.

* Kyrie *ELW page 138*

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house… let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

* Canticle *This Is the Feast* *ELW page 140*

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

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast…

2. **Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,**
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast…

3. **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…

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

This is the feast...

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever .

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Acts 1:1-11*

L: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[1] In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began
to do and teach, [2] until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had
chosen. [3] He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many
proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the
kingdom of God.

[4] And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; [5] for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

[6] So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7] He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. [8] But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [9] And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. [10] And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, [11] and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *47*

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 47.

[1] Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

[2] **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,**
a great king over all the earth.

[3] He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

[4] **He chose our heritage for us,**
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

[5] God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
[6] **Sing praises to God, sing praises!**
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
[7] For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
[8] **God reigns over the nations;**
God sits on his holy throne.
[9] The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:15-23*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

[15] For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, [18] having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might [20] that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] 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 one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 142*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

* Gospel: *Luke 24:44-53*

P: The holy Gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while
I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Mo-
ses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he
opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them,
“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise
from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should
be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48
You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the
promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are
clothed with power from on high.”
50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he
blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was
carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jeru-
salem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing
God. *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* **ELW # 579, verses 1-3**

Recognition of Graduates

Prayer for Graduates

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially today for the milestones that our graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love in all the experiences they have. Bless the parents of these students, who have raised their children and nourished them in Christian faith. Give them strength in your holy presence, and give them many joyful reunions with their sons and daughters, those who are leaving home to go far away, and those staying close by. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

* Graduation Hymn

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore **ELW # 817**

[chosen by Nakoah Cornwell]



* Nicene Creed *ELW page 104*

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C: 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 whom 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 143*

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

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Darlene Aurand, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Waylon Andrews, Connor Stadermann, Ryse Stone, Nicole, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig, Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy, Pat McCluskey, Jim Briggs, Sandi, Tina, Jim, Ronald Schrader, Christine S., Carol Lartz, Jamie Maier and Amy.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *ELW page 138*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Chime Choir ***Songs of Worship and Praise***

Responses *ELW page 144*

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.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *ELW page 144*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord…
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 145*

P: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us :

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.

Canticle *Lamb of God* *ELW page 146*

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.

Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing

Post-Communion Prayer *ELW page 146*

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

Blessing *ELW page 146*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Beautiful Savior*** **ELW # 838**

* Dismissal *ELW page 146*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Karen Niemeier

Attendance - May 3rd

In-person 24, Online - 72

Bible Study on First Peter

What does it mean when good people suffer?

Join us on Wednesdays from 11:30am at Good Shepherd through May 20th.

Everyone welcome.

Piece Corps Quilters

Stitching together friendships every Wednesday

Monday, May 25th

Office closed

In observance of Memorial Day





Men's Group

4:30pm, Saturday May 31st

Join Hannah Circle on in Sunday, June 28th.

For a book discussion about Adventures in Faith, Faith in Adventures,

(Time and Lunch to be determined)

Adventures in Faith, Faith in Adventures, is an inspiring collection of true stories blending thrilling outdoor adventures with profound moments of spiritual insight. From Mountain peaks and icy lakes to the heart of Mexico City's poverty. Kent Terry takes readers on a journey where every experience is a reflection of God's grace and presence. Whether narrowly escaping death, witnessing answered prayers , or discovering divine purpose in the most unexpected places, each story affirms the enduring power of faith. This book is perfect for readers seeking encouragement, deeper connection with God, and the courage to embrace life's journey with trust and joy.



Congratulations to the 2026 graduates.

This new beginning is one you'll always remember.
So much possibility,
so much excitement,
so much opportunity for you to shine!

Nakoah Cornwell

Nakoah will graduate Le-Win High School. He plans on becoming a personal trainer or a strength and conditioning coach. Darla and Taryon Cornwell are his parents.
Congratulations Nakoah

Anna Patterson

Anna graduated from the Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis on Time Arts. Anna is the daughter of Kristy Patterson.
Congratulations Anna

Maddi Diddens

Maddi graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville, with a BBA in Finance. She will be working at the Legislative Audit Bureau across from the capitol. She will be living in Sun Prairie, WI. Maddi is the daughter of Dana Diddens, granddaughter to Sue Diddens.
Congratulations Maddi

Ethan Fye

Ethan graduated from Marquette University with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences, Exercise Physiology. He completed the NROTC training and requirements during his 4 year time at Marquette and is a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He will leave for Quantico Marine Base in Virginia in August for further training and complete his contracted time with the military. After his time in the Marine Corps he will pursue his degree in strength and conditioning coaching at the collegiate or professional level. Ethan is the son of Ryan and Heather Fye.
Congratulations Ethan