



May 17, 2026

A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them, should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by two capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just to the right as you enter the building and before the sanctuary, with a wheelchair-accessible handicap restroom down the hall past the hallway doors leading inside the sanctuary. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher.

Each row has a red pad with a form for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when the offering is taken. The pastor will then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! We are blessed by your presence, and God is glorified. Please join us for coffee following the service.

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Usher
Sharlene Parker
Acolyte
Delilah Harvey
Nursery
Legacy Lundberg
Security
Duane Claiborne
Sound System
Ron Johnson
Lector
Cheryl Hedlund
Communion Assistant
Sharlene Parker
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Lorraine Stargel/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Carol Brennan/Sarah Harvey
Flowers
Bill and Debbi Zavadil
Tellers
Toni Sherman/Denise Alvord
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Tony Deas and Linda Deas
Ron Heilman

May 24, 2026

Usher
Lorraine Stargel
Acolyte
Feliz Lundberg
Nursery
Legacy and Harmony Lundberg
Security
Dennis Krumwiede
Sound System
Troy Turner
Lector
Harmony Lundberg
Communion Assistant
Toni Sherman
Communion Set-up/clean-up
Toni Sherman/Ardis Kilber
Coffee Hour
Sharlene Parker/Sharon Hurd
Flowers
Bob and Nancy Martin
Tellers
Sharlene Parker/Lorraine Stargel
Julian Estates / Bonaventure
Ron and Sharon Johnson



Order of Worship
May 17, 2026 7th Sunday of Easter
Pastor Eric Lundberg

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal
*Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.
Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.
After the service, we talk to each other.*

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Bill and Debbi Zavadil
In celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Note: May 17 is Norway's Independence Day. We are focusing today on the music of Norway in particular and of Scandinavia in general. Please see the Lifeline for details.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Prelude "Does It Make Any Difference to You/Just As I Am" arr. Gloria Roe

Praise Song "Spirit Song" originally recorded by Norwegian-American, Evie Tornquist and her Swedish husband, Pelle Karlssen

Verse 1

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love;
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

(Chorus)

Verse 2

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

(Chorus)

Chorus

Jesus, oh Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

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We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

(please stand)

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

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

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Be Still My Soul”

HWC 347

Words by German poet, Kathrina von Schlegel

Tune is “Finlandia” by Finnish composer, Jean Sibelius

Verse 1

Be still, my soul! The Lord is on thy side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul! Thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Thro’ thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Verse 2

Be still, my soul! Thy God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Verse 3

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul! When change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer of the Day (all pray): God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Choir

“Den Store Hvide Flok”
 (“Who Is This Host Arrayed in White”)

Words by Danish poet Hans Brorson
Tune is a Norwegian folk tune

Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

P: Let us pray the prayer of confession: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage 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 hearts; 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

P: Hear the promise of forgiveness: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C: Praise and thanks be to God! Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Acts 1:6-14 (ESV)

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."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ¹ God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

**C: ² As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!**

R: ³ But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

**C: ⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the Lord; exult before him!**

R: ⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

**C: ⁶ God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.**

R: ⁷ O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: ⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

R: ⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

C: ¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

R: ³² O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord,

C: ³³ to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

R: ³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

**C: ³⁵ Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength
to his people. Blessed be God!**

(R: Here ends this reading)

Children's Message

Announcements

The Preaching Text

(Please stand for the reading of the epistle lesson)

This reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:12-25 (ESV)

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³ bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. ²² Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. ²⁵ For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality.

R: The Word of the Lord) **C:** Praise to you O Christ

Message

Offertory

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

**by Norwegian-American,
Haldor Lillenas**

Offering Hymn

“With Grateful Joy”

With grateful joy for You, The Source of all life
We raise one voice
To You from whom all blessings flow

You are the Giver of life, You are the Lover of life
The good Sustainer of life
We live in You
We live in You

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The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

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, grant us peace.

“How Great Thou Art”

LBW 532

Words by Swedish Poet, Carl Boberg
Tune is a Swedish folk melody

Verse 1

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout The universe displayed; **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

But when I think That God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died To take away my sin; **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”
(Refrain)

Refrain

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction *(please stand)*

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

“Christians, While on Earth Abiding”

LBW 440

Text v. 1 Swedish poet, Johann Olof Wallin

Text v. 2 Swedish bishop and poet, Jesper Svedberg

Tune: German composer, Johann Schop

Verse 1

Christians, while on earth abiding,
Let us never cease to pray,
Firmly in the Lord confiding
As our parents in their day.
Be the children's voices raised
To the God their parents praised.
May his blessing, failing never,
Rest upon his people ever.

Verse 2

Bless us, Father, and protect us
From all harm in all our ways;
Patiently, O Lord, direct us
Safely through these fleeting days.
Let your face upon us shine,
Fill us with your peace divine.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit!
Praise him, all who life inherit!

Postlude

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Pianist: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

*Thank you for worshiping with us this morning! Please join us for
Coffee Hour following the worship service.*

10:45 – Refreshment Time (Coffee Hour) in the Fellowship Hall

11:05 – No Sunday School Today

11:15 – Choir Rehearsal