

Hymns:

Gathering— <i>God Is Here!</i>	ELW 526
Hymn of the Day— <i>Oh, Love, How Deep</i>	ELW 322
Sending— <i>Thine the Amen</i>	ELW 826
Prelude— <i>Vexilla Regis Prodeunt</i>	BRANDON
Choir Anthem— <i>Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise</i>	HUGHES
Communion— <i>Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir</i>	SCHEIDT
Postlude— <i>Supplication</i>	SCHREINER

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.

Psalm: 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.**

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³² Sing 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.**

³⁴ Ascribe 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

¹² Beloved, 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. ¹³ But 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. ¹⁴ If 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. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹ 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, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So 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. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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."

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
		<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
		<i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland & Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>	<i>Pam Hanfland</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Jim Garner</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Wayne & Marie Lybrand</i>

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Doris Wessinger on her 93rd birthday on May 14th by Ann & Mark Satterwhite.

God's Helping Hands current needs as of May 14th are: canned vegetables (especially green beans, mixed vegetables, and sweet peas), macaroni and cheese, jelly, small bags of sugar, flour, corn meal, and grits, and non-refrigerated juice. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.

May Community Lunch on May 27th will be serving a barbeque meal and there will be special entertainment by the Jubilant Singers. Come and support this choral group and enjoy the food and fellowship.

The weekly bulletin is printed on Thursday morning at 10:30 am. If you have information that you want included, please inform the church office before that time. Thank you.

June Grapevine Deadline: 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2026.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

<i>Sunday</i> <i>(May 17)</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Lutheran Men</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Sunday</i> <i>(May 24)</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>11:45 am</i>	<i>Church Council</i>