

## **May 17, 2026 +Affirmation of Baptism**

*We are called to let our light shine as instruments of the Holy Spirit so all may know God's love.*

### **Opening Hymn** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne're forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

### **Greeting**

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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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.**

### **First Reading – Acts 1:6-14**

*Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure*

Response: Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 68:3-10, 32-35**

*Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds.*

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

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

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

**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live**

**in desert places.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Gospel – John 17: 1-11**

*Christ's prayer for his disciples*

Before: The holy Gospel according to . . .

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After: The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Children's Message**

**Message**

Pastor Liz Rossing

**Hymn of the Day** "Baptized and Set Free"

1. We are people created, chosen by God. There we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a Fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by the life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious River, ever flowing, now carry us home.

4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

### **Affirmation of Baptism**

#### **Presentation**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present Lucy Blaschko, Tony Hollerich, Jake Mueller, and Blake Stocker who wish to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for our sister and brothers, whom you have made your own in baptism. You have called your children, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold them in the promises of baptism. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

#### **Profession of Faith**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

#### **Affirmation**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support our sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in...the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

#### **Offering & Giving Prayer**

Merciful God, **accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.**

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

#### **Words of Institution**

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 thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

#### **Communion Hymn**

"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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, **through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,**

**and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit,  
our advocate and peace, ✝ bless us now and  
forever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn**

“Shine Jesus Shine”

### ***Refrain***

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father’s glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow,  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your Word,  
Lord, and let there be light!

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me: ***Refrain***

2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me: ***Refrain***

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**