

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

a little about the Scripture readings today
and the saints of the Church we remember
this week...

SCRIPTURE

FIRST READING **Acts 1:6-14**
Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

SECOND READING **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**
Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

GOSPEL **John 17:1-11**
On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

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COMMEMORATIONS
FOR THE WEEK

Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160
May 18
Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330
May 21
Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.



Festive Worship Liturgy
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW)

Gathering

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

Prelude *Cornet Voluntary* William Walond

The Sanctus Bells proclaim the advent of worship and Christ's presence with us. Please rise as the bells are rung.
During the 50 days of Easter, we stand for portions of the Liturgy for which we usually kneel, witnessing to the confidence we have in the victory Christ has won for us through His resurrection.

Thanksgiving for Baptism [the faithful stand]
Hymn *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* *ELW 392*

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.

Word

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

Children's Choir [10:00] *Sing Unto the Lord* John Erickson

Children's Message [10:00]
First Reading Acts 1:6-14

Psalm: 68:1-10, 32-35
Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Holy Gospel John 17:1-11
Spoken response at the announcement of the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**
After the reading of the Gospel: **Praise to you O Christ**

Sermon Pastor Heagy
Hymn of the Day *I Come with Joy* *ELW 482*

Apostles' Creed Insert

Prayers of the Faithful [Response to each petition: receive our prayer.]

Exchange of Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering
Anthem "For The Beauty of the Earth" John Rutter
Doxology [the faithful stand] ELW 565, Stanza 5

Offertory 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue
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.**

Proper Preface *Insert*
Sanctus ELW 190

Verba [the faithful kneel]
Lord's Prayer ELW page 163

Invitation to the Table
Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

**Gluten free wafers available*

Agnus Dei [the faithful stand] ELW 195

Distribution
ELW 470 is sung during distribution of the Eucharist.
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

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

Blessing
Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* *ELW 656*

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

Postlude *Hyfrydol* arr. J. Bert Carlson

Soli Deo Gloria