

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

PRELUDE

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Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us

the Kinnickinnic River and the St. Croix River, Bushnell Lake and Pine Lake.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,

and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,

now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

TFF #217 "Bind Us Together, Lord"

**Refrain:**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together  
with cords that can not be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together in love.**

There is only one God. There is only one King.

There is only one body, that is why we can sing. *To refrain*

You are the fam'ly of God. You are the promise divine.

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *To refrain*

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup> In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup> **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **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.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup> **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup> Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup> **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE            ELW #253    “He Came Down”

- 1 He came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
he came down that we may have hope;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 2 He came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have peace;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 3 He came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
he came down that we may have joy;  
hallelujah forevermore.
- 4 He came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have love;  
hallelujah forevermore.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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

## BIBLE READING

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #388

“Be Not Afraid”

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid, sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

SERMON

Pastor Julie Brenden

HYMN OF DAY      ELW #671      "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.**

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.      **To Refrain**

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.      **To Refrain**

## NICENE CREED

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 him 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.

## RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Responses: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

### THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*(You are welcome to share the peace with others.)*

### Meal

OFFERING & HYMN ELW #678 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" -vs. 1, 3 *(alt tune)*

- 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.
  
- 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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

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 God thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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 DISTRIBUTION & SONG      ELW #483      "Here Is Bread"

Here is bread, here is wine,  
 Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 Break the bread, taste the wine,  
 Christ is with us here.

**Refrain: In this bread there is healing,  
 in this cup is life forever.  
 In this moment, by the Spirit,  
 Christ is with us here.**

Here is grace, here is peace  
 Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 Know his grace, find his peace,  
 feast on Jesus here. **(To Refrain)**

Here we are, joined in one  
 Christ is with us, he is with us.  
 We'll proclaim till he comes  
 Jesus crucified. **(To Refrain)**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. 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.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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

SENDING HYMN                      ELW #808      “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

1 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
 I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
 you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

2 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
 May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

3 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
 to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.  
 For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
 As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
 but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
 And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

DISMISSAL

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