



ALLELUIA

May 14, 2026

## **A Pre-Service Prayer**

Dear Lord, I have come to worship my Savior from sin and to receive comfort in His love. Enlighten me with your Truth. In the birth of Jesus, show me your faithfulness to all your promises. In the death and resurrection of your Son, show me the lawfulness of my sin and the greatness of your love. Comfort me through the ascension of Jesus. Remind me that you are everywhere at the same time, and that you hear every prayer. Teach me to know your love. Fill me with peace through the knowledge of your power and love. Focus me on my perfect heavenly home. I bring my work to be sanctified, my wounds to be healed, my sins to be forgiven, my hopes to be renewed. In you there is perfect harmony. Draw me to yourself, and silence the discord of my wasteful life. Your greatness is beyond my highest praise. Take me out of the loneliness of self, and fill me with with the fullness of your peace. In the Name of Jesus I pray. Amen.



**May 14, 2026**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service, we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us: Pastor Philip Henselin**

**Theme of the Service:**

Our Risen Lord Has Ascended,  
Providing Eternal Comfort and Perfect Peace

# WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

## MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

## OPENING HYMN: 171, A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Verse 1)

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through -  
out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -  
to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**C: the light no darkness can overcome.**

P: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**C: and the day is almost over.**

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness,

**C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.**

## INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of the Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*(Psalm 96, Psalm 110, and Acts 1)*

P: Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?

**C: This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.**

P: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

P: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**C: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.**

P: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**

P: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

**C: The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.**

P: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:

**C: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."**

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**

P: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

**C: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

P: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

**C: let the sea resound, and all that is in it;**

P: let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

**C: Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy;**

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P: they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

**C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.**

P: Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?

**C: This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.**

*Be Seated*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

#### **Acts 1:1-11**

*Luke explains the circumstances connected with Jesus' ascension.*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

**HYMN: 171, A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Verse 2)**

2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the  
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -  
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

**HYMN: 171, A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Verses 3 & 4)**



3 To them the shin-ing an-gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

"This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing

glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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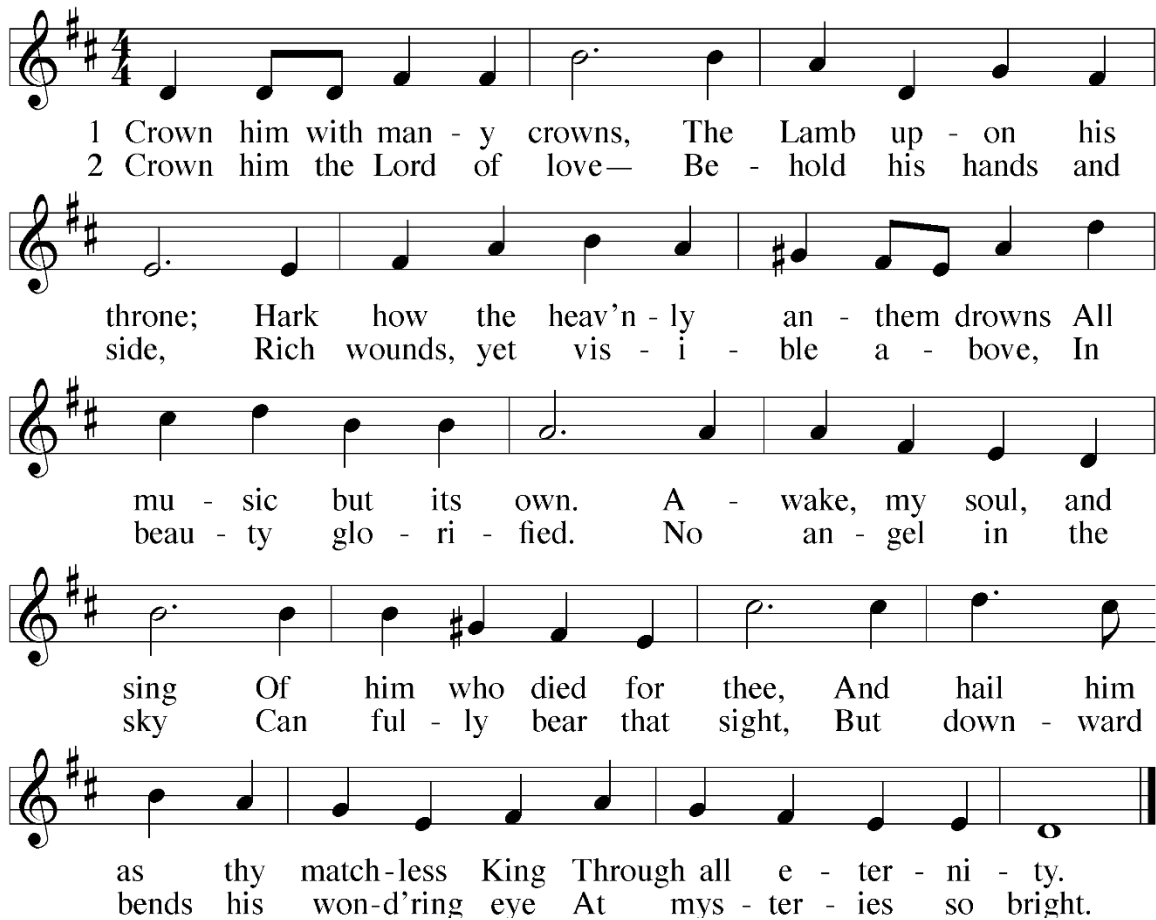
**EPISTLE READING**

**Ephesians 1:16-23**

*Paul prays that the church clearly understand and find deep comfort in the kingship and power of Christ, displayed in the Ascension.*

<sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## HYMN: 341, Crown Him with Many Crowns (Verses 1 & 2)



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.  
Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

*Stand*

## GOSPEL

### Luke 24:44-53

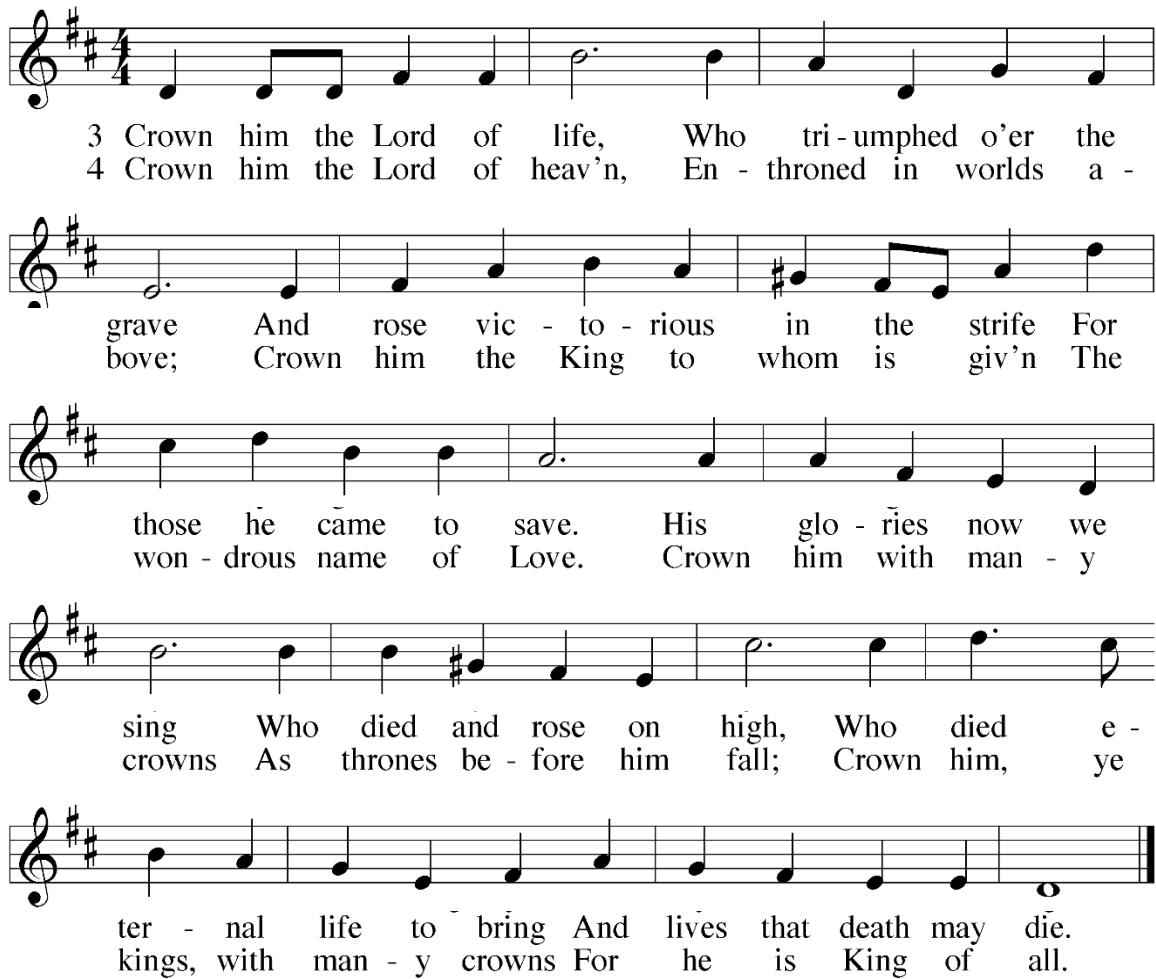
*Jesus opened the minds of the disciples so that they could understand. He explained the future to them. Then He ascended to his position of eternal power and glory.*

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

*Be Seated*

**HYMN: 341, Crown Him with Many Crowns (Verses 3 & 4)**



3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the  
grave; And rose vic-tor-ious in the strife For  
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a -  
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The  
those he came to save. His glo-ries now we  
won-drous name of Love. Crown him with man-y  
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
crowns As thrones be-fore him fall; Crown him, ye  
ter-nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
kings, with man-y crowns For he is King of all.

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**SERMON STUDY**

**THE MEANING OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION**

*Ephesians 1:19b-22a*

19 [God's] power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet . . .

II. Christ is ruling over all things for his church

*Ephesians 1:22b-23*

. . . and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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### III. Christ is our Prophet, Priest, and King

*Romans 8:34-39*

34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36 As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### IV. Christ will come to raise the dead and judge all people

*Acts 17:31*

31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

### V. Christ will take us to the heavenly home he has prepared for us

*John 14:1-3*

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

*STAND*

## **THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Luther's explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed*

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCES

*Revelation 1 & 5*

P: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

**C: You are the Living One; who was dead, and behold you are alive for ever and ever!**

P: You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

**C: You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.**

P: To him who sits on the throne

**C: and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

*Be Seated*

### OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.*

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world.

**C Having finished the great work of redemption, you ascended triumphantly into heaven.**

P: There you have assumed a title above all others, and as King, you have power over all things.

**C: Yet in great love, you use that power for the good of the church.**

P: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, and the devil,

**C: and for the continued love and mercy with which you bless us.**

P: You are our Prophet, High Priest, and King

**C: and you have invited us to pray to you, promising to answer all of our prayers.**

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P: Therefore, we ask: As our prophet, continue to bless us with your Word. Teach us to love it and study it, and thus grow in faith.

**C: Make us missionaries of your truth who clearly and proudly bear your name to the world.**

P: As our High Priest, fill us with confidence that you have done everything for our salvation. It is finished; there is nothing you left undone. We are washed clean through your blood.

**C: We thank you for the comforting assurance that you are our constant advocate before the Father, asking for and receiving our pardon because of your death sentence in our place.**

P: As our King, rule in our hearts with your Holy Spirit. Enlighten us with a knowledge of your will and give us an eager desire to live it.

**C: You have opened heaven for us. Guide and bless us through the word, so that we do not close it again by impenitence or unbelief.**

P: These and all our petitions we bring in the name of our ascended Lord Jesus in the prayer he has taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Spoken in Unison*

**C: Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High, you no longer dwell on earth in humility and poverty, but you are seated at the right hand of the Father as Lord over all things in heaven and earth, filling and ruling all. Send, we pray, your Holy Spirit. Give us faithful pastors and teachers of your Word. Endow them with your gifts, and keep them in your Word. Teach all the members of your Church to seek you in your Word. Protect and defend us until the day when you return and all enemies lay at your feet. We praise and glorify you, our Lord of Lords and King of Kings, for you have overcome sin, death, and all things. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever!**

**C: Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and + the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: 169, Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -  
Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend  
Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the  
re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

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**Vacation Bible School Registration is OPEN.** Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 27-31 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Tropical Trek VBS and be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life!. We look forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together! VBS is for kids ages 4 to those entering 6th grade. Kids entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Adult volunteers are needed as well! Please contact Erika Ohlendorf ([erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com](mailto:erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)) with questions. Register your child here: <https://vbsmate.com/events/TrinityofWoodbridge/31882>



**Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am**

**May 17, Sunday School Year End Picnic. AKA- Sunday Sundae:** In recognition of the end of the Sunday School year, the congregation is invited to enjoy a picnic at church at Noon on May 17, following the second service. Hamburgers and hot dogs, along with an ice cream sundae bar will be provided. Those wishing to provide a side dish are encouraged to do so. Outdoor games will be available.

**Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night!** The Trinity Youth Group will hold an outdoor movie night at church **on Saturday May 16, at 7 PM.** Come to enjoy *David* (2025), an animated musical film from Angel Studios that depicts his rise from shepherd to king, his battle with Goliath, and fleeing Saul. **The whole family is invited!** Bring your picnic blankets. Free popcorn will be provided.

**Youth Parents:** This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be in **Ohio, July 14-17**, and registrations will open soon. We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church to see if we can lower costs, but now we need to know how many teens (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) may be interested in this event so we can transmit a group pre-registration. If you would like your child/children to attend, have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Hilda Naranjo by sending an email to [arghilda@yahoo.com](mailto:arghilda@yahoo.com) **as soon as possible.** Group Leaders must work on the pre-registration that opens March 9. Thank you!

**The Trinity Book Club** invites you to join them on **May 23 at 9:30 am** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries to discuss the Biblical fiction novel *On Living Stone* by Heather Kaufman.

**Summer Schedule begins Sunday May 25:**

Our summer schedule begins with just 1 Sunday worship service at 9:30am. Note that in previous years we had service at 10am, however this summer we've moved to 9:30am so we can accommodate Pastor Satorius on some Sundays this summer. We'll resume our 2 service schedule after Labor Day.

## **Wine and Word Bible Study – May 21st**

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## **Volunteers Needed to provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!**

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org). You can also scan this code to sign up:



**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let Bev Ohlendorf know.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.

**It is the mission of**



**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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