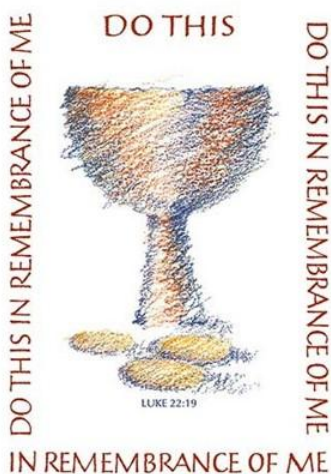




CROSS OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A NALC Congregation



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

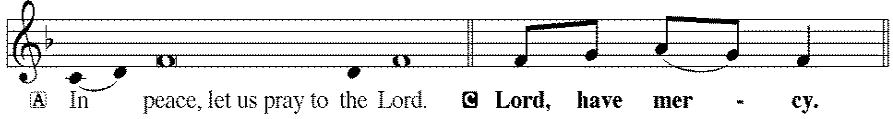
* OPENING HYMN “*Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart*” LBW 486

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

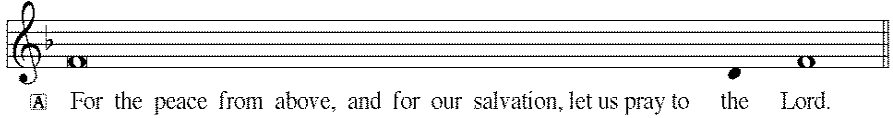
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



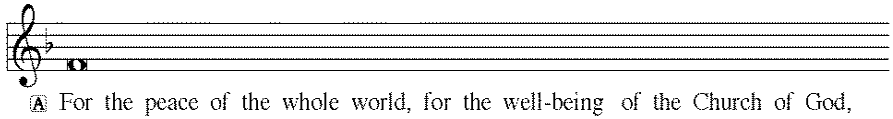
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



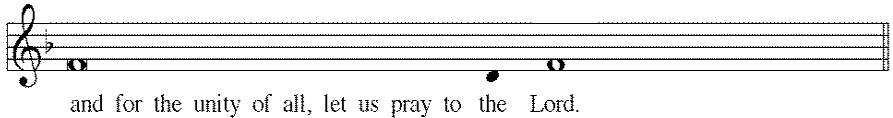
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



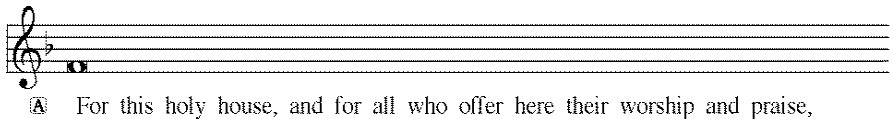
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



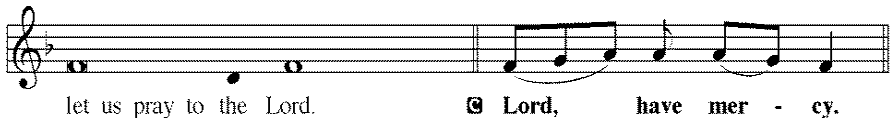
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



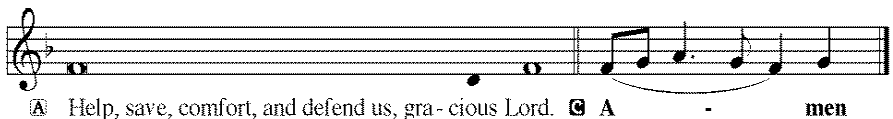
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"



♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,




al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅰ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was




slain, whose blood set us free to be peo- ple of God.



♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅱ Pow- er, rich- es, wis- dom, and



strength, and hon- or, bless- ing, and glo- ry are his.




♩ This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Ⅲ Sing with all the peo- ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for- ev- er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ¶ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*SALUTATION

¶ The Lord be with you. ¶ And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: : Let us pray. O God, you taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit. Grant us, by the same Spirit, to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Numbers 11: 24-30 (ESV)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named

Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 25: 1-15 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴ **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

⁶ **Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ **Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ **All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD,
pardon my guilt, for it is great.

¹² **Who is the man who fears the LORD?**

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being,
and his offspring shall inherit the land.

¹⁴ **The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him,
and he makes known to them his covenant.**

¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

SECOND READING: Acts 2: 1-21 (ESV)

2 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.^[b] ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour

out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

The Word of God for the people of God!

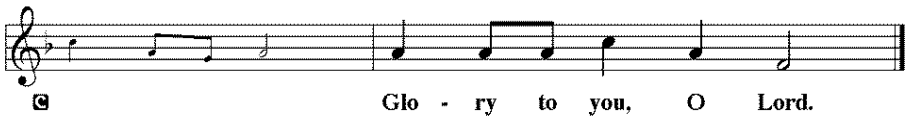
C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 7th chapter.

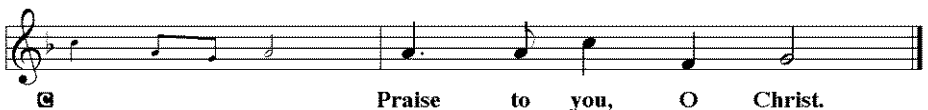


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 7: 37-39 (ESV)**

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as^[a] the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN *“Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”* LBW 499
Selected by Robbie Drye

*RITE OF CONFIRMATION (AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM) LBW 198
Confirmand Robert Clyde Drye

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER


P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first give us ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

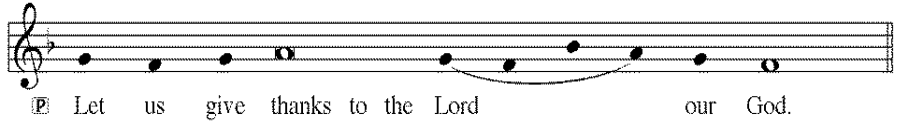
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



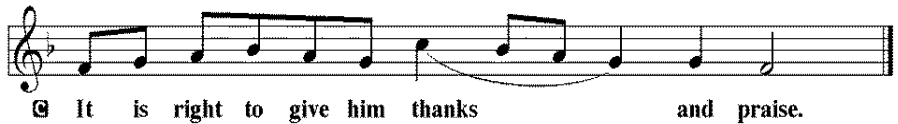
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



♩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



♩ Heav-en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



♩ Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



♩ comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

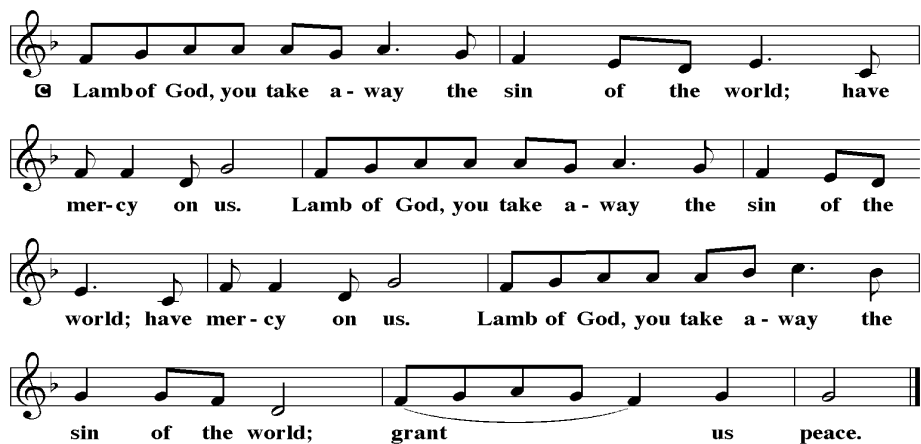
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

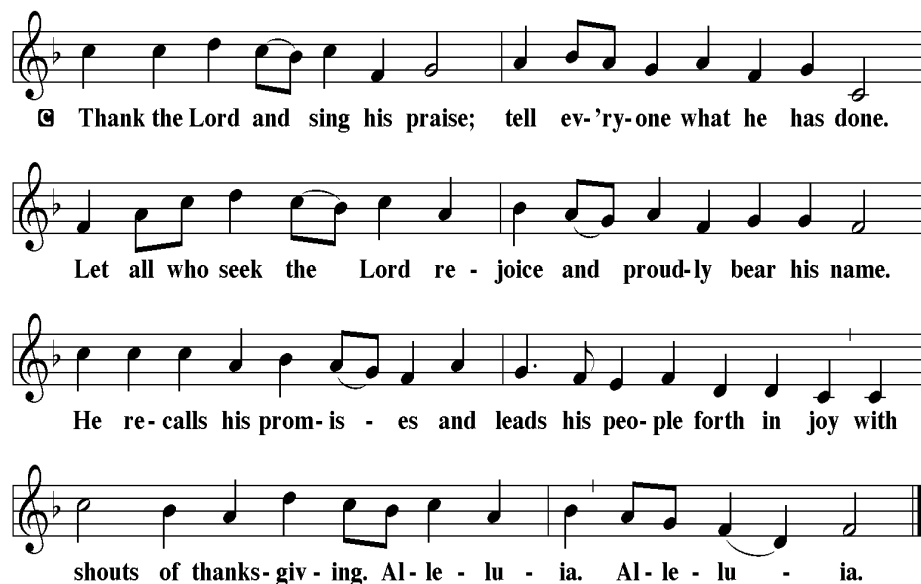
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*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen

*SENDING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

LBW 343

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the Confirmation of Robert Clyde Drye and the Graduation of Delana Elizabeth Drye; and the piano flowers are placed in honor of Delana Drye's 18th birthday, by Daddy and Mama. We love you both and are very proud of you! We pray blessings upon both of your lives as you each begin a new journey.

We would like to thank Pastor Rhyne for leading our service today.

Our confirmand, Robert Clyde Drye (Robbie), son of Cayle and Tracy Drye, will be celebrated **today**. We pray God's continued blessing and guidance be with Robbie! Robbie's chose Matthew 6: 20-21 as his scripture: "²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We will have a meal today after service to welcome Robbie, Weston David Drye thru baptism, son Matt and Kristi Drye and our New Members: Richard Archer, Elizabeth Baucom, Marsha Johnson and Kaasi Leonard. Please join us after service in the Parish Hall for the meal.

Anyone interested in Baptism; there will be a class on May 31, 2026 by Pastor George Rhyne. Please join us in the Parlor.

June Newsletter Articles are Due **TODAY!**

CSI youth group meets **TODAY** at 3:30 PM

NOAH prayer shawl meets **TOMORROW** at 6:30 PM.

VBS – 2026 July 6-10, 6:00-8:30 PM Ages 2 - 5th Grade

If you would like to help, please get in touch with Meredith Harrison.



May 24, 2026

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayerccl@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

James Bailey; Melvin Bost; Roy Gray;

Jodie Strube (ablation on Tuesday)

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3)

Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Shut-Ins

Bob & Joann Barrier; Brenda Barrier; Norman Goodman;

Nell Hatley; John Trull.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Melanie Thrift

April Funderburke; Lee Gorforth; Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; Jameson Nichols; Alicia McQueen; Eric Starling; Susan Starling; Daniel Pless; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Bob Wilson; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians: Melanie Corn, Robert Dernbach, Lucas Safrit

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

- Ongoing Iran war impacts
- Prayers for additional rain

Praise List:

*Betty Archer – Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and other acts of kindness during my recent surgery and recovery. Having a caring church family is a true blessing! The well-wishes are encouraging as I continue with rehabilitation.

* Joann Barrier - Thank you everyone for the prayers for Joann Barrier, The Good Lord heard your prayers and certainly answered us all.

**** Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, card, or email along with your prayers**

Today – May 24, 2026

Sunday Church School
Holy Communion Service

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice
6:30 PM Prayer Shawl

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Day of Easter

Acts 1:12-26

Psalm 68.: 1-10

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

St. John 17:1-11