

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE RESURRECTION

9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE – May 17th, 2026



Cast all your
anxieties on him,
because
he cares for you.

Christ, will himself
**restore, confirm,
strengthen, and
establish** you.

1 PETER 5:7 & 10b

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WELCOME! THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY

To help you prepare for worship.

1. Locate today's Bible verses in your Bible.

- Acts 1:12-26
- 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

2. Mark each verse with a bookmark so you can easily find it during worship.

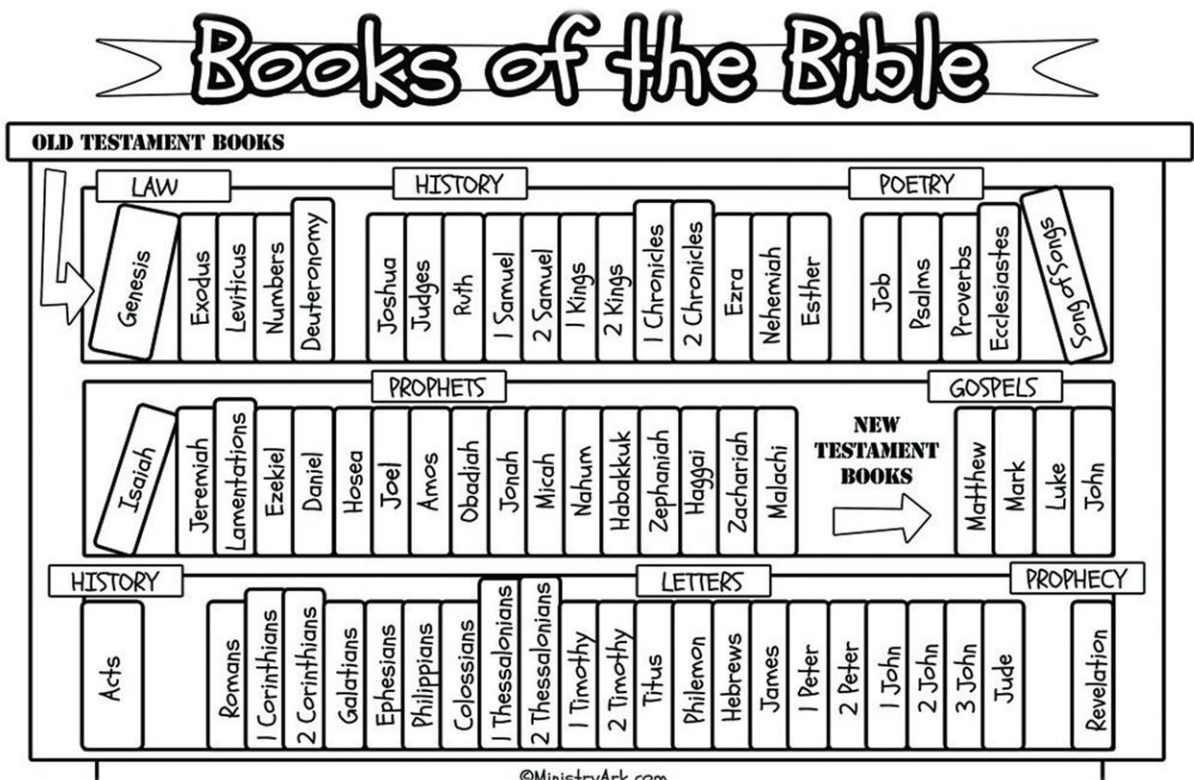
3. Highlight those verses you find helpful.

4. Pray the following prayer before worship:

Lord Jesus, Some of us come today carrying grief, questions, fear, and burdens we do not fully understand. In the middle of our struggles, remind us that You have not abandoned us. Quiet the voices of despair and draw us near to You. Speak hope through Your Word, strengthen weak hearts, and help us trust You even when life hurts. Meet us here with Your mercy and grace. Amen.

Bookmarks and Bible highlighters are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Need help finding the Bible verses? This image may help!



WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #525

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
 Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
 The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
 As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
 For He is king of all.

INVOCATION

The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Holy and gracious God,
C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt,
and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.
I am sorry for all of this and ask for God's grace.
I want to do better.

- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.
C Amen.

- P** Hear these words of forgiveness.
In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Goodness of God

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I love You, Lord for Your mercy never failed me;
All my days, I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus: All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev'ry breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other.
I known You as a Father; I known You as a Friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God! *Chorus 2x*

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING

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

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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SONG OF THE DAY

Because He Lives

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God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives! *Chorus*

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! *Chorus*

SERMON

THE OFFERING – WAYS TO GIVE

- Sunday in the Offering Plate
- Text "Give" to 844-431-7278
- Scan the QR code.
- By mail: PO Box 126, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

Thank you!



A TIME FOR PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also, He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G And also with You.

PREPARING FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christ's body and blood are present in, with and under the bread and wine. Our Lord invites to His table those who repent of all sin, and trust in Jesus as their Savior.

Please take a moment to examine your hearts (1 Corinthians 11:28).

Ask yourself:

- 1) Am I sorry for my sins? (Psalm 51:10)
- 2) Do I believe Jesus died and rose for me? (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)
- 3) Do I believe His body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of my sins? (Matthew 26:26-28)

If you have never communed at Gloria Dei before or are unsure about what is taking place, please talk to Pastor Meyer. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the **purple cups** in the center of each tray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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.
G Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #728

How Firm A Foundation

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- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS for May 17, 2026

This Week at Gloria Dei

Sunday – May 17

- Worship w/Holy Communion – 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00 am
- Semi Annual Voters Meeting – 10:15 am

Tuesday – May 19

- Quilters Group – 9:00 am to Noon
- Men’s Bible Study – Conference Room – 9:30 am

Wednesday – May 20

- Bible Study – “Ephesians” – 10:00 am
- Bible Study at Betty’s – “John” - 1:00 pm

Next Sunday – May 24

- Worship w/Holy Communion - 9:00 am
- Coffee & Refreshments – 10:00am

In Our Prayers

We lift up Peg Jacobson, Michael Anderson, Jessica Cameron and Justin Fairbanks in prayer.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will be here on June 21. There will be a meal provided following the service. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are able to help serve the meal and clean up. Thank you!

Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center Baby Bottle Campaign

began on Mother’s Day and is ongoing through Father’s Day (June 21). Baby Bottles are on the table in the Narthex. Please take one home and fill it with loose change, cash or check. All proceeds go to support the work of the pregnancy support center.

VBS

Looking for volunteers to help at this year's VBS, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Register your children and grandchildren! Neighbors and friends! There are business card size advertisements on the display table in the entryway. Please help us get the word out by taking three or four and handing them out. Thank you!!!

Summer Camp

Lutheran Island Camp registration has started! Take a look at what all camp has to offer in programs this summer for your child at www.islandcamp.org Our church has been blessed with funds to send your child(ren) to camp. Contact Lorna Hensch to discuss how to have your costs covered. Lorna Hensch 218 -368-0628
glhensch@yahoo.com

Food Shelf

Please consider donating food items & personal hygiene products to our Lakes Area Food Shelf. Especially needed are shelf-stable proteins Monetary donations are also very much appreciated.

Lakes Area Food Shelf, 29316 Patriot Ave, Pequot Lakes

Food shelf contacts: George and Collette Miller (218) 820-2928

Coming Soon...

Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-10 from 5:30-7:00 pm.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir will be here on Father's Day, June 21.