

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.

Epistle: 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. . . .

⁵⁶Humble 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.

Holy Gospel: John 17:1–11

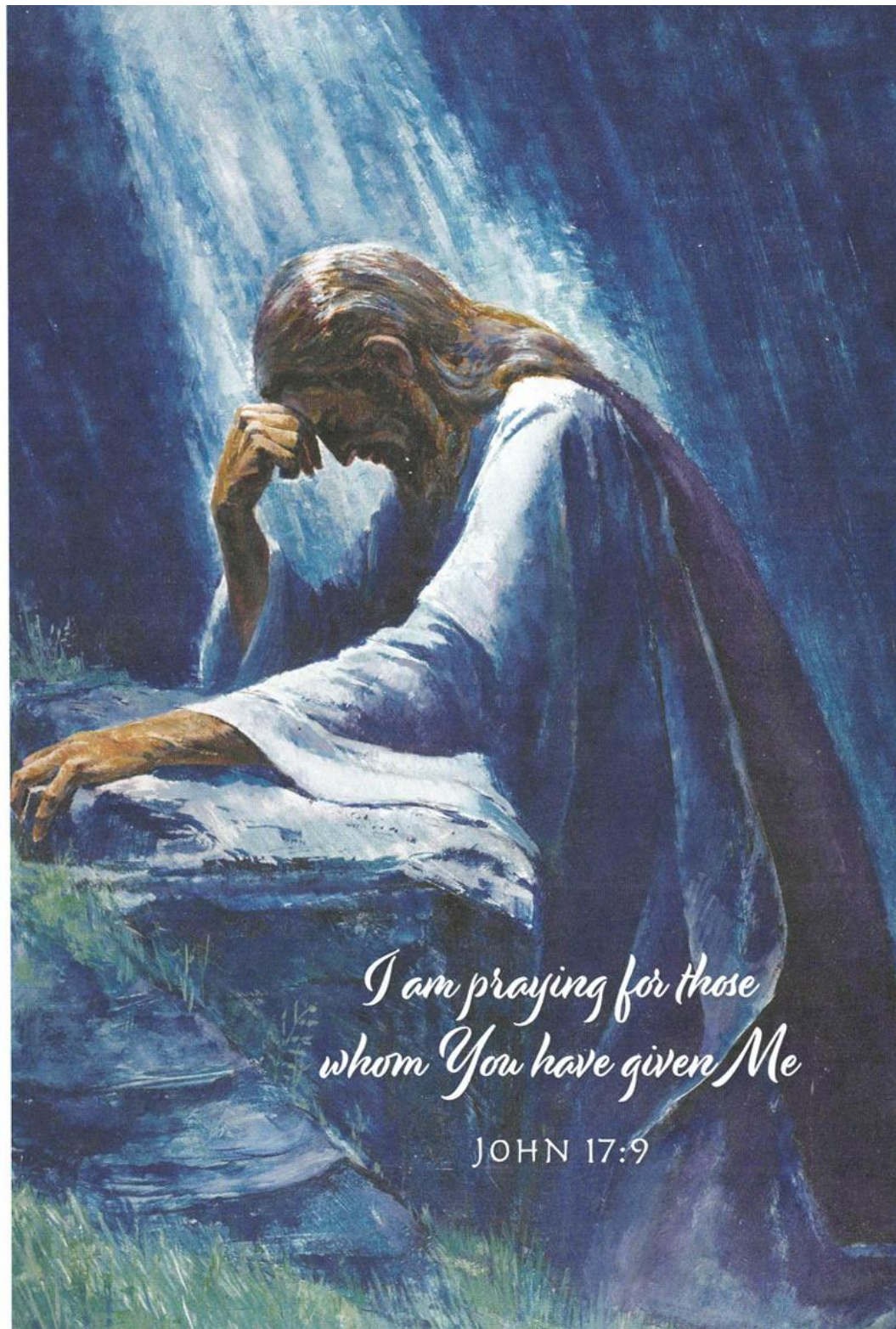
¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know 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."



Easter

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 17, 2026

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*Maria Pohlmann *Trudy Marquardt *Peter Haug *Marlet Wardly *Letilia
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*Aaron Beltran

If you or members of your family would like to be included in this list or if you feel that it's time to be removed from this list, please e-mail, phone or speak to Pastor. We encourage members and/or their families to call when sick or in need of pastoral care. The elders and Pastor are also dependent on the eyes and ears of the congregation to notice member absences.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S READINGS

Our Lord Jesus Is with Us in the Upper Room of His Church on Earth

On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth. "The hour" had come when the Father would glorify His Son by the cross (John 17:1). Through the shedding of His blood, He would bring forgiveness for the sins of the world, and in His resurrection and ascension He would unite all Christians with the Father "that they may be one" with God (John 17:11). He manifested His name to the apostles and gave them the words of the Father to speak in His name. The apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection (Acts 1:21–22) gathers disciples together "with one accord" into the one Body of Christ (Acts 1:14). "Devoting themselves to prayer," they wait upon the Lord in "the upper room" (Acts 1:13–14), the place of His Holy Supper. Strengthened by the Gospel, Christians bear the cross of Christ in patience and peace, rejoicing to share in His suffering, in order that they "may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed" (1 Peter 4:13).

THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOUR

Sunday May 17 *10:00a.m. Bible Study*
11:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
11:20 a.m. Sunday School *(after gospel reading)*

Thursday May 21 2-4 p.m. & 6-8 p.m. Food Bank

Sunday May 24 *10:00 a.m. Bible Study*
11 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
11:20 a.m. Sunday School *(after gospel reading)*

UP COMING EVENTS

Saturday May 30 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. OSLC Lawn Sale
*(Start saving things you don't need and
bring them to the church any time after May 23.
Contact Ingrid Chandra to make arrangements)*

Sunday May 31 12:45 p.m. Church Council

Sunday June 7 Annual Church Congregational Picnic
(following 11 a.m. church service)

Sunday June 21 1 p.m. Congregational Annual Meeting



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PROPER FOR EASTER SEVEN

READINGS: Acts 1:12-26; 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11;
Psalm 68:1-10

INTROIT:

I will sing of steadfast love and | justice; *
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD | all the earth! *
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with | singing!
Know that the LORD, | he is God! *
It is He who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep
of his | pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his | courts with praise! *
Give thanks to him; | bless his name!
For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for- | ever, *
and his faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
I will sing of steadfast love and | justice; *
to you, O LORD, I will make | music.

COLLECT:

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens,
leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth whom You
promised from the Father, for You live and reign with Him and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE GRADUAL:

Christ has risen | from the dead. *
God the Father has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands; *
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

VERSE:

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die
again; death no longer has dominion over him. **Alleluia.** I will not leave you
as orphans; I will come to you. **Alleluia.**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS TODAY. We are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is on the lectern in the narthex. The Lord be with you in worship this morning! For nursing mothers and parents of young children, we have a child-friendly area located in the back of the church should the need arise. This area is equipped with a speaker, couch and a few toys so that parents may continue to see, hear and worship with us. **For safety and security reasons, we ask that parents remain with their children and not leave them unaccompanied in this area during the service.**

***HOLY COMMUNION:** God's Word teaches that in this Holy Supper our Lord Jesus Christ offers to us His true body and blood with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. Those having been Baptized and Confirmed, possessing an active faith in Christ and His words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins", receive His body and blood worthily. The Bible clearly teaches that one must examine oneself before partaking of this Sacrament. This means that we recognize and are sorry for our sins, trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour, and plan, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our sinful lives. Holy Communion is also an expression of our unity of faith as we have learned it in confirmation.*

Those who hold to this teaching are welcome to partake with us. Those who have questions about this teaching are encouraged to speak with pastor or an elder. Those who have not completed Confirmation are encouraged to come to the altar rail, cross their arms, and receive a blessing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is held @ 11:30 a.m. after the Gospel reading. Parents desirous of bringing their children for Sunday School may speak to Jessica Joseph Sunday School Superintendent or Pastor.

BIBLE STUDY – on Sundays @ 10 a.m. The Fire Side Room is the place of meeting. We are studying the Gospel of St Matthew.

UPCOMING TORONTO CIRCUIT EVENTS:

1. Saturday May 23, 2026 March for Life

On Sat. May 23, Trinity Lutheran Church in Toronto (619 Shelbourne St) is hosting a free breakfast (8:45 am) and worship service (9:30 am) before the Toronto March for Life beginning at 11:00 am at Queen's Park. We will walk through downtown and have a rally. Please come to one or all events.

2. Saturday May 30, 2026 DOXOLOGY SEMINAR

Risen Christ Lutheran Church, Mississauga
Two Sessions (Pandemic of Loneliness and Spiritual Self – Care)
Third Session for Pastors, Rostered Workers , Elders . Support for LGBTQ Families

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ANNUAL FUND-RAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT

The event will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026 at Conestoga Golf Club in Conestoga, Ontario (north of Waterloo). The \$165 per person registration fee includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, full dinner, and prizes. If you have any questions, visit <https://concordia-seminary.ca/golf/> or call 905-688-2362 ext. 21.

FOOD BANK STATISTICS FOR May 7, 2026

Total Food Hampers given out: 341
Those food hampers provided food to:
797 adults and 323 children for a total of 1120

VERSE ON THE BULLETIN COVER:

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THE TIME OF EASTER

EASTER AND ITS SEASON begins with Evening Prayer on Holy Saturday and ends with Midday Prayer on Pentecost.

Easter is not merely a one-day celebration; it is a fifty-day season from the Day of the Resurrection of our Lord (Easter) to the Day of Pentecost. This extended season – one seventh of the church year – is a victory celebration, a time for all Christians to proclaim boldly their faith in a risen and victorious Saviour.

The first celebration of Easter is the Easter Vigil, the evening of Holy Saturday. The Vigil includes a service of light, in which fire symbolizes Jesus as the light of the World. The service is designed to take the Christian from the solemnity of Good Friday to the predawn joy of Easter.

The Easter Day service is the richest and most lavish celebrated festival of the Church Year.

Forty days after Easter, the Church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord; He ascended into heaven not only as God but also as man. The final Sunday of the Easter season, celebrated as Pentecost, was adopted by early Christians to commemorate the first great harvest of believers for Christ. Thus, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church, as the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they gave their compelling witness about the resurrected Lord.

During Easter we rejoice in our salvation.

Matthew 28

Luke 24

John 12:24-25; 20:1-29; 21:1-14 Acts 1:6-11; 2:1-4

PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The colours of the season of Easter are white and gold. White, the colour of Our Lord's holiness, is everywhere on Easter, from the paraments and vestments to the traditional Easter lilies. Gold decorations remind us that our resurrection life in Christ is precious and eternal.
- For the day of Pentecost, the colour changes to red, representing fire and blood. Red recalls the tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles on the first Pentecost, and the martyrs who shed their blood for the faith.

- After a long absence in Lent, Alleluia returns at Easter and is heard everywhere in the propers appointed for the weeks after Easter. Also the joyous Hymn of Praise and the Gloria Patri are sung as part of the liturgy once again.
- During the Easter season we greet one another with a special Easter greeting and response: "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

PRAYERS

Pray for our synodical family

This week we pray for the following LCC congregations in Saskatchewan.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we ask for you to guide, strengthen and preserve the congregations of St. Paul in Cupar, Our Saviour in Fort Qu'Appelle, Peace in Grenfell, and Emmanuel in Southey.

Lord in Your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pray for LCC Missions in Canada



This week, we pray for **Rev. Marco-Antonio Jacobsen** who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for LCC's French ministries in Quebec.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as Your Son sent forth His Church to make disciples in all nations, we lift up before You, Pastor Jacobsen, asking You to sustain him by Your Spirit and bless his labours for the sake of the Gospel; Lord in Your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

Pray for our seminaries

Gracious God, on the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus prayed for His apostles and His Church on earth, that "they might be one" with God. Grant your blessing upon our seminaries, that they would bring forth pastors to continue the apostolic witness of His cross and resurrection through your church, that all would repent and believe. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**