

**SATURDAY MAY 16TH, 2026 -5:00 PM**

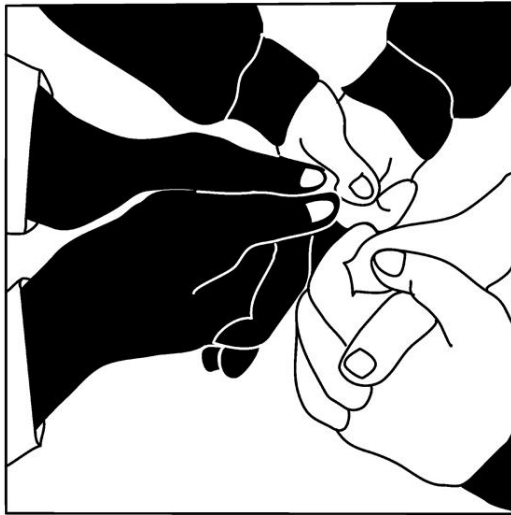
**Hymn Sing**

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people*

**WELCOMING WORD**

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.



**WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

**GATHERING HYMN #634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (vs.1,6)**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

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. 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.**

**+ HYMN #834 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (vs. 1,4)**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**FIRST READING:** Acts 1:6-14

<sup>6</sup> When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.<sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.<sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**HYMN #886 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1,3,6)***

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.<sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.<sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.<sup>5,6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.<sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.<sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.<sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.<sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.<sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**HYMN #629 *Abide with Me (vs. 1,5)***

**GOSPEL:** John 17:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,<sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.<sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.<sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.<sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that had in your presence before the world existed.<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.<sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you,<sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.<sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those

whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**HYMN #785 *It Is Well with My Soul* (vs. 1,4)**

**NICENE CREED**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

Paul & Ruth Heinecke flugel horn and piano

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION**

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSINGS / PRAYER**

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.**

**HYMN #661 *I Love to Tell the Story* (vs. 1,3)**

**BLESSING**

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 #888 *America the Beautiful***

**“I am God’s child, deserving of love and respect,  
and God will use me to change the world.”**

**“The background information for our hymn’s tonight is from the book  
Amazing Grace, 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions”**

**DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2026**

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

**Monday,** Psalm 99, Praise to God for His Holiness

**Tuesday,** 1 Peter 4:7-11, Good Stewards of God's Grace

**Wednesday,** 1 Kings 8:54-65, Solomon Blesses the Assembly

**Thursday,** Psalm 33:12-22, The Greatness and Goodness of God

**Friday,** Romans 8:14-17, Life in the Spirit

**Saturday,** John 7:37-39, Rivers of Living Water

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”**

**-- John 17:3**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

- What is the best thing Jesus left with us or equipped us with? (John 17:1-11)
- Where and with whom do you gather for your own spiritual nourishment and encouragement? (Acts 1:6-14)
- Where is God amid today's conflict, fear and terror that so many feel or experience? (Ps 68)
- What is the greatest challenge for followers of Jesus today? (1 Pet 5:6-11)

**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.

**BLESS:** The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

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