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THE CONNECTION

May 17, 2026 10:30am



The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG *“What a Beautiful Name”*

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG *“Your Name”* (Psalm 65:8)

Verse 1...As morning dawns and evening fades, You inspire songs of praise.
That rise from earth to touch Your heart and glorify Your Name.

Chorus...Your Name is a strong and mighty tower; Your Name is a shelter like no other; Your Name, let the nations sing it louder 'cause nothing has the power to save but Your Name.

Verse 2...Jesus, in Your Name we pray, come and fill our hearts today;
Lord, give us strength to live for You and glorify Your Name. Sing Chorus twice...

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--INVOCATION

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

C. Amen

P. Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C. who made heaven and earth.

P. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C. and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P. O almighty God, merciful Father,

C. I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

--FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know

times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON *Ephesians 1:15-23*

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,

according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 24:44-53*

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You, O Christ.

⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise

--THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

P. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. What does this mean?

C. We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.

--NICENE CREED

**C. I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**--OFFERING / SERMON SONG "Awesome Is the Lord Most High" (Psalm 47:1-2)**

Verse 1...Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength. You are faithful,
and You will ever be. We will praise You all of our days.
It's for Your glory we offer everything.

Chorus 1... Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation.

How awesome is the Lord Most High.

(continued...)

Verse 2... Where You send us, God, we will go. You're the answer we want the world to know. We will trust You when You call our name. Where You lead us we'll follow all the way.

Chorus 2... Raise your hands all you nations. Shout to God all creation. How awesome is the Lord Most High. We will praise You together, for now and forever how awesome is the Lord most high.

Bridge... Hallelujah, hallelujah. How awesome is the Lord most high.

Repeat Bridge, then Chorus 2 twice...then...the Lord Most high.

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--**SERMON** *The Rev. Alex Slotter*

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"Lord, I Need You" (*Psalm 116:6b; Hebrews 4:16; Philippians 4:19; Ephesians 2:8-10*)

Verse 1... Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here, I find my rest. Without You, I fall apart. You're the One that guides my heart.

Chorus... Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Every hour, I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

Verse 2... Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found, is where You are. Where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus...

Bridge... So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way. When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay. Chorus...

Tag... You're my one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You. My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need You.

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“I Give You My Heart”

Verse...This is my desire to honor You. Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
All I have within me, I give You praise, all that I adore is in You.

Chorus...Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take, ev'ry moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Repeat Verse, and Chorus three times

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL**--POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P. Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

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.

--CLOSING SONG “Same Power” (Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 15:57; 1 John 4:4)

Verse 1...I can see waters raging at my feet. I can feel the breath of those surrounding me. I can hear the sound of nations rising up. We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

Verse 2...I can walk down this dark and painful road. I can face every fear of the unknown. I can hear all God's children singing out: We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome.

Chorus...The same power that rose Jesus from the grave, the same power that commands the dead to wake lives in us, lives in us. The same power that moves mountains when He speaks, the same power that can calm a raging sea lives in us, lives in us! He lives in us, lives in us!

Verse 3...We have hope that His promises are true. In His strength, there is nothing we can't do. Yes, we know there are greater things in store. We will not be overtaken; we will not be overcome. Chorus...

(continued...)

Bridge...Greater is He that is living in me! He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails; we stand here in victory.
Repeat Bridge, then...Oh, in victory!!! Chorus...

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God!**

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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