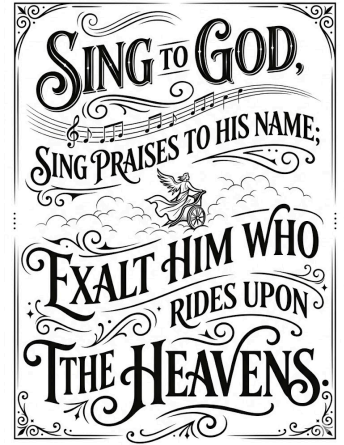


May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino
“Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love”

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**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen**

L: 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**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

L: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**                      ***“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”***                      *Hymn #157 vs. 1,2,4*

**Prayer of the Day** - Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Bible Lessons:**                      Deuteronomy 11:26-32  
                                                    Psalm 68:1-10  
                                                    Romans 8:18-27

**Gospel Lesson:**                      Mark 3:13-19

## Message

by Darrel Klemp

## Song of Praise

*“His Mercy Is More”*

**Apostles’ Creed** - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sharing of the Peace

L: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Prayers of the People of God

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*“Lord Listen” (to be sung before the prayers)*

*(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)*

L: Lord, in your faithfulness,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## The Lord’s Supper

L: Let us celebrate the Lord’s love together!

L: We come again to the table to be made new. The cup of love and the bread of life have been given for all of us to remember the very real presence of Christ with us.

**C: Feed us with your heavenly food. Nourish our spirits, O Lord.**

L: Jesus said, “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, they will live forever, and the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

**C: Jesus, thank you for life and love, for grace and peace, for joy and forgiveness. May these gifts be ours as we celebrate with brothers and sisters in Christ our Holy Communion with you.**

**Words of Institution:** (from 1 Corinthians)

L: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

**C: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf...**

L: For I received from the Lord what I also passed onto you.

**C: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,**

L: “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

**C: In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying,**

L: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**C: For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's sacrificial death until he comes. Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

L: Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us to pray.

**The Lord's Prayer - 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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post-Communion Blessing**

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

**C: Amen**

**Post-Communion Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Benediction**

[All] The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

### **Sending Song                      *"How Good It Is"***

### **Sending**

L: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love.**

### **Postlude**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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### **COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

## May 17 - 24, 2026 Announcements

### TODAY, MAY 17

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
*with Guest Preacher*  
Fellowship Meal - Soup and Sandwiches

### MAY 18 (Mon.)

6:00 pm - Bible Study



### MAY 20 (Tues.)

4:00-6:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes  
6:00 pm - Council Meeting

### MAY 23 (Sat.)

9:00-11:00 am - Loaves & Fishes



### MAY 24 (Sun.)

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
*with Guest Preacher*  
Fellowship Meal - Hot Dogs

**Welcome to all visitors!**  
Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook in the entryway.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ❖ **May 31, 2026** - Graduation Sunday
- ❖ **August 9-12, 2026** - VBS
  - This year's VBS will be **Sunday - Wednesday** 6:00 - 7:30 pm
  - The VBS Closing Program will be on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm

### Lawn Mowing Schedule

The lawn mowing schedule is posted on the bulletin board across from the office. Please consider signing up to help keep our church grounds looking nice this summer. Thank you!

### Ascension Budget

Council would like the membership to be aware of our financial status on a month to month basis.

#### Through March 2026:

|                            |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| YTD Income received:       | \$32,564.00 |
| Expenses paid out:         | \$20,045.17 |
| Income Exceeding Expenses: | \$12,518.83 |

### Story Behind the Song

Chris Tomlin's "**How Good It Is**" is a scriptural mosaic inspired by Psalms 92, 98, 100, and 113, designed to "sing God's Word back to Him."

Written alongside Jess Cates and Jordan Mohilowski, the song serves as a joyful call to worship that celebrates God's faithfulness from morning to night. Tomlin intended for the track to capture a communal, celebratory atmosphere—reminiscent of a "dance floor" for the church—to remind believers of the enduring goodness of God regardless of their lot in life and circumstances.

**Thank you** to all the volunteers who volunteered at the Brat Fry last week. Stay tuned for the final numbers...

**Thank you** to Darrel Klemp for leading us in worship and sharing today's message while Pastors Mark and Marcia are enjoying time with family in Western Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota.



## Support our church this May with Scrip!

As we move into May and the busy end-of-school season, it's a great time to keep using scrip for your everyday purchases. Whether you're buying groceries, filling up with gas, or picking up gifts for graduations and special occasions, scrip turns those regular expenses into support for our church.

You still receive the full value of your gift cards and a percentage comes back to help fund our Special Projects - at no extra cost to you.

Scrip is available after services on Sundays. Thank you for your continued support!

PRAYER  
list

### Prayer List

Alice Mueller, Dave Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes,  
Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Dave Rohrer,  
Linda Ogi, Scott Wollenberg, Jenifer Erb



### Prayers for the Congregation

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God.

### 3rd Week of May

**Sunday:** Pray for world leaders to act with justice and compassion, and for peace in areas of conflict.

**Monday:** Mackenzie Richards, Melony Doepker, Russell Kloes, Lisa Harper, Terry Conradt

**Tuesday:** Madalyn Sokolski, Claire Riebe, Ava Lorenz, Lori Block, Paul Zuiches

**Wednesday:** Steve Daniels, Lindsey Carpenter, Airowyn LeRoy, Maverick Zuiches, Hoyt Doepker

**Thursday:** Tina Jung, Bruce Ladwig, Wally Krueger, Greycen Johnson, Denise Klemp

**Friday:** Colton Anderson, Steve Thomas, Madeline Zuiches, Corina Mueller, Rebecca Duhm

**Saturday:** Mason Dingeldein, Lisa Wollenberg, Jacob Wetzels, Toni Klemp, Janessa Olson

### May 17, 2026

#### **9:30 AM Worship Service**

Communion: Denelle Daniels  
Reader: Denelle Daniels  
Money Counter: Phyllis Peebles  
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

### May 24, 2026

#### **9:30 AM Worship Service**

Communion: Carrie Daoust  
Reader: Nathan Schley  
Money Counter: Rita Olson  
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.

### Our Mission Statement:

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's Love"*

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Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm

