

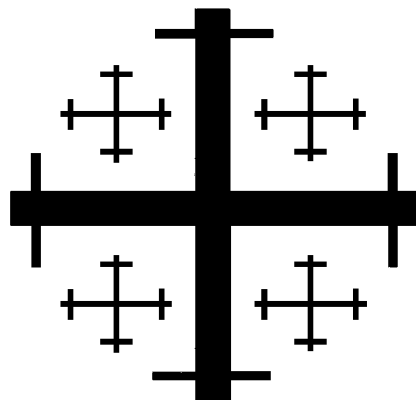
# FEAST OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

May 10, 2026

8 & 11 a.m.



# The Liturgy at Calvary



**In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth.**

**The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast.**

**We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.**

**Prelude *Claire de Lune* Claude Debussy 1862-1918**

*Please stand & face the Baptismal Font*

## Processional *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* (ELW 393)



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers  
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, "this is his glo-rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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### **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, ✠ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**



## Canticle of Praise: *This Is The Feast*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## ***Please bring Teddy Bears to the altar***

### **Prayer of Blessing**

#### **First Lesson      Acts 1:1-11**

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "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."

L      The Word of the Lord.

**C      Thanks be to God!**

#### **Second Lesson      Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the

riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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 age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the Holy Gospel.*

### **Holy Gospel**

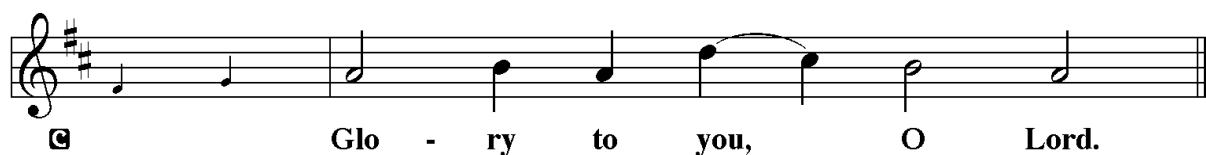


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **[11] Verse (Sung by choir)**

**Holy Spirit be upon you as you witness to all the earth.  
Alleluia!**

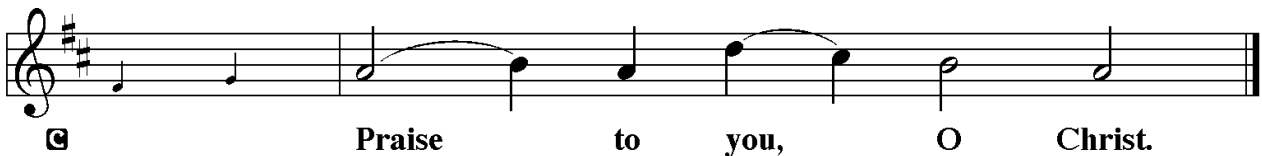
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of our Lord.



**Sermon** *Janelle Miller, Director of Youth & Family Ministry*

*Silent Reflection*

## Hymn of the Day

# Do Not Stand and Stare in Wonder

Ascension Hymn

Text: Adam Michael Wood

Tune: THAXTED. Gustav Holst



1. Do not stand and stare in wonder in- to the sky a-  
2. On His throne in high-est Heav - en our Sa - vior takes His  
3. All you ser - vants of the Most\_ High now sing and clap our



bove, You have seen the wond-rous glo-ry of the ris- en Lord of  
place, Now and al - ways on the Mer-cy Seat, the source of end - less  
hands, For the Lord that once was cru - ci - fied is Prince of all teh



Love. And just as you have seen him a - scend un - to the  
grace. Though not on - ly there we seek Him; ne - ver far from us is  
Lands. Sound the trum - pet, sing to - geth - er as our Sav - ior takes His



skies, So shall the liv - ing Sav - ior re - turn be - fore your  
He. We know the Lord is with us, if we have faith to  
throne. And hear the voice that calls us a peo - ple of His



eyes. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! We praise our God and  
see. Nei - ther sta - ring up in won - der nor hid - ing like the  
own, Al - le - lu - ia! to the Fath - er and to His on - ly



King! Al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia! your peo - ple ev - er sing!  
dead, We will find Him here to - geth - er in break - ing of the bread.  
Son, Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spir - it the Eter - nal Three in One!

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## **Creed**

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

**All 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

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

*after each petition*

A Lord in your mercy

**C Hear our prayer.**

*concluding with*

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord  
**C Amen**

## **Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Please greet one another in the name of the Lord*



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### **Offertory [8] *Seek Ye First* - Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)**

### **[11] *Come Away to the Skies The Southern Harmony 1835* Setting by James Laster 2002 Sanctuary Choir**

Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise, and rejoice in the day thou wast born. On this festival day, come exulting away, and with singing to Zion return.

Now with singing and praise, let us spend all the days by our heavenly Father bestowed. While His grace we receive from His bounty, and live to the honor and glory of God.

For this glory we were first created to share both the nature and kingdom divine! Now created again that our lives may remain, throughout time and eternity thine.

We with thanks do approve to design of that love which hath joined us to Jesus' name; So united in heart, let us nevermore part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.

Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King and His rapturous praises repeat: To the Lamb that was slain, hallelujah again sing all heaven, and fall at His feet.

Hallelujah, we sing!

*Please stand as our gifts are presented, singing:*



**C** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

P It is indeed right and our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

Who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest

And so,  
with Mary Magdalene, and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus & Benedictus *Latin, "Holy & Blessed"*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we  
break this bread and share this\_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music consists of chords and single notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C 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**

P Body of Christ given for you.  
Blood of Christ shed for you.

### **Agnus Dei**     *Latin "Lamb Of God"*



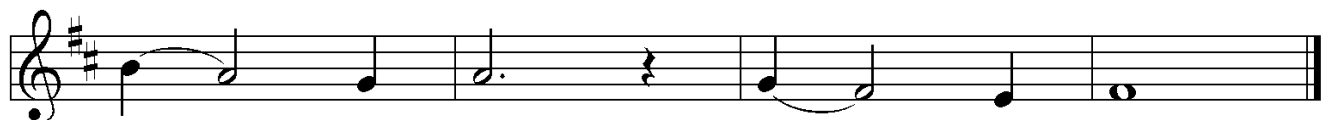
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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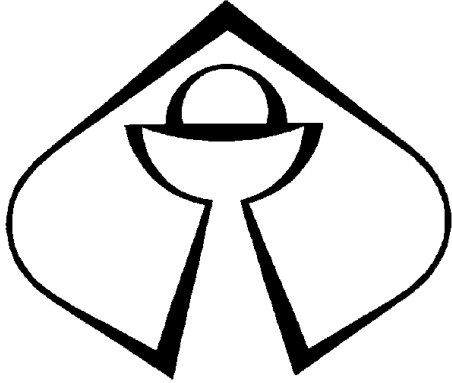


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION



**In-Person:** We commune at the Altar.  
Ushers will guide.

**Online at Home:** Commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

**Wine is Red Grape Juice is White  
Gluten-free Host available on request.**

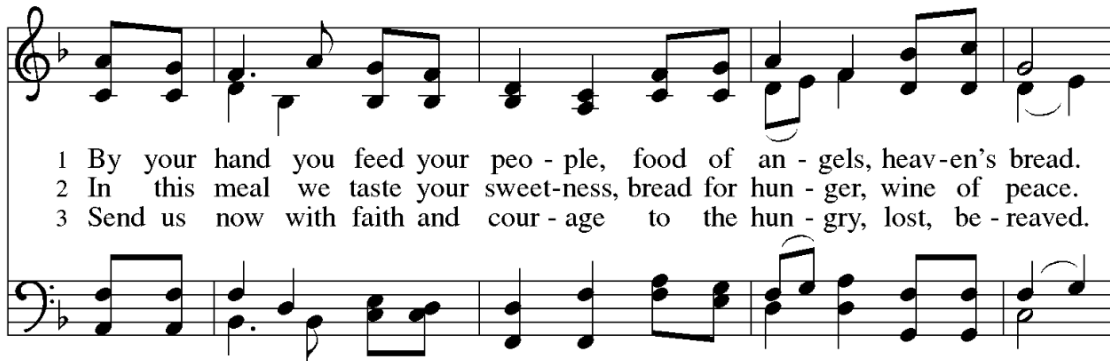
*One or more of the following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:*

### **Jesus, Name Above All Names (TFF 268)**

Je- sus, name a- bove all names, beau- ti- ful  
Sav- ior, glo- ri- ous  
Lord, Em - man- u- el, God is  
with us, bless- ed Re- deem- er, liv- ing Word.

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## By Your Hand You Feed Your People (ELW 469)

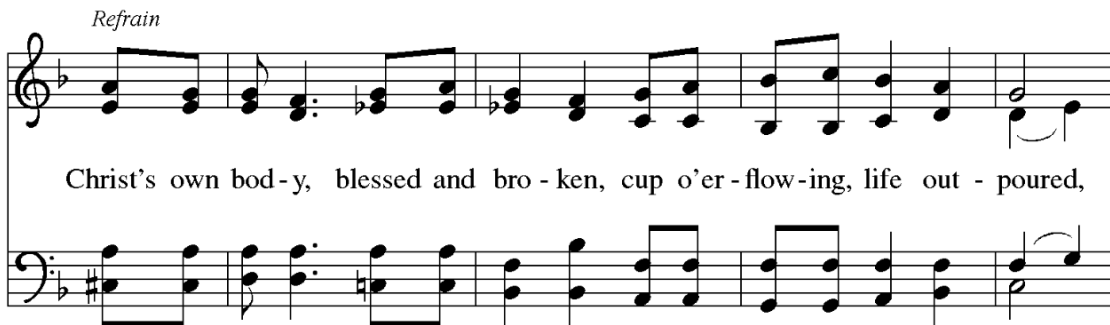


1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.  
2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.  
3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.

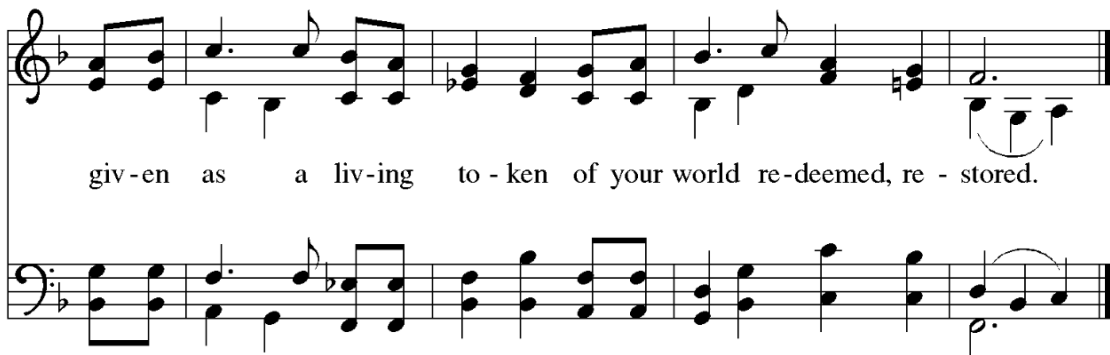


For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:

*Refrain*



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952  
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
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**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C** **Amen**

### Post-Communion Canticle



Thank the Lord, your voic - es raise: sing to God with high - est praise!



Tell the won - ders God has done: free - dom, life, the vic - t'ry won.



All who seek the Lord, re - joice; proud - ly bear the name of Christ.



Go in joy where God will send. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing a - men!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

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### Post-Communion Prayer

**A** Let us pray... 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,

**C** **Amen**

**P** The Benediction ☩

**C** **Amen**

## Sending *Go, My Children With My Blessing* (ELW 543)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.  
 Music: Welsh traditional  
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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude *Hymn to Joy Ludwig von Beethoven (1770-1827)* setting by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

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<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jenny Gibson	Cathy Rohloff
<b>Audio / Live Stream</b>	Christy Gibson	James Williams

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## Commemorations This Week

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### Matthias, Apostle

#### Thursday, May 14, 2026

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

### Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160

#### Monday, May 18, 2026

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

### Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330

#### Thursday, May 21, 2026

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

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