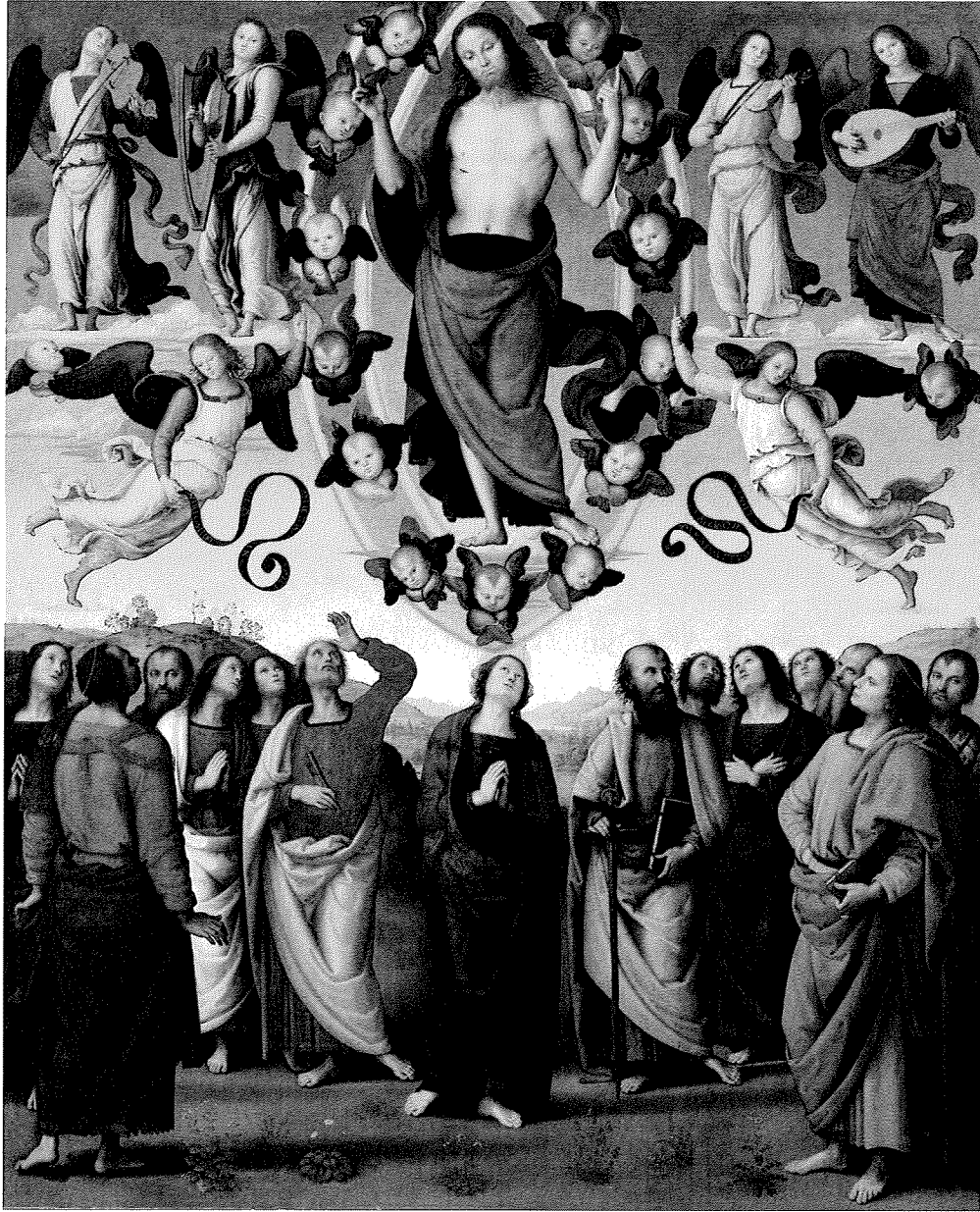


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A TRADITIONAL CHURCH FOR A CONTEMPORARY WORLD



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 17, 2026, 10:30 AM

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PEOPLE OF EMMANUEL, MINISTERS

PASTOR TIM SCHOLL

DAVID KAZIMIR, ORGANIST

PAULETTE GOYTOWSKI, CANTOR

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* INDICATES TO PLEASE KNEEL OR STAND, AS YOU ARE ABLE

PRELUDE — FANTASIA

JOHANN PACHELBEL

ENTRANCE RITE

*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.

*GATHERING SONG — A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING! ELW No. 393

*GREETING

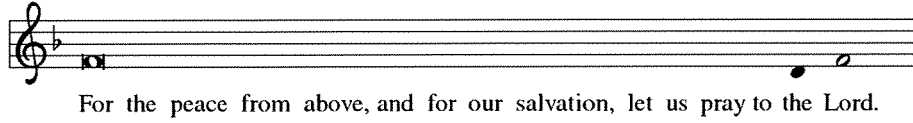
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*KYRIE

ELW P. 138



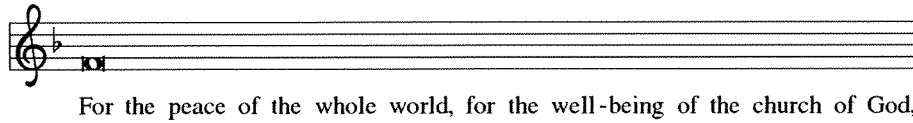
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



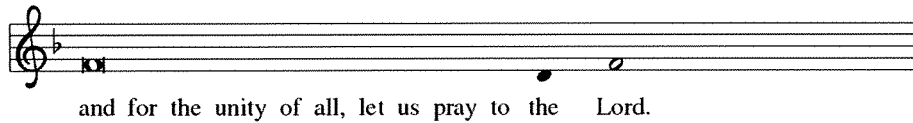
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



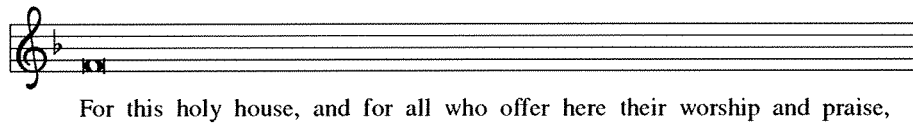
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



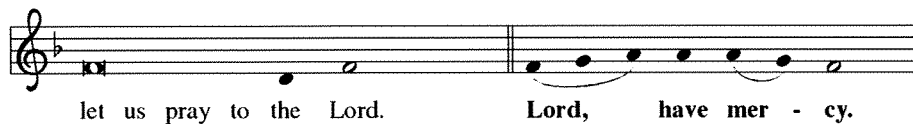
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



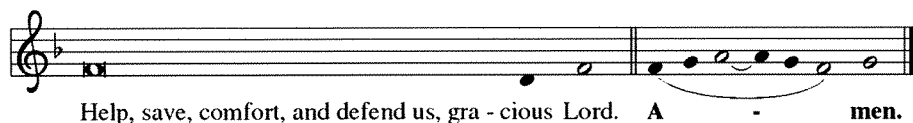
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW P. 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of
God. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia. Pow - er rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are
his. This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing hon - or, 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. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign, al - le - lu - ia.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS I:I-II

A Reading from Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ 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. ⁴ 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ 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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

PSALM 47

The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.

All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.

God has gone up with a shout.

¹ Clap your hands, ¹ all you peoples;
shout to God with a ¹ joyful sound.

² **For the Lord Most High is ¹ to be feared:**
a great king over ¹ all the earth,

- ³ who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴ **who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R**
- ⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R**
- ⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. **R**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Silence for reflection follows the reading.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.

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

Alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, ¹ says the Lord;* I am with you always, to the end ¹ of the age. *Alleluia.* (Matt. 28:19, 20)

*GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ [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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ 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 ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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.”

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. TIM SCHOLL

Silence for reflection follows the sermon

*HYMN OF THE DAY — BEFORE THE ANCIENT ONE, CHRIST STANDS



1 Be - fore the An-cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After "Merciful God," congregation responds, "Receive our prayer."

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING — COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

MARTIN STELLHORN

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Praise to thee, our God, we raise, Al - le - lu - ia. For thy gifts through all our days,
Al - le - lu - ia. May our hearts ev - er raise thanks for ev - 'ry bless - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

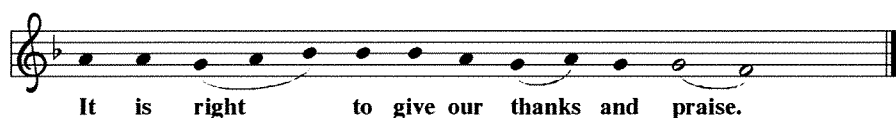
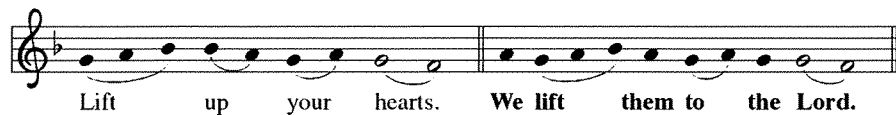
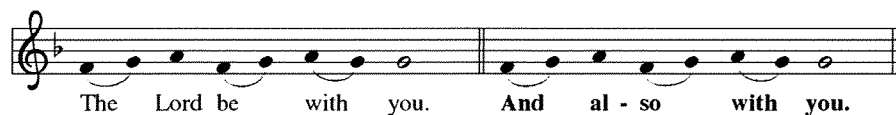
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.

*DIALOGUE



*PREFACE

*SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.
This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace.

The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

On the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

Amen and amen.

Amen and amen.

Presider

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Cantor *All*
 The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the
Cantor *All*
 break - ing of the bread. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. The dis
Cantor
 ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu - ia, though
All
 ma - ny we share one bread. The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

This is Hymn No. 877 from *Wonder, Love, and Praise: A Supplement to The Hymnal 1982*
Mark Sedio (b.1954), Cantor (1984-2000), Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

*TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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,

Amen.

*BENEDICTION

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 — CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

ELW No. 855

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE— PRAELUDIUM UND FUGE IN F DUR

J.S. BACH

PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: Joyce, Alex, Mike, Bryan, Leisha, JoAnn, Char, Debbie, Laura, Ron, Mark, Dennis, Jenny, John, Barbara, Kendra, Lisa, Edna, Diane, Tom, and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Paulette Goytowsski**. The reader for the service is **Cindy Bursley**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

FLOWERS AND CANDLE

The Altar Flowers are to the Glory to God.

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The Sanctuary Candle to the Glory to God.

THIS WEEK AT EMMANUEL MAY 17 TO MAY 24

Sunday (17)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service
Tuesday (19)	6:00 PM –	TOPS
Wednesday (20)	9:00 AM –	Women's Breakfast at At Sugarcreek
	10:30 AM –	Adult Bible Study
Sunday (24)	10:30 AM –	Worship Service

Last Week's response				
	May 10	YTD		Attendance
Given —	1,893	41,604	10:30 in-person	27
Needed —	<u>3,154</u>	<u>59,926</u>	Abbewood Service (3/29)	11
Over/(Short)	(1,261)	(18,322)	Livestream Total Views Past 7 Days	126

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

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.