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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

May 17, 2026

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Ascension Sunday

PRELUDE

GREETING

*Please stand in body or in spirit*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Hymn #322

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

*Please be seated*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to witness with courage, yet too often we remain silent. Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us who sends us to share your love. Forgive us for all that we have done to others. We ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Proclaim this good news to the end of the earth!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy and Living God, you raised Jesus from death, blessed the disciples with peace, and promised power through the Holy Spirit. Open our minds to understand the Scriptures. Empower us to become faithful witnesses to your love, mercy, and justice that brings salvation to the world. As Christ was lifted before the disciples, lift our vision beyond fear and uncertainty, so that we may trust your future and follow where the Spirit leads. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: Acts: 1:1-11

Luke 24:44-53

The word of the Lord.

**Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Hymn #552

We All Are One in Mission

*Please be seated.*

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)

(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy. Let us offer our gifts with joy also, trusting that God continues Christ's work of love and salvation through the church.

OFFERTORY

*If able, please rise in body or spirit.*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE #147

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word, and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy God, receive these gifts and our lives beside them. Use them to proclaim repentance, forgiveness, justice, mercy, and hope. Send us into the world as witnesses to your love and salvation. Amen.**

Hymn #317

Crown Him with Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

Do not stand still looking toward heaven. Christ has called you into the world. Go with the blessing of the risen and ascended Christ. Go empowered by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of the good news. And may the presence of God be with you now and always. Amen.

Postlude

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**Head Ushers for May are Evie Starkey and Lance Ide**

**Today's Ushers are Deb Kantner and Karen Rush**

**Altar Guild representative for May is Robin Ide**

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**2026 Consistory**

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Deacons: Amanda Duffy (President), Cindy Grace, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Evie Starkey, Angela Stofflet (Secretary), Herb Volk (V. President)

Jen Flexer (Treasurer)

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# 322 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

*Unison*

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of  
 3 O Lord, our home-ward path-way bend that our un - wear-ied  
 4 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be -  
 Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful  
 hearts as - cend, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! where, seat - ed on your  
 earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less

fore un - trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fol - lowers see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther's throne, you reign as King of kings a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 a - ges run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

WORDS: The Venerable Bede, (673-735); tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978  
 MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)  
 LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M. Alleluia  
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# 552 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 We all be - hold one vi - sion, a stark re - al - i - ty:  
 4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

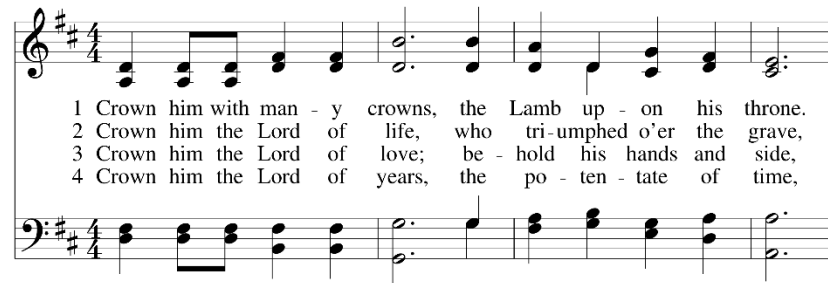
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:  
 the au - thor of sal - va - tion was nailed up - on a tree.  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 Yet res - ur - rect - ed Jus - tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

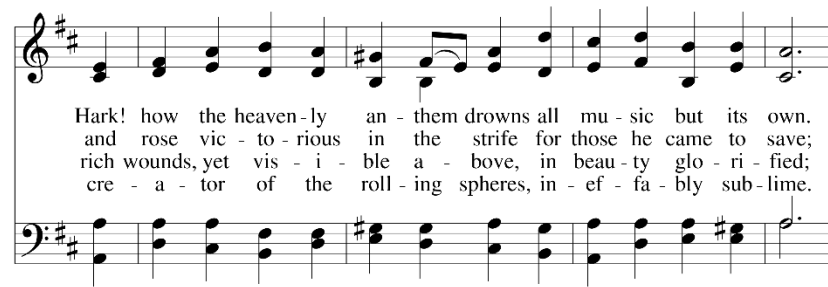
to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 free re - con - cil - i - a - tion and hope a - mid de - spair.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

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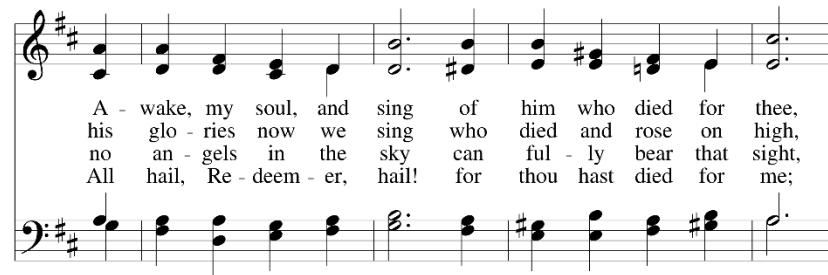
## 317 Crown Him with Many Crowns



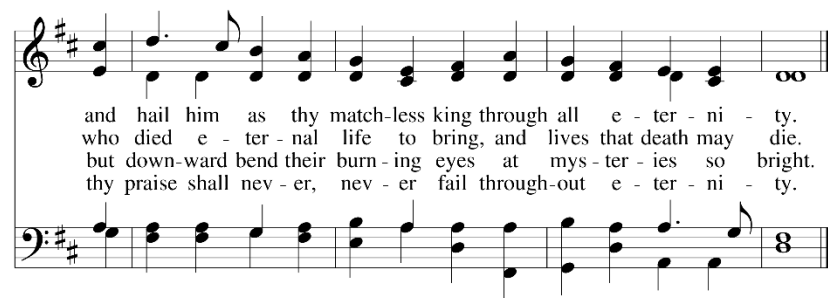
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne.  
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



Hark! how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied;  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 his glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
 no an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.