

Christ Lutheran Church
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026



Syttende Mai Celebration

Please join us for our Bake Sale and Syttende Mai Buffet of meatballs, herring, cucumber salad, red cabbage, rice pudding, rømmegrøt, fresh fruit, Norwegian goodies and plenty of coffee and milk. The Bake Sale is in the narthex and the Buffet is being served in Fellowship Hall following worship. We hope that you stay and enjoy Christ's Lutheran's hospitality.

Alle er velkommen!

Norwegian musical selections before worship.

Welcome/ Announcements

The Complete Order for Morning Worship

The 1922 Liturgy from The Liturgical Service of the Lutheran Church by John Dahle and M. Casper Johnshoy, B.D.

Call to Worship: Landkjending - Edvard Grieg

This is sung in Norwegian, and is about the return of King Olav Trygvason to Norway, as an adult. He is the King that brought Christianity to Norway.
Brian Gjermo soloist

While the Call to Worship is sung the Minister proceeds to the Altar and kneels before it. The Minister remains in this position while she reads.

1. The Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Thy presence to hear Thy holy word. We pray Thee to open our hearts by Thy Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Thy word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

The Minister rises and stands facing the Altar.

2. The Opening Hymn #413 ELW

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hellig, Hellig, Hellig Herre Gud Almektig
Dag dor dag vaar lovsang, Sakl stige op til dig
Hellig, Hellig, Hellig, Naadeful og prekig,
Fader, Sonn og Aand, All ære være dig!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

3a. The Confession of Sin

The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins,

Then the Minister, kneeling before the Altar, shall say:

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by

thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

3b. The Kyrie

The Congregation shall sing:

Her - re Gud Fa - der i Him - me - len, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os!

5 Her - re Je - sus, ver - dens Frel - ser, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os!

9 Her - re Gud Hel - lig - aand, Tros - ter sand, Mi - skun - de dig o - ver os.

3c. The Absolution

Then the Minister shall turn to the Congregation and say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father; hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for his sake forgiveth all our sins. To them that believe on His name, He giveth power to become sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved.

4a. The Gloria

Then the Minister shall turn to the Altar and chant or say:

Ære være Gud i det høieste

Congregation:

Og fred paa jor - den, i men - ne - ske - ne en vel - be - ha - ge - lig - het.

5. The Collect for the Day

Cantor Herren vaere med e - der.

Congregation And with they spir - it.
Og med din __ aand.

The Collect shall be chanted in Norwegian by the Cantor.

Lad os alle bede. Almægtige og evige Gud: Skap I os, overfor dig, en hellig vilje, at vi kan tjene din majestæt med et rent hjerte; ved din Søn, vor Herre Jesus Krist,

som lever og regjerer med dig og den Hellingaand, en sand Gud is al evighet.
Amen.

English Translation:

Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God: Make us to have a devout will toward Thee, and to serve Thy majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



6. The Lesson

The Lector, standing at the lectern, shall read the Lesson of the Day, announcing as follows:

The lesson for the seventh Sunday of Easter is written in the 1st Chapter of Acts beginning with the sixth verse.

⁶When they were together for the last time they asked, “Master, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now? Is this the time?” ⁷⁻⁸ He told them, “You don’t get to know the time. Timing is the Father’s business. What you’ll get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world. ⁹⁻¹¹These were his last words. As they watched, he was taken up and disappeared in a cloud. They stood there, staring into the empty sky. Suddenly two men appeared—in white robes! They said, “You Galileans!—why do you just stand here looking up at an empty sky? This very Jesus who was taken up from among you to heaven will come as certainly—and mysteriously—as he left.” ¹²⁻¹³ So they left the mountain called Olives and returned to Jerusalem. It was a little over half a mile. They went to the upper room they had been using as a meeting place: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas, son of James. ¹⁴ They agreed they were in this for good, completely together in prayer, the women included. Also Jesus’ mother, Mary, and his brothers.

The lesson ended, the Lector shall say:

Here endeth the Lesson.

The Congregation shall be seated.

7. Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Edvard Grieg Chorus

8. The Gospel

The Minister, turning to the Congregation, shall say:

The Holy Gospel is written in the 17th Chapter of John, beginning with the 1st verse.

The Congregation shall rise and remain standing until the Confession of Faith has been said. Then the Minister shall read the Gospel of the Day.

¹⁻⁵ Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said: Father, it's time. Display the bright splendor of your Son so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor. You put him in charge of everything human so he might give real and eternal life to all in his care. And this is the real and eternal life: That they know you, the one and only true God, And Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do. And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor, the very splendor I had in your presence before there was a world. ⁶⁻¹² I spelled out your character in detail to the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me, and they have now done what you said. They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that everything you gave me is firsthand from you, for the message you gave me, I gave them; and they took it and were convinced that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, and my life is on display in them. For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind. As long as I was with them, I guarded them in the pursuit of the life you gave through me; I even posted a lookout. And not one of them got away, Except for the rebel bent on destruction (the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

*The Gospel ended, the Minister shall say:
Here endeth the Gospel.*

Then the Congregation shall sing:



9. The Confession of Faith

*The Minister shall say:
Let us confess our holy Faith.*

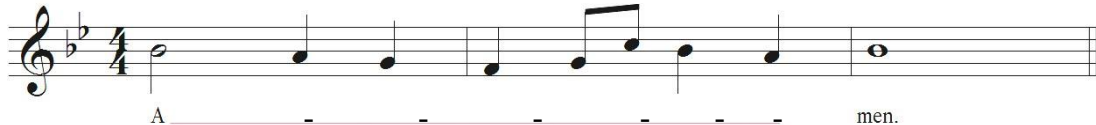
Then the Minister shall turn to the Altar and, together with the Congregation, they shall say:

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Then the Congregation shall sing:



The Congregation shall be seated.

10. The Sermon

11. The Hymn #742 ELW

“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Hvilken venn vi har i Jesus! Alt han vet og alt formar.
 Tyngste byrde han oss letter Nar i bonn til ham vi gar.
 Akk, men titt var fred forstyrres, Sorg og moye blir var lonn,
 Blott fordi vi ikke bringer Alle ting til ham i bonn.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
 We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
 Jesus knows our every weakness. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee. Thou wilt find a solace there.

12. Anthem: “Let There Be Peace On Earth”

by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Edvard Grieg Chorus

13. The Closing Prayer

The Minister shall receive the Offering and after placing it on the Altar, shall turn to the Congregation and say:

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.

14. The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer shall be chanted by the Cantor.

Fader vor, du, som er i himlene! Helliget vorde dit navn! Komme di trike! Ske din vilje, som i himmelen, saa og paa jorden! Giv os idag vort daglige bröd! Og forlat os vor skyld, som og vi forlater vore skyldnere! Og led os ikke ind i fristelse! Men frels os fra det onde. Ti riket er dit, magten og æren i evighet.

Congregation:

A - - - - - men.

15. The Benediction

Minister:

Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And with thy spir - it.

Minister:

The Lord bless thee and keep _____ thee.

The Lord make His face sine upon thee,

and be gra - cious un - to thee.

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The Lord lift up His countenance up - on thee,

8
and give _____ thee peace.

9
A - men, A - men, A _____ men.

16. The Closing Hymn "Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet"

Ja, vi elsker dette landet, Som det stiger frem furet vaerbitt
 Over vannet med de tusen hjem,
 Elsker, elsker de tog tenker på vår far og mor
 Og den saganatt som senker
 Drømme på vår jord, Og den saganatt som senker,
 Senker drømme på vår jord.

17. Postlude: "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" Hughes/Hopson