

St. John's Reformed Church

May 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections.)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum "Our help is in the name of the LORD;
who has made heaven and earth."

*Call to Worship

Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* #859 v. 1-4

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Call & Prayer of Confession

Open our eyes that we may see you in the ones we say we long to love.

Open our ears so that we may be quicker to listen than to speak.

Open our mouths to speak good rather than evil of our neighbors.

Open our hands in generosity and help us let go of clenched fists.

Open our hearts to a desire to follow Jesus.

Moment of Silence

Kyrie Eleison "Lord have mercy upon us:

Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us"

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: Wait for the Lord and in the Word of the Lord put your hope. Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning. There is no darkness with the Lord. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, redemption and no darkness at all. -based on Psalm 130:5-7

**Response: May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen.***

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer of Illumination

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35** (pp. 528-529)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Lesson from the New Testament: **1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11** (p. 235)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* #763 v. 1-3

Lesson from the Gospels: **John 17:1-11** (p. 111)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon "What time is it?" *Pastor Kris*

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

From there he will come 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.**

*The Church universal, that exists in all times and places.

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering Invitation

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Living God, you have given us so much in Jesus Christ:

hope, joy, and peace. Above all, you have given us fullness of life.

**What can we give in return? If the whole world were ours,
it would not be enough. What little we have, we humbly offer to you.**

In gratitude, Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

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. Amen.**

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen* **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #257 v. 1-4

Benediction

*Congregational Amen **"Go Now in Peace"**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with us each hour of every day.

Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.

Know he will guide us in all we do.

Go now in love, and show we believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

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