

A photograph of a church interior. In the foreground, a group of people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are standing in a choir or at the front of a sanctuary. They are holding open books, likely Bibles or prayer books, and appear to be participating in a service. The background features a large, ornate Gothic-style window with intricate tracery. The lighting is bright, suggesting natural light from the window. The overall atmosphere is solemn and focused.

May they be  
one,  
as we are  
one

JOHN 17:11

**Hope Lutheran Church**

**May 17, 2026**

**Pastor**

**Jim Helgren**

**Organist**

**Ruth Neeman**

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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**Prelude, Welcome, Announcements**

**Opening Hymn "Blessing and Honor"**

**LBW # 525**

**Brief Order of Confession**

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**Greeting & Kyrie**

**Hymn of Praise: Praise Him, Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer! Sing O Earth His wonderful love proclaim! Hail Him, Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory. Strength and honor give to His holy name! Like a shepherd Jesus will guard His children, in His arms He carries them all day long. Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness. Praise Him, Praise Him ever in joyful song!**

**Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

**O God of glory, your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**Acts 1:6-14**

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

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**1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11**

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<b>In Our Prayers we remember Carol Speth</b>		

**Welcome to Hope Lutheran. Visitors please sign our guest book in the entry. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion during the service today.**

**Thursday, May 21st: 2:30 p.m Worship at Orchard Park**

**Saturday, May 23rd: 11:00-1:00 Memorial Lunch at Hope**

**Sunday, May 24th: 10:00 a.m. Worship**

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**FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus,] "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."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35****SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5,6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39.

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