

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**May 17, 2026**

**WE ARE ONE CHRISTIAN FAMILY LED BY GOD'S WORD AND THE  
HOLY SPIRIT INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

**Bible Based Preaching, Spiritual Growth, Great Commission  
(Go, Make Disciples...)**

**+ + + RECONNECTING WITH GOD + + +**

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC "God Story"**

**I've gone where the hopeless go, The dead end of a broken road.  
And I've learned there's a place so low You can't see your way out.  
Been stuck in a ditch so deep, Thought it might be the end of me.  
But I'm still here and there could only be One way how**

***(Chorus)***

**My life is a God story. Gotta tell the world what He's done for me.  
Miracles on miracles that only He could do.  
I'm proof that we're all only One prayer away from a testimony.  
There's only one getting all the glory. My whole life is a  
God story.**

**From beginning to the end, From who I was to who I am.  
I can see His fingerprints on ev'ry single page.  
Now the story I love to tell Is the story of the one who brought me back from  
hell.  
From all wrong to it is well And all I can say is**

***Chorus***

**God story.**

***(Bridge)***

**From death to life, From blind to sight, This is my God story.  
From lost to found, From then to now, I'll tell you how, God story.  
Who brought me through, From old to new. It's a true God story.**

**Ain't hard to see the change in me, Could only be a God Story.  
*Chorus***

***Bridge***

God Story Words and music by Matthew West, Anne Wilson and Jeff Pardo  
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**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you

**C:** And also with you.

**OPENING "House of the Lord"**

**We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.**

**We worship the God who evermore will be.**

**He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.**

**Our God, He holds the victory, yeah.**

***(Chorus)***

**There's joy in the house of the Lord.**

**There's joy in the house of the Lord today.**

**And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.**

**There's joy in the house of the Lord.**

**Our God is surely in this place.**

**And we won't be quiet. We shout out Your praise.**

**Oh, oh, oh.**

**We shout out Your praise.**

**We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.**

**We sing to the God who always makes a way.**

**'Cause He hung upon that cross Then He rose up from that grave.**

**My God's still rolling stones away.**

***Chorus***

**We were the beggars. Now we're royalty.**

**We were the pris'ners. Now we're running free.**

**We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace.**

**Let the house of the Lord sing praise. (Repeat)**

***Chorus***

**We shout out Your praise!**

**There is joy in this house, There is joy in this house today!**

**We shout out Your praise! We shout out Your praise.**

**House of the Lord Words and music by Phil Wickham and Jonathan Smith**

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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you and rightly honor your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God.

**C: Gracious God, have mercy on me. In your compassion forgive my sins, Known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold me by your Holy Spirit so that I may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 47:1, 5-7**

P: Clap your hands, all you nations;

**C: Shout to God with cries of joy.**

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**C: The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**C: For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.**

P: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

**C: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen**

**SONG OF PRAISE "Hallelujah Feeling"**

**Some days I climb the mountains, Some days I touch the clouds,**

**Some days My best friend has been the cold hard ground.**

**There's mercy new each morning, Comfort through the night.**

**My eyes are fixed on Jesus, And I'm gonna be alright.**

***(Chorus)***

**I got that halle-lujah feeling down in my soul.**

**I got that halle-lujah feeling, and it won't let go.**

**I've been born again, yes and amen. No matter what comes I know**

**I got that halle-lujah feeling down in my soul.**

**Halle-lujah, hallelujah.**

**Oh, just because it's raining, Doesn't mean the sun won't shine.**

**There's a season for the struggle And a season for the prize.**

**But my hope is never fading, 'Cause it's anchored in the truth.**

**My Father goes before me, And His joy will see me through.**

***Chorus***

**Halle-lujah, hallelujah. Halle-lujah, hallelujah.**

**When ev'rything is shaking, Got that solid rock like pavement.**

**I might bend, but I'm not breaking. I know who's on my side.**

**When ev'rything is shaking, Got that solid rock like pavement.**

**I might bend, but I'm not breaking. The Lord is on my side.**

***Chorus***

**Halle-lujah, hallelujah. Halle-lujah, hallelujah. Halle-lujah, hallelujah.**

**Hallelujah Feeling Words and music by Caleb Crino, Jake Henry, Jeff Pardo and John Seeker  
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**FIRST LESSON      Acts 1:1-11**

**In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with**

water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." <sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON    Philipians 2:5-11**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup>rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup>And being found as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL    Luke 24:44-53**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins

will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**WE SING: "If I Got Jesus"**

I've had a dollar to my name. I've had friends that walked away.  
And I've even lost myself a time or two.  
There were bridges crossed and burned, But through all the wreckage I have  
learned  
There is one thing that I can never lose.

*(Chorus)*

If I got Jesus I've got all that I could ever need.  
Take the world away from me, And I'll be ok.  
If I got Jesus There's a hope that's living deep inside,  
A joy that I could never hide, And a safe place to fall.  
If I got Jesus I got it all.

I've seen weakness turn to strength. I've seen failures met with grace.  
And it's not from what I've done; It's Christ in me.  
A miracle I can't explain, Oh, He's given me His name.  
I'm the richest [one] that I could ever be.

*Chorus*

Someday that trumpet's gonna sound,  
And the King of heaven will ride upon the clouds coming down.  
I'll hit my knees, oh Lord, then sings my soul: I'm going home.

*Chorus*

If I got Jesus I got it all.

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