



## Weekly Scripture Readings & Sermon Summaries *May 2023*

### **May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 14:1-14

“Box Checked or Baked In?” – Sermon Text: John 14:13-14 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

Jesus promises to answer “Whatever you ask,” commanding us to “ask me anything” . . . with one condition! He wants requests to be made “in Jesus’ name.” This condition, far from limiting us, opens up amazing possibilities for faith, love, hope, and life!

### **May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 66:16-20; 1 Peter 3:13-17; John 14:15-23

“Truly Loving Jesus” – Sermon Text: John 14:23 – Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

In John 14:23 Jesus speaks about loving him. What does he really mean when he talks about such love? Jesus also tells us that there is a wonderful blessing associated with our truly loving him.

### **May 21, 2023 – The Ascension of Our Lord Observed**

Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

“Witnessing While We Wait” – Sermon Text: Luke 24:52-53 – Rev. Thomas Eggold

For those who are in Christ Jesus, waiting does not mean fear. And waiting does not mean worry. In our Baptism, we have been given the power of the Holy Spirit, and the purpose of that power is that we may believe the promise of life that will come with Christ’s return, and that we may witness while we wait.

### **May 28, 2023 – The Day of Pentecost**

Psalm 25:1-15; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

“The Holy Spirit” – Sermon Text: John 7:37-38 – Rev. Shayne Jonker

Today is Pentecost, the day the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as Jesus breathes on His Church from the right hand of God and gives His Church breath and life to proclaim the Good News of His saving death and resurrection. Thus, it is a day full of grace and gladness, a day of promises fulfilled.

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