

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad you have joined us for worship. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation and welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation and gender identity. Together in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus the Crucified and Risen Christ.
- HOLY COMMUNION** ✧ You are invited to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ at God’s table of Holy Communion. If you are joining from home, please set your table with bread or crackers and wine or grape juice. We are prepared and worthy to receive Holy Communion when we come with an open heart, trusting that God’s love is for us.
- RECORDING** ✧ First Immanuel is committed to connect with people who are unable to be with us in person for worship. Please note that we are connected by Zoom and through YouTube. And as such, video recording takes place throughout the service.
- CHILDREN** ✧ We encourage children to participate with their families in worship. It is our custom to invite children to come forward for a special message from the Pastor just before the sermon. Parents are welcome to join them. A play area with a nursing area and changing table is downstairs. Please ask an usher.
- FLOWERS** ✧ Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Driessnack.
- COFFEE** ✧ Please join us for coffee downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship, hosted by Lauren Kim.
- MASKS** ✧ Masks are an effective way to protect us from infection. We are currently mask optional. We encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer, and that you stay current on your vaccinations.

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION

31 May 2026

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

J. Brahms, comp.

“St. Anthony Chorale/Theme from First Symphony”

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AS A BELL IS TOLLED

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

READ

Pastor: During this Season of Pentecost, we remember that we are baptized by water and the Spirit.

As water is poured...

People: **We praise you, O God, for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in the dying and rising of Jesus. Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.**

Pastor: There is one body and one Spirit,

People: **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, who is Creator of all, above all, through all, and in all! O come, let us worship the Lord!**

* Please stand as you are able.

* **GATHERING HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

ELW 413 (*red book*)

1. Holy, holy, holy,
 Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning
 our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy,
 merciful and mighty!
 God in three Persons,
 blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy!
 All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns
 around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim
 falling down before thee,
 which wert and art and
 evermore shall be.

3. Holy, holy, holy!
 Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye made blind by sin
 thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy;
 there is none beside thee,
 perfect in pow’r, in
 love and purity.
4. 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!

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* **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

READ

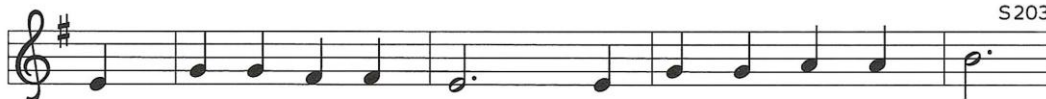
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: We live in a broken world that cries out for healing and peace. Let us pray using the ancient words of the Kyrie.

* **KYRIE**

SING: P. 203 (*red book*)



S203

- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow’r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

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* HYMN OF PRAISE

SING: P. 204 (red book)

1. Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.
2. Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;

- on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.
3. Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit,
glory be to God on high!

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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WORD

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Sanctus from *Requiem*”

Gabriel Fauré, comp.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
God of the Sabbath:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word,
and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants.
God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 8

Lector: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your Name in all the earth! You have placed your glory above the heavens!

People: **From the lips of infants and children you bring forth words of power and praise, to answer your adversaries and to silence the hostile and vengeful.**

Lector: When I behold your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you set in place—

People: **what is humanity that you should be mindful of us? Who are we that you should care for us?**

Lector: You have made us barely less than God, and crowned us with glory and honor.

People: **You have made us responsible for the works of your hands, putting all things at our feet—**

Lector: all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

People: **O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your Name in all the earth!**

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to
Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace,
God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

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Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* ALLELUIA VERSE

SING: P. 205 (red book)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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* THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples
and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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* GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Ellen Williams

THE SERMON

Pastor Ellen Williams

* HYMN OF THE DAY

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW 673 (red book)

1. God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
2. Christ, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight;
health to the troubled mind,
sight where illusions blind;
oh, now to humankind
let there be light.

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might:
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.

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* **THE NICENE CREED**

READ

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

After each petition...

Assistant: God of grace,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Trusting that you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

* **SHARING THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Air in D Major”

J.S. Bach, comp.

* **SETTING THE TABLE “The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” ELW 531** *(red book)*

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing,
the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav’n are open wide,
and Jesus welcomes you inside.

**Take your place at
the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin,
the feast is ready to begin.**

Refrain:

**Sing with thankfulness
songs of pure delight.
Come and revel
in heaven’s love and light.**

3. The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav’n
and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

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Assistant: Let us pray together.

People: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen

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* **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

SING: P. 207 *(red book)*

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
heav’n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

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* **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed...Do this for the remembrance of me.
Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

People: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

PRAY

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 and ever. Amen

* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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All are welcome at Christ's table, where the risen Christ is present to strengthen us to share in God's loving purposes for the world. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. The glasses in the center of the communion tray contain white grape juice for those who wish it. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor. To receive a pastoral blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply fold your hands.

LAMB OF GOD

SING: P. 208 (red book)

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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COMMUNION HYMN 1

“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”

ELW 412 (red book)

1. Come, join the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun—
the interweaving of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time
did not arise by chance,
but as the Three, in love and hope,
made room within their dance.
2. Come, see the face of Trinity,
newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant
for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines
the dance in death,
God rolls away the stone.
3. Come, speak aloud of Trinity,
as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost
to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death,
our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe
that we are free to move!
4. Within the dance of Trinity,
before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three,
the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave,
by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

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Now the silence
 Now the peace
 Now the empty hands uplifted
 Now the kneeling
 Now the plea
 Now the Father’s arms in welcome
 Now the hearing
 Now the pow’r
 Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
 Now the body

Now the blood
 Now the joyful celebration
 Now the wedding
 Now the songs
 Now the heart forgiven leaping
 Now the Spirit’s visitation
 Now the Son’s epiphany
 Now the Father’s blessing
 Now Now Now

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BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and these gifts of Christ’s body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: Amen

* **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray together:

People: **Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen**

SENDING

* **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

People: Amen

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* SENDING HYMN

“Go to the World”

ACS 991 (*blue book*)

1. Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life’s worth,
baptizing as
 the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
2. Go to the world!
Go into ev’ry place.
Go live the word of
God’s redeeming grace.
Go seek God’s presence
 in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
3. Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears
give way to joyous day.
As servant church,
 you follow Christ’s own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
4. Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you
till the age shall end,
when all the hosts
 of glory cry, “Amen!”
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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SENDING

Assistant: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

People: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

“Prelude on *Te Deum*”

M.A. Charpentier, comp.

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer.
The front section of our worship area is dedicated as quiet prayer space
following the close of worship. God be with you.*

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Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

Congregational Meeting Today after Worship:

After worship today we will have a short congregational meeting to vote on funding to replace the defunct air conditioning unit for the church offices on the upper level of Sodergren Hall. We have available funds on hand in the Building Fund designated account, but our Constitution requires a vote of the congregation for any non-budgeted expenditures in excess of 5% of our operating budget. Please join us in Fellowship Hall for this brief meeting to get further details and also hear more about other upcoming facilities projects.

—Chris Weiss, Congregation President

Mark Your Calendars for July 11!

We have a definite date for a July summer potluck, at 4 PM on July 11 at Bobbi Varnes' house. There's also a rumor that we have one scheduled for August—more on that later, so keep an eye on future e-news. Any takers for June? Let Tammy VanDeGrift know! (tammy.vandegrift@gmail.com)

A poster for the 2026 Collins Lecture. It features a black and white portrait of John Fugelsang on the right. To the left of the portrait, the text reads: "Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon presents the 2026 Collins Lecture with **JOHN FUGELSANG** A Conversation on the Separation of Church & Hate **SATURDAY, JUNE 6** Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Portland (virtual option)". On the right side of the poster, there is a red book cover with the title "SEPARATION AND HATE" and the author's name "JOHN FUGELSANG".

<https://emoregon.org/event/2026-collins-lecture/>

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.”

And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.”

And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God

made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ²On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalms 8**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

[not printed]

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Next Sunday's Readings: Hosea 5:15—6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26.

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