May 2020 — Sunday Scriptures

May 3: The Fourth Sunday of Easter ("Good Shepherd" Sunday)

Acts 2:42-47 The early Christians shared freely with each other and lived in community. Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." 1 Peter 2:19-25 Because of the example of Jesus' suffering, we can also endure. John 10:1-10 "I am the door for the sheep."

May 10: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 Stephen becomes a martyr for the way of Jesus. Psalm 31 *"I will exult and rejoice in your steadfast love."* 1 Peter 2:2-10 Christians are "living stones," becoming a spiritual temple to God. John 14:1-14 *"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places."*

May 17: The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31 Paul proclaims the way of Christ to the Greek intellectuals. Psalm 66: 8-20 "Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard." 1 Peter 3:13-22 Live in Christ's resurrection power to overcome evil and to do right. John 14:15-21 Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to all who have faith in him.

May 24: Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11 As our Lord returns to the Father, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 47 "God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of the trumpet." Ephesians 1:15-23 The theology of Christ's ascension sees him as the cosmic ruler of all. Luke 24:44-53 Luke recounts an ascension tradition slightly different from Acts.

May 31: The Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Accompanied by wind, fire, and miraculous speech, the apostles receive the Spirit. Psalm 104:24-34, 35b "When you send forth your Spirit, they are created." 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 The Spirit of God gives many good gifts to God's people. John 7:37-39 Jesus uses the metaphor of a spring of "living water" to explain the Holy Spirit.

Order of Worship for our Zoom Services

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements (Steve Florschuetz or Ken Ladenburger)

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Congregational Song / Hymn

Scripture or Psalm

First Lesson

Music

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Music

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Congregational Song / Hymn

Dismissal