Prayers of the People **Ascension Sunday** May 17 2026 .

Real God Holy Lord God, we are lambs in wolves' territory, and yet you shepherd us with such care and love, we have nothing to fear as long as we follow You. Thank you for this Ascension Sunday, as we remember that Jesus rose from death and ascended from earth and remains among us by His Holy Spirit.

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For the leadership and congregations of the ACC, ELCIC and Moravian Churches.

We pray for Jerusalem on this Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. You are the peace the Middle East needs. We pray for Christians in Palestine and Gaza, that You would protect and strengthen them in difficult times.
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St Aidan's: Thank You again and again, Lord, for the perseverance You have given to Rev Kim and Rev Susan. May we be constant in prayer for them in this time of waiting.

Missions: We lift up Naomi House and its ministry, for the staff who faithfully and patiently keep this vital ministry moving. Give them Your strength and the grace of perseverance in the challenges they face. Would you guard the residents against violence and racism that happens in this city. May they come to faith in You, to know Your abounding love as staff minister to them.

Real Lives We praise You for those among us who give of their time and their means to bless our community and for those who faithfully attend events here, to support and to learn, we ask Your blessing in the contribution of their presence.

We pray for the Senate as they meet May 20 and 21 to discuss Bill C9, for Your Spirit's discernment as freedom of speech and religious freedom impact us all. Give them your wisdom to look beyond the wording of this proposed law.

Is there a word from the Lord among us?

Lord of love and healing, we remember those on our Prayer Chain and bring before you those who are in hospital, nursing homes, or homebound: Al, Barbara, Bernie, Carol, Charlotte, Deb, Diana, Elizabeth, Harold, Joan, Joy, June, Kath, Ken M, Ken N, Len, Margaret, Merle, Pam, Rob, Ruth, Sarah, Sue, and Tracy.

We lift up those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time, and their families. We especially remember Gerry Neal, whose father passed away suddenly in Rivers. Be with him as he travels to Rivers and give him Your strength at this time.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers.**