

# REGROUP, REMEMBER, AND REFLECT

ON THE 2025 MAY SUNDAY SERMONS

## SESSIONS

**He still lives... in revelation** (May 4)

**He still lives... in praise** (May 11)

**He still lives...  
in every situation** (May 18)

**He still lives... in the church** (May 25)



## MAY OVERVIEW

The early Christians not only remembered Christ, but continued to experience Him following Ascension Day. His life was not just a beautiful story to be remembered with gratitude - He was living, redemptive, and present then and there in their lives. They went out with the joyful cry, "Christ lives!" **And He still lives!**

We cannot merely talk about Christ - we must bring Him in! Into every situation, into every decision, into every relationship. He must be a living vital reality - closer to me than my breathing and nearer to me than my own hands and feet. We must be "Christ-bearers."

In the first sermon of May, we will search and find, along with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, the living presence of Christ **in revelation**.

We will come to understand, in the second sermon, Christ's resurrection as a catalyst **in praise**.

In the third sermon, we will learn to say, with Job, "I know that my Redeemer lives" and see that because He lives we can face tomorrow, fear is expelled, and our future is secure. Christ lives **in every situation** in our lives, both the joyful and the difficult.

On the fourth Sunday, we will experience Christ **in the church**, through the activity of the Holy Spirit, in word, sacrament, and blessing.

And finally, on Ascension Day, like the disciples, we will know what it means to go out and live in Christ and bear witness to Christ **in the Spirit**. May we bring Christ everywhere we go and to every person we meet!



# He still lives... in every situation

**Bible verse:** Job 19:25

**Suggested Reading:** Job 19:1-29

## QUESTIONS:

1. In the face of what he assumed was his impending death, Job maintained a firm belief that God would ultimately vindicate him. Despite the profound despair that filled his heart, this conviction represented a strong declaration of faith in God. Job trusted that, regardless of how others perceived his life at that moment, God would have the final say. How can this kind of conviction in our Redeemer...
  - a. Give us strength to face tomorrow?
  - b. Help banish our fear?
  - c. Give us hope for the future?
2. Like Job, have you ever experienced friends, family, or neighbors, who are not being particularly helpful in a difficult situation? How do you respond? Discuss some of Job's responses.
3. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
4. How have you experienced Jesus in a difficult situation?
5. What is the one *new* thought that you walked away with?

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# He still lives... in the church

**Bible verse:** John 16:7

**Suggested Reading:** John 13-17

## QUESTIONS:

1. Consider and discuss these various aspects of the Holy Spirit:
  - a. The One who is sent into the world
  - b. The Giver of Life
  - c. The unrestricted presence of God in our lives
2. How is the Holy Spirit active in the three sacraments?
3. Discuss the blessing of the benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen."
  - a. How do these words provide comfort?
  - b. How do they draw us into the fellowship of the Trinity?
  - c. What responsibility do they imply?
4. How did the sermon inspire or instruct your understanding of the Bible verse and/or context?
5. How have you experienced Jesus in the church?
6. What is the one *new* thought that you walked away with?

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