

# Wesley United Methodist Church

Worship Sundays 9 AM

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## May 17, 2026

### PRAYER HYMN

*Walk with Me (X2-refrain only)*

TFWS # 2242

### JOYS & CONCERNS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Pastor Doug*

### +CLOSING HYMN

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

UMH # 584

### +BENEDICTION

*Pastor Doug*

### POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

reaching up to worship God | reaching out to serve others | reaching in to grow together



# Ascension Sunday | Miracle Sunday

+Indicates that all are invited to stand in body or spirit.  
Congregation is invited to respond as indicated by **Bold Print**

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<i>Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus   O Christ, When you Ascended   He Is Exalted</i>	
<b>GREETING &amp; WELCOME</b>		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
<b>BREAKTHROUGH SIGHTINGS</b>		
<b>BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (UNISON)</b>		<i>Pastor Doug</i>
<b>God, we do not know what to do, but You do. Open our hearts, eyes, and minds to You. Amen.</b>		
<b>CENTERING TIME</b>	<i>There's Something About That Name</i>	
<b>+CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		<i>Isabella S.</i>
Isabella: As we gather together, in this place and in every moment of our lives,		
<b>All: we know God is with us, through Christ and the power of the Spirit.</b>		
Isabella: As we wonder what the future holds, as we name our hopes and fears,		
<b>All: we are given what we need— love, grace, and a peace that endures.</b>		
Isabella: As resurrection people, we share the story, growing in our relationships,		
<b>All: fulfilling God's mission and bearing witness to Christ in all the earth.</b>		
<b>+OPENING HYMN</b>	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	UMH # 168
<b>+OPENING PRAYER (UNISON):</b>		<i>Isabella S.</i>

**Almighty God, you truly are the Lord of Glory! There is not a single thing in heaven or on earth that exists apart from you. Indeed, the work of your hands is beyond what we can fully comprehend. Yet, you were willing to humble yourself, to enter into our lives through your son, Jesus, and to share with us the ups and downs of our existence. You invite us, even now, to be part of your mission. But, too often, we are distracted. We busy ourselves chasing after worldly gains and losses, and we spend our time pondering what comes after, instead of doing the things you've taught us to do. Forgive us, O God! Remind us of our place (and of the possibilities you present, each and every day). Renew in us your sense of wonder and curiosity, a holy anticipation of all that you've promised. Help us to embrace what you have given, that we may continue to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously according to your way. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

**+SILENT PRAYER**

**+SHARING THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** *Pastor Doug*

**SCRIPTURE READING** Acts 1:6-14 *Isabella S.*

<sup>6</sup> As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem—a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter, John, James, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James, Alphaeus' son; Simon the zealot; and Judas, James' son— <sup>14</sup> all were united in their devotion to prayer, along with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

**SERMON** **"Bearing Witness"** *Pastor Doug*  
*Loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously*

**HYMN** *Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise* TFSW # 2084

**COMMUNITY PRAYER** *Penny M.*

**OFFERTORY** *Amen Siakudumisa*

**+DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH # 94

**+PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Penny M.*

**Creator of God, this is the day that you have made, and we are forever grateful for the ways that you pour out blessing upon blessing, making us part of your great and wonderful work in this world. In the hope you promise (and with the faith you have given), we return these tithes and offerings to you. May they help equip and empower all your people for the building of your kin-dom. Amen.**

This week's YouTube link for Sunday—

<https://www.youtube.com/live/WuVVhM94lcM>

**LET'S PRAY THIS WEEK FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS!**

**If you have a joy or concern let us know!** [wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org](mailto:wumcoffice@wesleyhopeconnection.org)

**JOYS:** those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week (see announcement page). Share with us your joys so we may celebrate together and glorify our Lord for your blessings!

- For the generosity shown by so many people on poppy day this year.
- For the joy and privilege of being able to see our daughters become mothers.
- For our brothers, sisters, siblings around the world responding to God's call.
- For **Andy and Cass C.** (*brother and sister-in-law of Pastor Doug*), who celebrated their marriage on May 9.

**CONCERNS:**

- For **Kay O.** (*neighbor of Penny M.*), who was hospitalized after a bad fall.
- For **Shar** (*friend of Mary E.*), who is dealing with back issues.

**HOMEBOUND:** Dorothy D. Shirley S. Ardis A. Marge K.

**OTHERS:**

- For those who mother, holding us in their arms, in their prayers, and in the quiet corners of our hearts.
- For those who grieve, missing a mother or a child, or a relationship that wasn't what it should have been.
- For those whom mothering is complicated, heartbreaking, or incomplete.

**This week, we saw God "breaking through"...**

- ...in a whole bunch of robins outside. (Mary E.)
- ...in good weather and farmers being able to get into their fields. (Deb T.)
- ...in two people at retreat last week who expressed God work in their lives. (Pastor Doug)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MAY'S NOISY can Never Forgotten Honor Flight

### **Flying Veterans to see the memorials that stand in their honor:**

The organization is Wausau based and was formed in November of 2009. The goal is to fly veterans (in this region) who served during WWII, The Korean War or the Vietnam eras to Washington D. C. to visit the memorials built in their honor. The organization is an affiliate of Honor Flight Network, which began the activity in 2005.

There are 128 "hubs" or cities from which flights originate in 44 states.

The Honor flight is a one day trip and the veterans spend their time visiting the various military memorial sites and also take a bus tour of the city.

The organization receives no government funding and are supported by private and commercial donors, etc. and donations from many other sources.

### UPCOMING MAY BIRTHDAYS

**19:** Mark M.

**21:** Don L.



## MIRACLE SUNDAY

**Sunday, May 17, 2026**

- ⇒ Help fund the gap in theological education for emerging pastors in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.
- ⇒ **If we reach \$100.00, D.S. Park and Rev. Anna Lee Hunter will give an additional \$10.00!!!**
- ⇒ Offering envelopes in Fellowship Hall or write Miracle Sunday in the check memo line.

## CONTACT FORMS

If your household hasn't filled out a contact form, please take a minute to do so. It's important the office has this information on file to keep you informed through our future automated calling feature (work in progress), such as church closing due to severe weather. Also, it's important to know who to reach out to for you, in case of an emergency. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Doug or the office.

## 2026 WISCONSIN INGATHERING

Headed to the store? Consider grabbing an item or two for the 2026 Wisconsin Ingathering Conference. See the needed items to collect in past bulletins or grab a hand-out from the Fellowship Hall. No need to purchase all items for a kit. Every item makes a difference!

## SOS UPCOMING VOLUNTEER SHIFTS

The next opportunity to serve at Soup or Socks is Monday, July 6th, Wednesday, July 8th and Friday, July 10th. Please see Jackie if you're able to volunteer. New volunteers are always welcomed!

## SUMMERTIME PUB THEOLOGY

Come join the folks from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church @ Scotty's Pizza this summer on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in June, July, and August for Pub Theology. Pastor Doug and Pastor Katie will lead a new pub theology topic each time so don't worry if you can't make them all! Check out the first Pub Theology on June 3 @ 6 PM with the topic of What is Pub Theology?. It's a great way to converse, to fellowship, to grow and maybe even grab some good food from Scotty's too.

## 2026 DAIRYFEST BREAKFAST

Friday, May 29th | 8:00-9:30 AM—serving food

Marshfield Fairgrounds

\*Need at least 8 people to sign-up\*

CONNECTing to the community around us

## NOTES

A flyer for a Spring Dinner event. The flyer is decorated with illustrations of pink and white flowers, butterflies, and green leaves. The text is centered and reads: "Come join us - open to the Public American Legion Auxiliary Unit 54 SPRING DINNER 2100 S. Maple Avenue Marshfield, WI Wednesday: May 20, 2026 4:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. Menu: Pork Roast, Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dressing, Dessert, Coffee, Milk. Price \$15.00. (Also having Basket Raffle & 50/50) Money going to Badger Girls State Program Thanks EVERYONE for your Support!!!".

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