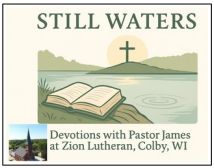
Date: May 17, 2026
Suggested Reading: John 14:15–21
Text: John 14:18
I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.



There's Always Room

There are moments in life when we feel like we don't quite belong. Maybe it's walking into a room where everyone already knows each other, or sitting at a table where every seat seems taken. We wonder if there's really a place for us.

We do the same thing in our faith. We assume God has room for others but not always for us. We think about our failures, our sins, the times we didn't love our neighbor, didn't help when we could have, or chose comfort instead of compassion. Quietly, we begin to believe there isn't a place for people like us.

That's the problem. Left to ourselves, we close doors on others, and even on ourselves.

Jesus speaks directly into that fear: "I will not leave you as orphans." He does not abandon us. He does not make us earn a place. He comes to us. He makes room.

He made room for us at the cross, where He carried our sin and brought us back to the Father. In Holy Baptism He claimed us. In His Word He speaks to us. At His Holy Table He welcomes us again and again. We belong because He says so.

Now, as people who have been welcomed, we live differently. We begin to look around and notice who else is standing at the edges. We pull out another chair. We help carry a burden. We make room because Jesus first made room for us.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus, thank You for never leaving us and always making room. Help us to love others with the same love You have shown us. Amen.

Thought for the Day:
Jesus made room for you. There is always room for one more.

Suggested Hymn: LSB 588 – Jesus Loves Me

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