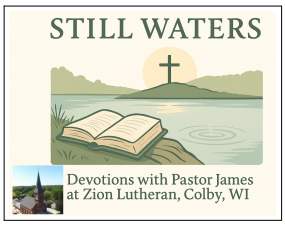
Date: May 31, 2026
Suggested Reading: John 8:48–59
Text: John 8:51
Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My Word, he will never see death.



What Really Matters

There are moments when life suddenly becomes very clear. A phone rings late at night. A doctor walks quietly into the room. A storm knocks out the power and you're sitting in dark and silence. In those moments, the little things that once felt large suddenly become very small.

Jesus knew exactly what matters most. In John 8 the crowds argued with Him, insulted Him, and even picked up stones to kill Him. Yet Jesus kept speaking. He kept warning. He kept calling sinners to faith because He loved them.

We often spend our lives carrying heavy burdens, worries about money, health, family, work, the future, or what others think about us. Many of those concerns are real. Yet none of them can finally rescue us from sin or death.

That is the hard truth Scripture forces us to face. But Jesus does not walk away from sinners. He walks to the cross. The eternal "I AM," the God who spoke to Moses from the burning bush, took on flesh for us. He entered our suffering, carried our sin, died our death, and rose again to give us life. Through His Word, Baptism, Absolution, and Supper, He continues to give life eternal life to His people.

When everything else fades away, Jesus remains. In the end, He is what really matters.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus Christ, keep us close to Your saving Word when worries and fears overwhelm us. Remind us You conquered death for us and our eternal life rests safely in Your hands. Amen.

Thought for the Day:
The things we worry about today will one day fade away. Christ crucified and risen never will.

Hymn: LSB 940 – Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

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