

# Easter tide

MAY 17, 2026 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (EXAUDI)



**B**UT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH."

- ACTS 1:8

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. - Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 913*

**“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”**



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts  
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts  
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,  
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, A - round and in  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty We faith - ful wit -  
That we be faith - ful un - to death And live in love



us bright - ly shine, To joy and glad - ness wake us  
ness - es may be, Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
and ho - ly faith, From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing, To You giv - ing  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing; Let our preach - ing  
Your grace and peace On us show - er; By Your pow - er



Prayer un - ceas - ing And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
And our la - bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.  
Christ con - fess - ing, Let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### **The Seventh Commandment**

*You shall not steal.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.*

**Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Seventh Commandment:**

- *Have I gotten anything in a dishonest way?*
- *Have I made illegal copies of any printed material, audio or video formats, or computer software?*
- *Do I faithfully attend to the responsibilities of my vocation?*
- *Do I take care of what I have, pay what I owe, return what I borrow, and respect other people's property?*
- *Do I give generously, or am I selfish, stingy and greedy with my time and money?*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9a



**L** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*  
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

**L** The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?\*

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

**C** Teach me your way, | O LORD;\*

give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;

**L** for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,\*  
and they breathe out | violence.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**L** Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*  
Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sitting*

## PROPHECY

**Ezekiel 36:22-28**

**A** The Prophecy for the Seventh Sunday of Easter is from Ezekiel, chapter 36.

**A** “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries

and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter four.
- A** Dearly Beloved: The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*Standing*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

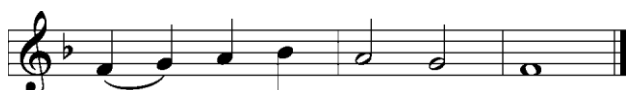


**G** Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Exodus 20:3; Deuteronomy 6:4; Ephesians 4:6*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Psalms 89:26; Matthew 6:9; Romans 1:20*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; Nehemiah 9:6; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *2 Corinthians 4:18; Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 4:5; 1 Timothy 2:5*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 1:14; 3:16, 18; Acts 13:33; 1 John 4:9*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:18; 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 1:17; 1 Peter 1:20*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 1:4-9; 8:12; 12:46; Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 21:23*  
**very God of very God**, *Philippians 2:6; Colossians 1:19; 2:9; 1 John 5:20*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30; 17:22*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *John 1:3; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:2*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:4*  
**came down from heaven** *John 3:13; 6:41; Luke 15:20; Ephesians 4:10*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14; Galatians 4:4*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Matthew 27:35; Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33; John 19:18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *Acts 1:13; 3:18; Matthew 14:12; Mark 15:46; Luke 23:53; John 19:42*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *Luke 24:46; Acts 10:40; 1 Corinthians 15:4*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Luke 24:51; John 20:17; Acts 1:2, 9, 11, 22; Ephesians 4:8*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Mark 16:19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 3:1*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; 17:31; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Timothy 4:1; 1 Peter 4:5; Revelation 20:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *Luke 1:33; 2 Peter 1:11; Hebrews 1:8; Revelation 11:15*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:4*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:5-6; 15:26-27; Romans 8:2*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 14:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:33; Romans 5:5*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Luke 1:67; Acts 28:25; Ephesians 3:5; 2 Peter 1:21*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Peter 2:5; Revelation 21:14*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *John 5:29; 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 6:14; 15:20-22*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Luke 18:30; John 5:24; 6:33; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 4:8; 1 John 5:11*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48; 2 Corinthians 1:20*

**P** What is the Second Article?

**C** And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

*Sitting*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lutheran Service Book 564*

**“Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”**



1 Christ sits at God’s right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
 3 Christ’s al - tar was the tree, Where on the world’s be - half  
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - ’ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
 “A priest for - ev - er - more,” An oath God would not break,  
 To seal God’s guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, “Lord, here am I To do Your will.”  
 “A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek.”  
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,  
 Washed in that precious flood  
 And enter the Most Holy Place  
 By Jesus' blood.  
 From hearts that are sincere,  
 Let tongues our hope profess,  
 And trust anew God's faithful grace  
 That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,  
 Our Lord who intercedes,  
 Our great High Priest enthroned above  
 Who knows our needs;  
 And to the Father sing  
 Our songs of thankful praise,  
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love  
 For endless days.

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*Sitting*

## SERMON

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Lord God, You have given boldness to Your children through the resurrection of Your Son from the dead. Free us from fear of the world, its temptations, its ways and its power, and fix our eyes on Christ alone, that we may be faithful to Him even to death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O God, strengthen Your Holy Church to give witness to Christ, to bear persecution and to live in the confidence that if You are for us nothing can separate us from You. Strengthen the ministers of Your Holy Church [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Send laborers into Your harvest, and sustain those You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You blot out transgressions and wash away iniquity. Sustain the families of Your Church, that husbands, wives and children would be cleansed from their sins and live together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, You have shown Your face to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Answer those who cry out in His name [*including* \_\_\_\_\_]. Be their stronghold, and preserve them unto eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, fill us with joy as we approach Your altar to receive the body and blood of Christ. Give us the peace that surpasses understanding, the gladness no man can take from us, and the hope that does not fade away. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, You promised the land of Canaan to our fathers of old. Now You promise a new creation to all Your saints. In their fellowship, sanctify us to do Your will in this life and at last to receive eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness to Your dear Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Since the world cannot endure this testimony and persecutes us in every way, encourage and comfort us, we implore You, that we would not be offended by these crosses, but continue steadfast in Your testimony and be found always among those who know You and Your Son until we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
 bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

- C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sitting*

## **About participation in Holy Communion:**

**All guests and visitors are asked to please speak to Pastor Miller before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.**

**Those who are not receiving the Sacrament but still request a pastoral blessing are invited to approach the altar with arms crossed in an "X" over their chests to indicate this desire.**

**We are grateful for your cooperation in honoring our practice.** For further explanation, please see below:

*Drawn from God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions are a true and binding exposition of Holy Scripture and serve as authoritative texts for all pastors, congregations and other rostered church workers of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. That being the case, we are bound to follow its prescribed practice of Closed Communion:*

*"The custom has been retained among us of not administering the sacrament to those who have not previously been examined and absolved [1 Corinthians 11:27-28]" (Augsburg Confession XXV:1).*

*Closed Communion was always the common practice among Christians from the first century and remains the practice of Confessional Lutherans. It originates from the clear biblical teaching that the Sacrament of the Altar "is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink" (Small Catechism VI:1). The "words [according to our Lord's institution], "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words" (SC VI:3).*

*Because "whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord," it is important that each person "examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). To ensure worthy reception, pastors are required to be faithful in their stewardship of the sacraments (1 Cor 4:1-2). This assumes pastoral care between Pastor Miller and those intending to receive Holy Communion.*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 539

“Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
 Δ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,

The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,

The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.

Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

Lutheran Service Book 598

“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”

1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on  
 2 His bod - y and His blood I've tak - en In His blest  
 3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -

Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and  
 Sup - per, feast di - vine; Now I shall nev - er be for -  
 out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -

daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.  
 sak - en, For I am His, and He is mine.  
 sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

*Refrain*  
 O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

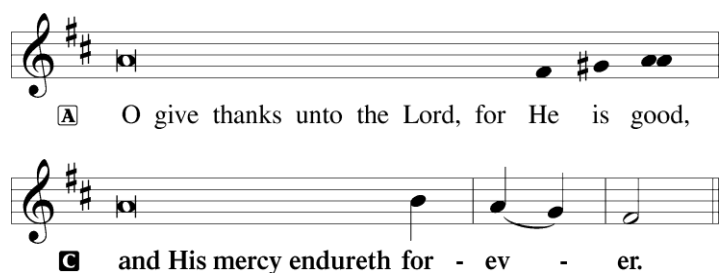
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

*2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



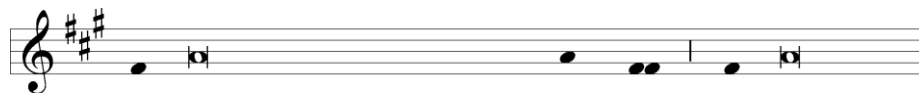
**A** Bless we the Lord.



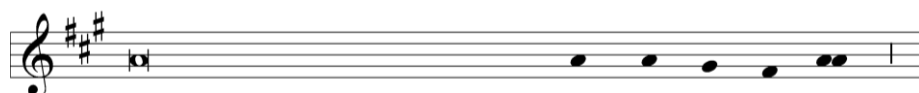
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

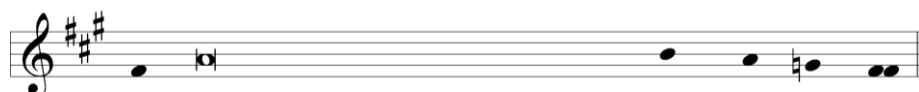
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 818*

**"In Thee Is Gladness"**

1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of  
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -  
heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the  
wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -  
cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for  
pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him  
To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

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# POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. Steve Harmon, *Guest Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

#### Organist

Zac Lavender, *Guest Organist*

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

#### Altar Guild

Ryan Licht/Margaret Beckman

#### Usher(s)

Trevor Dunkel/Ryan Licht

(Malcolm Abrahaman)

#### Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### DAY OF PENTECOST

#### Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

#### Altar Assistant(s)

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Jude Miller, *Acolyte/Gospel Bearer*

#### Organist

Abby Warnke, *Director of Music*

#### Cantor

Adrian Popescu

#### Musician(s)

Will Davis, trumpet

Patty Harmon, trumpet/French horn

#### Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Eden Miller

#### Usher(s)

Trevor Dunkel/Ryan Licht

(Malcolm Abrahaman)

#### Fellowship Host(s)

TBD

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.”

- MATTHEW 22:37-39

# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 5/17	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter (Exaudi)</b> Nursery available Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following Fellowship Hour
Monday 5/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 5/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 5/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Midweek Prayer	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:15 AM 12:15 PM
Thursday 5/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 5/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 5/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 5/24	<b>Day of Pentecost</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The New Exodus: Greater Deliverance</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation Class: <i>The Third Article</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Noon – 1:00 PM

# LOVING THE LORD

✝ MAY 17: NO ADULT BIBLE STUDY OR CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The New Exodus—God's Greater Deliverance***

Sundays, April 19 - May 24 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

Join us for a new four-part adult Bible study exploring the powerful parallels between the first Exodus of Israel and the “new Exodus” accomplished through Jesus Christ. Together, we’ll trace how God’s deliverance in the Old Testament foreshadows the greater freedom Christ brings—freedom from sin, restoration of relationship, and a journey toward new life. This study will not only deepen your understanding of Scripture as one unified story, but also help you reflect on what this means personally: how God is leading you out of bondage, shaping your faith, and calling you to live in His promises each day. Come ready to learn, discuss, and discover practical ways to apply these truths to your everyday life.

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *Going Big! Luther's Large Catechism***

Sundays, beginning May 31 at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

Join us for an enriching new Bible study led by Pastor Miller, as we explore the profound teachings of Martin Luther’s Large Catechism. This study will deepen our understanding of God’s Word, examining Luther’s insights on the Ten Commandments, the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments. Whether you are new to the catechism or revisiting its truths, this series offers a meaningful opportunity to grow in faith, strengthen your walk with Christ, and engage in thoughtful discussion with fellow believers. All are welcome to come and experience the timeless wisdom that continues to guide and inspire the Church today.

# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

## ✝ **Funeral: In Memoriam** ✝ **Jean Meyers** ✝

Saturday, May 30 at 11:00 A.M.

Church sanctuary

The congregation is invited to attend a funeral honoring the life and salvation of former member Jean Meyers. The service will be held as we gather to remember and give thanks for her life, faith, and the impact she had on our church family. All are welcome to join in offering support and condolences to her family during this time. A light reception will follow in the fellowship hall, providing an opportunity for fellowship and shared remembrance.

## ✝ **Book Club: *The Deerslayer* by James Fenimore Cooper**

Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Everyone is invited to join our Book Club for fellowship and discussion! We'll gather to talk about our new book, share insights, and encourage one another. No need to be an expert—just come ready to listen and participate. All are welcome!

## ✝ **Men's Group: Fellowship at the Biergarten!**

Saturday, June 27 at noon

Gasthaus Tirol

310 Atlanta Road

Cumming, GA 30040

Men of the congregation are warmly invited to join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and good cheer at our upcoming Men's Gathering at a local German restaurant! We'll meet in the biergarten to enjoy hearty German fare, refreshing beverages, and great conversation in a relaxed outdoor setting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to strengthen friendships, welcome new faces, and encourage one another in faith while savoring classic German food and drink. Come hungry, bring a friend, and plan to spend a memorable afternoon together—we look forward to seeing you there!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## **Celebrations**

### *Birthdays:*

- + None this week

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- + None this week

## **Recent Requests**

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- + Matt Greenwood (uncle of Jeni Miller)
- + Doug Hawkins (friend of Lauren Morr)
- + Bob Husby (father of Whitney Worthington)
- + Betty Licht
- + Ina Moulder (grandmother of the Miller's friend)
- + Mike Warnke (father of Abby Warnke)

## **Special Requests**

- + Jill Drachenberg, for a fair wage and meaningful employment.

## **Ongoing Requests**

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- + David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- + Val Aguilar (friend of Emily Horst, who's deployed with the U. S. Air Force)
- + Rev. Dr. James Clark (friend of the congregation)
- + Ruth Henry
- + Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- + Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.

### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- + Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- + English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- + LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- + Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- + Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- + President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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