

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Divine Service Setting 1

May 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



## Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## 2020 Theme: All In – Being Present in an Age of Distraction

### The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (1 Pet. 4:11).

### Prayers of the Church

**Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization** + Larry Hammond, + Lee Melvin **Expecting** + Katie Blackwell + Sarah Allen (complications)  
**Thanksgiving** + Daughter (infant) of Mike & Erin Zimmerman, Great Niece of Tim Yurk **Health Issues** + Mary Black + Lisa Hoggins + Mary Keogh + Allen Glathar + Nathaniel Reiners + Dorothy Staub + Harold Blazer + Margret Herbert + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Viola Melvin + Morgan Hanson + Kara Nissen + Kent Cohagan + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Tyler Mars + Ross Peters + Gary Thompson

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** 5/25 Donna Merkel 5/27 Kira Zuehlke 5/28 Jeff Lacy

**BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/25 Susan Patrick 5/26 Roger Buck 5/27 Allison Haller 5/29 Marydae Eigenberg 5/30 Stan Johnson, Ethel Schukei

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** 5/26 Lee & Viola Melvin 5/27 Frank & Vicki Haller 5/30 Wayne & Gayle Archer

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21,  
John 14: 23-31

## Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

LSB 868

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun,  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise,  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 In conversation be sincere,  
Thy conscience as the noonday clear;  
Think how the\_all-seeing God thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept  
And hast refreshed me while I slept;  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.
- 4 Lord, I my vows to Thee renew;  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will  
And with Thyself my spirit fill.
- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- △ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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### ✠ Service of Preparation ✠

*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.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

✂ **Service of the Word** ✂

**Introit** (*Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a*)



A: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me.  
Alle- | luia. .

**C: 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?

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

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

A: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me.  
Alle- | luia. .

## **Kyrie**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise            “This is the Feast”**

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing,  
and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation.**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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.**

*(Be Seated)*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Ezekiel 36:22-28*

<sup>22</sup>“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. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your un-cleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. <sup>28</sup>You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*1 Peter 4:7-11 (12-14)*

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup>Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory<sup>[a]</sup> and of God rests upon you.

*(Please Stand)*

**Verse of the Day** *Ps.47:8, John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b*

Alle- | luia. \* Alle- | luia

God reigns over the | nations;

God sits on his holy throne. Alle- | luia

I will not leave you as | orphans;

I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alle- | luia

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:26-16:4*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus said:] “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. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>16:1</sup>“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup>And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup>But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Be Seated)*

## Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,  
The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom,  
Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers,  
The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living,  
Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded  
With clouds of martyrs bright,  
Who wave their palms in triumph  
And fire us for the fight.  
Then Christ the cross ascended  
To save a world undone  
And, suff'ring for the sinful,  
Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness  
He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed  
He rose triumphantly.  
And now, to heav'n ascended,  
He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed,  
His Father's and His own.
- △ 4 Glory to God the Father,  
The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus,  
His sole-begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—  
The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer:  
Amen! So let it be.

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### Sermon

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

*(Please Stand)*

## **Nicene Creed**

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Be seated as the altar is prepared for Holy Communion*

## **Offertory** *(Please stand)*

**C: What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation  
and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now  
in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### **Preface**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary....., evermore praising You  
and saying:

### **Sanctus**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Lord's Prayer *spoken in unison*

### **The Words of Our Lord**

#### **Pax Domini**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Agnus Dei**

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

*(Be Seated)*

**Communion Hymn 622 (See Insert)**

**I Am Content! My Jesus Ever Lives**    *LSB 468*

- 1    I am content! My Jesus ever lives,  
      In whom my heart is pleased.  
      He has fulfilled the Law of God for me,  
      God's wrath He has appeased.  
      Since He in death could perish never,  
      I also shall not die forever.  
      I am content!    I am content!
  
- 2    I am content! My Jesus is my head;  
      His member I shall be.  
      He bowed His head when on the cross He died  
      With cries of agony.  
      Now death is brought into subjection  
      For me by Jesus' resurrection.  
      I am content!    I am content!
  
- 3    I am content! My Jesus is my light,  
      My radiant sun of grace.  
      His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all,  
      Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.  
      This Easter sun has brought salvation  
      And everlasting exultation.  
      I am content!    I am content!
  
- 4    I am content! At length I shall be free,  
      Awakened from the dead,  
      Arising glorious evermore to be  
      With You, my living head.  
      The chains that hold my body, sever;  
      Then shall my soul rejoice forever.  
      I am content!    I am content!

**Son of God, Eternal Savior** *LSB 842*

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory,  
For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity,  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
  
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others,  
So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted;  
Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,  
Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty  
Held in solemn trust will be.
  
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling,  
By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
Stem our selfish greed of gain.
  
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing  
That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:  
Here on earth Your will be done.

*After all have communed*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

Depart in ☐ peace.

**C: Amen**

*(Please Stand)*

**Thank the Lord**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises  
and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving,**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.** *(spoken)*

**Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## **On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

*LSB 492*

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
  
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
  
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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### **Announcements**

**P:** Go in Peace

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship and the Directed Health Measures:** For those unable to attend church, our worship is made available live stream on Sundays at 9 am on our website, or on demand. They are also available via the public access channel (Spectrum 181) at 2:30 pm on Tuesdays and 8:00 am on Sundays.

**Weekday Services of Communion** continue to be offered for those who can't make it to Sunday Service. The times are as follows: Monday 5:00 pm; Wednesday at 11 am; and Saturday at 9 am. Sign up for these services using Sign Up Genius. Please sign up only once per week. If you are unable to use a computer, call the church office and we will sign you up.

**Bible Class TODAY at 11 AM** via Zoom. Let pastor know if you need the link emailed to you.

**VOLUNTEERS** We have a list of volunteers to prepare meals for the sick and also to shop for those who are unable. If you know of a need or would like to volunteer, please contact the office.

**PORTALS of PRAYER & HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONS** available in the Narthex, copies May 31-July 11, 2020.

**LIFEQUOTE:** “It was many long years before Elizabeth had the joy of seeing, in her own body, that God had not forgotten her. ‘He looked on me,’ she said. The proof was the baby growing inside her, though she was an old woman by that time. But you and I don’t need to wait so long. God has looked on us, too. The proof is the baby growing inside of Mary—God’s own dear Son Jesus, Who came to be your Savior. In Jesus, you can see that God has remembered you. He has looked on you with love—He has even made you His own child. You are not forgotten. You are beloved.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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## 622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

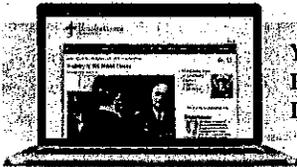
- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,  
Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in Your presence they behold  
Your glory, all excelling,  
And though Your people shall not see  
Your glory and Your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined  
To any habitation;  
But You are present even now  
Here with Your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,  
Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 5 Though reason cannot understand,  
Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.



## YOUR GENEROSITY WILL: //

- » **HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING** of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive the valuable Lutheran resources, training, support and religious-liberty protection that they desperately need during these challenging times.
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- » **HELP FUND THE TRAVEL EXPENSES** for chaplains and their wives to attend annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.
- » **HELP GROW A SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUND** that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.



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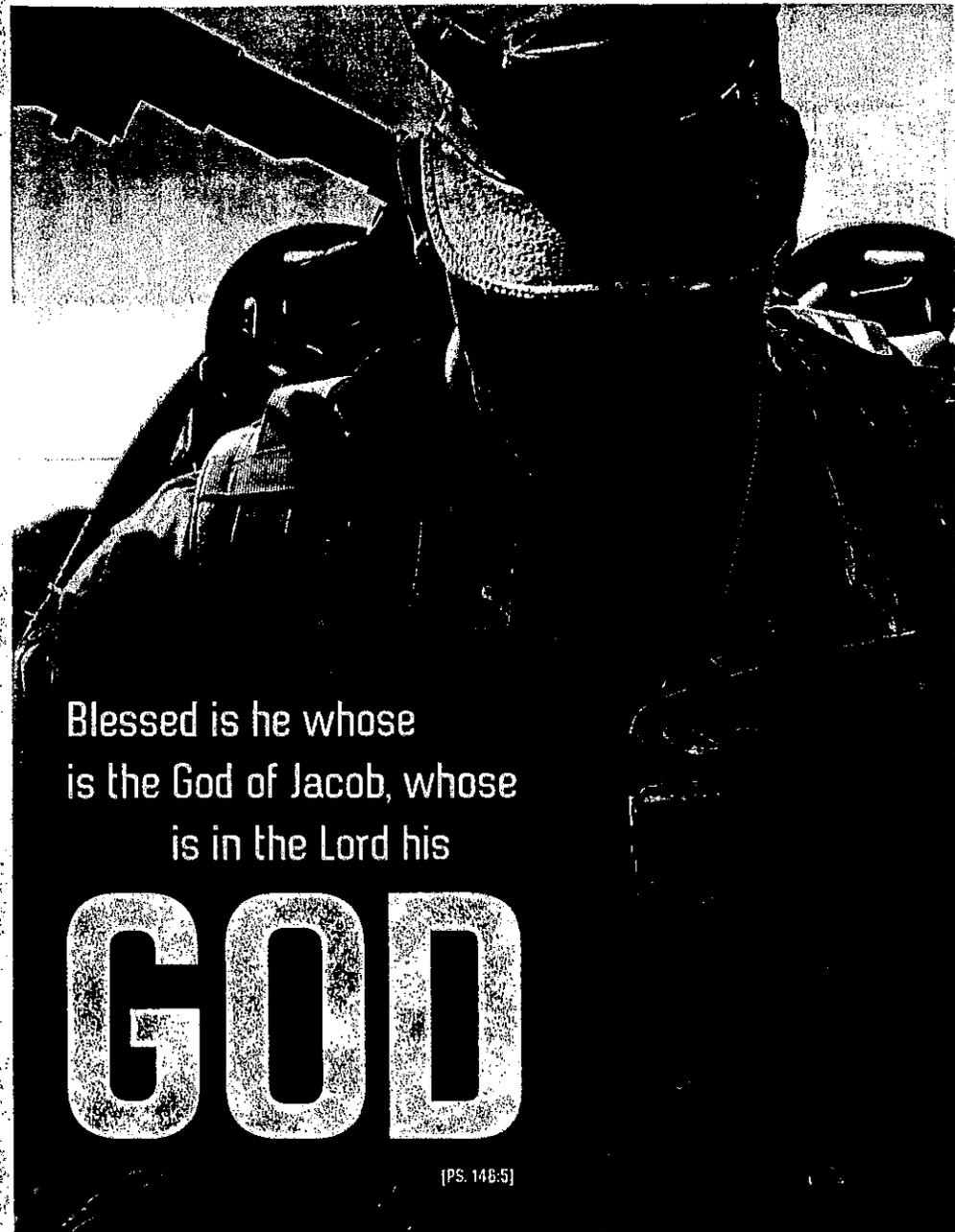


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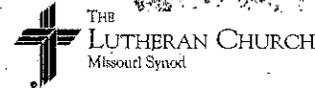
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Blessed is he whose  
is the God of Jacob, whose  
is in the Lord his

# GOD

[PS. 148:5]



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"Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

**BLESSED IS HE WHOSE HELP IS THE GOD OF JACOB,  
WHOSE HOPE IS IN THE LORD HIS GOD"**

(PS. 146:3-5).

I want to personally thank you for your most generous and kind gift to our LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces to provide Lutheran spiritual support to all those who serve or have served our nation in uniform. THANK YOU! You are a blessing!

As I write this, I just saw an update that we now have eight LCMS chaplains deployed overseas and in harm's way, where they are providing pastoral care to our brave men and women who selflessly serve our nation. We will never forget all those who sacrifice so much to protect those freedoms we enjoy.

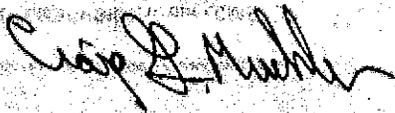
Through it all, Ministry to the Armed Forces is there with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is the message we also bring to all our veterans and their families. Our courageous service members and veterans need support from their church to keep them spiritually fit and to assist in protecting their religious liberties. We need to stand up, support and defend them. They need good chaplains who will bring them the Word of God, even in combat situations and austere locations. They need good devotional materials to nourish and feed them when there is no chaplain nearby. They need someone to defend their religious liberties even as they protect our freedoms with their lives, if necessary. The men and women who selflessly volunteer

to serve our nation should not be expected or forced to abandon their religious liberties. Your LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces is ready and able to provide them with what they need to be spiritually fit, but we can't do it without your help.

Ministry to the Armed Forces is only supported by designated financial donations sent by people like you. Your sincere Christian care for our service members and their families is greatly appreciated. Your generous act of love through your donation to LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces will ensure that we can continue to provide Gospel-centered materials and support to our service members and their families for years to come. Thank you!

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (Eph. 6:10-11).

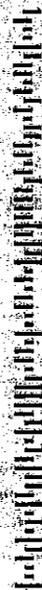
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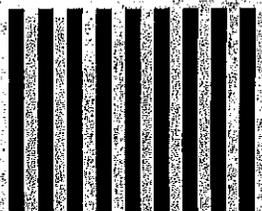
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