

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Exaudi

13 May 2018 Anno Domini

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



*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- / luia. **

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me.

Alle- / luia.

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?

*Teach me your way, / O LORD; **

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

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.

*Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alle- / luia. **

Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me.

Alle- / luia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

VERSE

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Old Testament:
Ezekiel 36:22-28

^{22a}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. ²³And 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. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I 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. ²⁶And 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. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep

loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever 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.

Holy Gospel:

John 15:26-16:4

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

² 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.

- The Epistle for this Sunday, 1 Peter 4:7-11 (12-14), reminds us that when we suffer for the name of Christ, we are sharing in His sufferings. Those who killed Jesus thought that they were offerings service to God, thinking Him to be a blasphemer. (Mark 14:63-63) But by Jesus' sufferings and death we are saved. Therefore if we are insulted for the name of Christ, we are blessed, and we will rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.
- "Offering Service" – The Greek word used here is *latreia*, which is also translated "worship" in the New Testament. Contrary to this false service, the proper spiritual worship for the Christian is "to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." (Romans 12:1)

³ And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

- St. John Chrysostom: "Then He added for their consolation [this statement] as if to say: For your consolation it is enough that you suffer these things for My Father and Me." (*The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers*, vol. 2, 445)

⁴ But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you."

- Johann Spangenberg: "It is a great solace to Christians in the cross when they are reminded of Christ's words, namely, that it must be thus and cannot be otherwise...But since a Christian knows that his cross and suffering ultimately come from God and are laid on him by God, not for his ruin but rather for his good, he should also know that God is with him in the midst of his cross and suffering. Then he will not succumb to error and attack, but will hold his peace, suffering and enduring the hand of God, continue on in patience, until at last God comforts him with eternal joy and blessedness in the life everlasting. God grant it to us! Amen." (*The Christian Year of Grace*, 214)



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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Hear, O Lord

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Marcus Baikie

Collect of the Day:

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. Amen.

Introit:

Introit: Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12
(antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9a)
– Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud.

Psalm:

Psalm 51:1-12
– Create in me a clean heart, O God

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 36:22-28
– I will put My Spirit within you

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 Peter 4:7-11 (12-14)
– Love covers a multitude of sins

Verse:

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b – Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

John 15:26–16:4 ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the Apostle John to write the words of this Gospel in AD 90. These words were compiled in the great farewell discourse of Jesus to His sorrowful disciples in John 14-16. These words were uttered on Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed. This great farewell discourse is the heart of the preaching in the One Year Lectionary during the last part of the Easter season. This Sunday's Gospel is spoken right before the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday after Easter.

²⁶ [Jesus said,] "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.

- Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "the Helper", which is *parakletos* (Paraclete) in Greek. This title is used by Jesus for the Holy Spirit throughout this passage: John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7. This title is also given to Jesus in 1 John 2:1 (translated "advocate"): "But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Outside of the New Testament, the word is used for a legal advisor in court, one who speaks on behalf of someone before a judge. In the Gospel of John, the Holy Spirit helps the disciples before the world by bearing witness to Jesus. In the First Epistle of John, Jesus helps the Christian before God the Father because "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2)
- In the Nicene Creed, we confess that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father and the Son." The Spirit proceeds from Jesus as also from the Father because Jesus is truly divine, God's Son, the Second Person in the Holy Trinity. (Formula of Concord, Solid Declaration VIII:73).
- We are blessed, even when we undergo trial, suffer, and are insulted, because the Spirit of glory and God rests upon us, having been sent to us from the Father through the Son. (1 Peter 4:12-14)
- With the sending of the Holy Spirit, God fulfills the promise made to the house of Israel through the prophet Ezekiel, as recorded in this Sunday's Old Testament reading (36:22-28): "And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules."

²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

- As the Holy Spirit bears witness about Jesus to the apostles, the apostles also bear witness about Jesus to the nations. Those who are taught by the Holy Spirit confess the truth they have learned. "Teach us to know the Father, Son, and You, from both, as Three in One that we Your name may ever bless and in our lives the truth confess." (*Lutheran Service Book* 498/499:6)
- "Bear Witness" – The Greek word used here and in the previous verse is *martyreo*. The same word is used for "witness" and "martyr" in the New Testament. It is used here to refer to the apostles, who literally saw Jesus with their own eyes and testified to Him as the Son of God. It will later be applied to Stephen and other Christians who gave their life on account of their confession of Jesus. (Acts 22:20) Though they were not necessarily eyewitnesses to the life and ministry of Jesus, they are rightly called martyrs because they added the testimony of their blood to their spoken confession of faith. (see Revelation 12:11 and 17:6)

¹ I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away.

- "Falling Away" – The Greek word used here is *skandalizo*, from which we derive the English word "scandalize". This word is mostly used by Jesus in the Gospels to refer to offense that leads to unbelief. For example, in the Parable of the Sower, the seed sown on rocky ground "is the one who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he *falls* away." (Matthew 13:21-22).
- Though Jesus said these words to the disciples to keep them from falling away into unbelief, He also knew that they would fall away from His side that night when He was betrayed, arrested, and put on trial: "And Jesus said to them, 'You will all fall away, for it is written, "I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'"" (Mark 14:27)

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 5/14 Megan Shuler 5/16 Ethel Schukei 5/18 Jennie Theesen 5/19 Ryder Hammond, Ivy Nunnenkamp

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 5/13 Ronda Rosenau, Sharon Witt 5/15 Lorelai Shuler 5/16 Arlene Carlson 5/17 Ron Brown, Judy Jacobs

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

MENS' STEAK NIGHT Monday, May 14th at 6pm please Sign-up - Narthex (table).

MEMBERS: Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Mother's Day, Graduates: High School & College, all Teachers, Students. Board of Education

VBS CRAFT PROJECT: Please save your empty paper towel/toilet paper rolls collection box (Narthex).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

June 18-21st 9a-11:30am.

Spread the word, tell your neighbors, friends, family, If you would like to help in any way this year, contact Joan Primrose, or members of the Board of Education.

LIFEQUOTE "If you knew that Jesus would be in your church on Sunday to bless your children, to put His hand on your shoulder, to personally assure you of His forgiveness and love, would you be there? He is there, and He does that through the Gospel." *Rev. James Albrecht, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Okabena, Minnesota - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, The Sanctity of Marriage, Stewardship, Ramadan, The Book of Nehemiah, Jacob's Family and more. You can listen live or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter 7

1 Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The grace, the gifts, the blessings: they are all from God. We are to use them as stewards, not as owners. That means we should seek to use them in the way the Owner wants them used. So we listen to His Word, pray for His Wisdom, and receive His grace.

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May 13th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Graduates! Mourning + Family of Wendel Krueger + Family of Tori Lintz Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Carol Krause + Al Kress + Viola Melvin + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 5/13 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Rylie McAleese
5/20 8:00am James Ellis 10:30am Allie Janssen

Altar Guild: May: Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka June: Karen Bauman, Lisa Novak

Ushers: 8am Craig W. Roger B. 10:30am Glen K. Malachi M.

Elders: 5/13 Don N. 402-460-6430 5/20 Wes C. 402-984-4650

Bus Drivers: 5/13 Harold H. 402-984-9666 5/20 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday Attendance</u>	133	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	124
<u>Last Sunday Offering \$</u>	3,521.05	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 13th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Reception: Mothers, Teachers, Graduates: High School, College
	10:30am	Divine Service
	11a-5pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall - Ellis
Monday, May 14th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	6:00pm	Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, May 15th	8a-8pm	Primary Election Day
Sunday, May 20th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete . . . He is Risen!

Our theme for this past Lenten Season was, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



DIVINE SERVICE
Setting One

Prelude & Ringing of Bells

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Salutation & Collect

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Alleluia & Verse

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Nicene Creed

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Sermon John 16:4
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Lord's Prayer

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei

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"Thank the Lord" & Collect

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Recessional Hymn #492

Postlude