

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Exaudi)*  
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## The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting Three without Holy Communion (LSB 184)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Opening Hymn: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build** **LSB 492**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 184**

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

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

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

**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 adversaries;

**for false witnesses have risen against 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia.

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

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis\*** **LSB 187**

**Collect:** 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.

**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 uncleannesses, 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 rules. <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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** 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.

**Epistle: 1 Peter 4:7-14**

<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 and of God rests upon you.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: Christ is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

P: Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and

life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.

**C: LSB 459 Stz 1**

P: “Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring.” “The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection; Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you.”

**C: LSB 459 Stz 2**

P: Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

**C: LSB 459 Stz 3**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 15:26–16:4**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> “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. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>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. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Apostles’ Creed\***

**LSB 192**

**Hymn: Christ Is the World’s Redeemer**

**LSB 539**

**Sermon**

**Offertory\***

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Lord's Prayer\***

**LSB 196**

**Concluding Collect\***

**Benediction\***

**LSB 202**

**Closing Hymn: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

**LSB 655**