

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Cantate **(Fifth Sunday of Easter)** **May 7, 2023**

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The Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

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

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven **LSB 793**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

Introit (Ps. 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: Ps. 98:1a, 2b)

Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia,
for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.

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Kyrie* **LSB 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

Collect*: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

Gradual: Alleluia. The right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly! Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

Epistle: James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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

Hymn*: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

Holy Gospel*: John 16:5-15

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I

do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 159

Hymn of the Day: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

LSB 556

(Stz. 5 – Lectern Side, Stz. 6 – Pulpit Side)

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Offertory*: We Give Thee But Thine Own

LSB 781

Lord’s Prayer*

Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

LSB 819

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What does this mean: The Fifth Sunday of Easter is also referred to as Cantate. Cantate comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Cantate Domino), meaning, “Sing to the Lord.” (Psalm 98:1)

Ascension of Our Lord: On Thursday, May 18th, the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. You and your family are encouraged to attend the Divine Service starting at 7:00 p.m. On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. Although Jesus is hidden from our physical eyes, He is not absent from

us. Having ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, He directs all things for the good of His Bride the church. Through His Word and Sacraments, He draws near to bestow upon us the gifts of His crucifixion and resurrection.

Thank You: Dear Bethlehem Congregation and Pastor Jennings, Thank you so much for the wonderful care, compassion, prayers, calls and cards you showered upon Norman during his multiple hospital and nursing home stays over the past few weeks. Norman loved each and every time someone would reach out to him. Also, thank you for sharing your Christian love and support with the many donations in Norman's name, the cards and calls made to us and the wonderful meal the Ladies Aid provided after the internment. Pastor, you were a comfort to Norman and us all during this difficult journey from one world to the next. Norman always appreciated your many visits and phone calls you made to him. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you dear good and faithful servants in Jesus Holy name. Respectfully and sincerely, The Norman Kleiboeker Family, The Mark & Susan Kleiboeker Family, The Don and Marilyn May Family, the Paul and Judy Kleiboeker Family

CORLHS: Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School's music department presents, "**A Broadway Revue**", Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. This is a full-length show that will include choral and instrumental music from 25 different Broadway musicals. We will also be featuring our very own "Broadway Kids" from five of the local Lutheran grade schools! You don't want to miss this fun afternoon of music!

Risen Christ Hymn Festival: One of the hallmarks of Lutheranism has been boisterous, dedicated congregational singing. The Lutheran Church has been known as the "Singing Church!" Come continue that powerful heritage! On Sunday, May 7, at 3:00pm in the afternoon, Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah will be hosting a "Risen Christ Hymn Festival." This hymn festival is the book-end to the "Christ Triumphant Hymn Festival" held at Zion Lutheran in Belleville in November of 2022. We will be singing many of the great hymns of the Easter season. Between the hymns we will hear commentaries from Dr. Jon Vieker, the Dean of the Chapel at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, who previously was an assistant to LCMS President Matthew Harrison and a leader of the LCMS Commission on Worship. Come sing our joy found in Christ's resurrection! Zion Lutheran Church is located at 101 S. Railway Street in Mascoutah, IL.

Scholarships: Lutheran Hour Ministry of the Southern Illinois District has scholarships available for college juniors or older who are going into church work. If interested, please contact Steve Kasten at smkasten@netwitz.net or at 21237 Sassafras Road, Hoyleton, IL 62803. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

VBS Celebration Station: Save the date: June 24, 2023 from 9:00am-2:00pm. Lunch will be served. More exciting details to come, so stay tuned!

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Issues Etc.: Truth, Goodness & Beauty... 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 topics include: The Vocation of Elder; The U.S. Constitution & Natural Law; C.F.W. Walther's Law & Gospel Theses; The Marks of the Church and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

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