

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Exaudi (Seventh Sunday of Easter) May 21, 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: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build **LSB 492**

Confession and Absolution* **LSB 151**

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 152**

Gloria in Excelsis* **LSB 154**

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²“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. ²³ 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. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ 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

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ 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.**

Hymn*: Christ is Arisen

LSB 459-460

Holy Gospel*: John 15:26–16:4

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶“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. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. **16** “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. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 159

Hymn of the Day: Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

LSB 539

Sermon

Prayer of the Church*

Offering

Offertory*

LSB 781 (*Stzs. 1 & 2*)

Lord’s Prayer*

Collect*

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

LSB 966

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What does this mean: The Seventh Sunday of Easter is also referred to as Exaudi. Exaudi comes from the Latin translation of the first line of the introit (Exaudi Domine), meaning, “Lord, hear my voice.” (Psalm 27:7).

Last day to order! Order a produce box from any youth group member. It includes a mini watermelon, pineapple, 4 ears of corn, 3 summer squash, 8oz mushrooms, 5 lbs.

potatoes, 3 lbs. onions, cabbage, 4 green peppers, 3 lbs. carrots, and 2 cucumbers. The cost is \$30 and can be paid now or at pickup. You can pick up your box at Hoffman school from 8-10 on Friday, May 26th or make arranged with a youth to have it delivered. To order - Go to <https://tinyurl.com/producehfyg>, talk to any youth member, OR call/text Sara at 974-8369.

Attention all Bethlehem Ladies: Ladies Aid is sponsoring a social event with the theme entitled “Vintage Garden Party”. It will be Friday, June 16, 2023 at 5:00pm at Twelve Oaks Winery. Feel free to wear your hat, gloves, etc. if you so desire. There will be food furnished by Ladies Aid. Please let Sharon Schneider (618-226-3353) know by June 5th is you will be attending.

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!

Summer Help: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is looking for help with our summer care program. We need someone 18 years or older to work from noon - 5:30pm on Thursdays and Fridays or Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. You must take a drug test, be fingerprinted, have a background check, and have a doctor’s slip stating you are able to work. Contact 618-532-5434 for more information. You can send a resume and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org.

Full Time Teacher: Trinity Lutheran School in Centralia, IL is growing!! We are looking for a full time teacher for our preschool 3’s and 4’s for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the Trinity Family, please send your resume, transcripts, and 3 reference letters to principal@trinitycentralia.org or call (618) 532-5434 for more information.

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.

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This Week in Our Congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service
6:00pm Agape youth Activities & Bible Study

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