THE OFFICE OF MATINS 24 MAY 2020 + EXAUDI SUNDAY

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO OUR MATINS SERVICE FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please use this Service Folder to participate in today's liturgy. As usual, the hymns are linked in blue, so just click on the links and sing along. (There might be other links in blue for you to click, too, for further devotional material, so look for those, too.) Once each hymn is completed, return to Pastor's video and continue with the Service. In order to make your participation as reverent as possible, dress for the occasion, and follow the rubrics by listening, A singing, responding, and sitting, standing, and kneeling, just as if you were in the nave at TGS. The service begins on page 2.

The Comfort of Exaudi

This final Sunday of Eastertide prepares us finally for the sending of the Spirit through whom God will cleanse His people by sprinkling clean water on them. This entire season has come to give us hope in the face of disease and death. What has changed? That's what Easter always does for us! This Word comes to us again as the season comes to a close to "keep you from falling away" (John 16). May you continue in this season in hope, comfort, and joy that only the death and resurrection of Jesus can

bring. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Prayer to Prepare for the Service: Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks to You, that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness of Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ: We beseech You, inasmuch as the world cannot endure such testimony and persecutes us in every way, grant us courage and comfort, that we may not be offended because of the cross, but continue steadfastly in Your testimony, and be always found among those who know You and Your Son, until we obtain eternal salvation through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

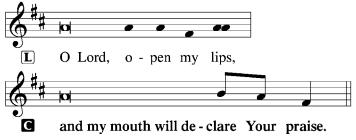
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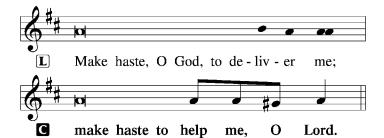
Pr. von Hindenburg



Stand

Common Versicles LSB 219







Psalmody





Venite LSB 220 the Lord. 2 For the Lord is a God great_ made_ it, 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va tion. 2 and a great king a - bove all gods. 3 and His hand formed the dryland. Spir it; 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv ing, 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand; 3 O come, let us worship and down, God. our 5 as it was in the be gin ning, 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise. 2 the strength of the hills is His-SO. 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak er.

4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep.

5 is now, and will be for

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Antiphon (Easter) L The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia. O come, let us wor - ship Him.

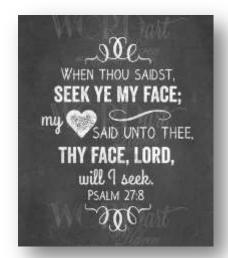
Historic Introit

Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Psalm 27:7a, 8b, 9a

- PHear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
 Al- | leluia.
- 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,* and lead me on a level path because of my | enemies.
- PGive me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;* for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out | violence.
- All: Glory by 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.
- PHear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
 Al- I leluia
- PMy heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, | do I seek."*
 Hide not your face from me. Al | leluia



- PCreate in me a clean heart, | O God,* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- PHave mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;* according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.
- Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,* and cleanse me | from my sin!
- PFor I know my trans- | gressions,* and my sin is ever be- | fore me.
- Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,* so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your | judgment.
- PBehold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity,* and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.
- Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,* and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;* wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
- Let me hear joy and | gladness;*

 let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.
- PHide your face | from my sins,* and blot out all my in- | iquities.
- Create in me a clean heart, | 0 God,* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
- PCast me not away from your | presence,* and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
- Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,* and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
- All: Glory by 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.



P Create in me a clean heart, | O God,* and renew a right spirit with- | in me.



Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 36:16–28

¹⁶The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁷"Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds. Their ways before me were like the uncleanness of a woman in her menstrual impurity. ¹⁸So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. ¹⁹I scattered them among the nations,

and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them. ²⁰But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land.' ²¹But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came.

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. 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 (sanctify) 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 uncleannesses, 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.

- P 0 Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

⁷The 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.

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

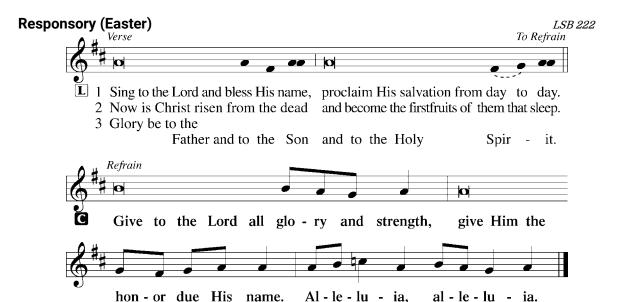
Third Reading John 15:26—16:4

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.

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.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.



Sermon Votum Pr von Hindenburg

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

Stand

Canticle





ovor

Prayer

Kneel/Stand





Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver \(\frac{1}{2}\) us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Collects



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.

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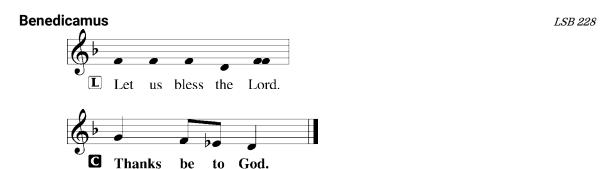


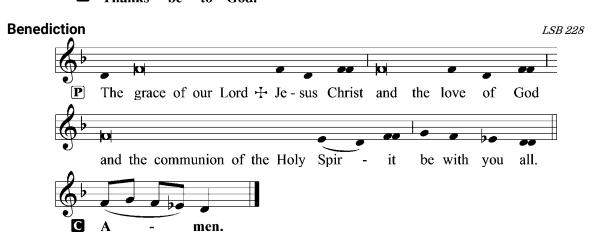
Collect for Grace

Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Stand





Hymn

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se-crat-ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on ly for my King; 4 Take my sil ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with hold;



Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise. Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee. Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee. Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- Take my will and make it Thine,
 It shall be no longer mine;
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Amani ya Bwana na Mungu akubariki! Peace of the LORD and God bless you!

→ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS →

Portals of Prayer - April-June



If you have not already picked up a copy or had one delivered, and would like the Church Office to mail one to you, just pop an email to goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net with your request, and Karina would be delighted to get one out to you.

Thank You for Your Church Offerings

Don't forget to collect your offering for today, and put in its envelope, and either mail to the church, or gather all your envelopes and drop in the plate when we next meet. Currently, we do not have an online giving option, although the Council is exploring our options. At all times, our gifts and offerings are an expression of faith and worship, recognizing that all things we have come from our heavenly Father's hand. "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!"

Pastoral Care

"While the pandemic occupies much of our concern and prayers right now, I know that these are not the only matters for which you may desire pastoral care. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide pastoral care and apply the Word of God in any situation you may be facing."

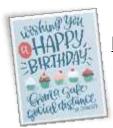


- Pastor von Hindenburg

A Stewardship Thought



1 Peter 4:10 – "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God's grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. And what do we have that is not a gift flowing from God's grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service toward our neighbor. And chief among the ways we serve one another is to support the Church's work of bringing more of God's grace to more of God's people. And that's what it means to be a steward!



Birthday This Week

Stephanie - May 29

From Martin Luther's Sermon for Exaudi

John 15:26-16:4



But to know Christ in the other and true sense is to know that He died for me and transferred the load of my sin upon Himself; to so know this that I realize that all my doings amount to nothing. To let go all that is mine, and value only this, that Christ is given to me as a present; His sufferings, His righteousness and all His virtues are at once mine. When I become conscious of this, I must, in return, love Him; my affections must go out to such a being. After this I climb upon the Son higher, to the Father, and see that Christ is God, and that He placed Himself in my death, in my sin, in my misery, and bestows

upon me His grace. Then I know also His gracious will and the highest love of the Father, which no heart, of itself, can discover or experience. Thus I lay hold of God at the point where He is the tenderest, and think: "Aye, that is God; that is God's will and pleasure, that Christ did this for me." And with this experience I perceive the high, inexpressible mercy and the love in Him because of which He offered His beloved child for me in ignominy, shame and death. That friendly look and lovely sight then sustain me. Thus must God become known, only in Christ. Therefore, Christ Himself says to His disciples: "No one knoweth the Son, save the Father; neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal him," Matthew 11:27. On the other hand, those who parade their own works, do not know Christ. Neither do they know what the Father has done through Christ. Nor do they know that God is not interested in their good works, but in his Son alone. Thus, they do not know the Father, neither do they know what they have received from the Father, through Christ. Therefore, they must fall and perish, and behold God in his severest aspect-as a judge. They try to silence the judgment with their good works, but they find no good work that is sufficient to do this, and then they must finally despair. When people see that they, themselves, are nothing, and establish the foundation of their hearts upon Christ, esteem him as the highest good, and know God as a Father in death and life--this is to "know God." Enough has been said on this Gospel. We will pray to God, to give us grace to know him and his Christ aright. Amen.

Synod Sentences for Exaudi

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).