

+DIVINE SERVICE III+  
OF THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER + 16 MAY 2021

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“EXAUDI”

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# The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

“A Church where God gives and we receive.”

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## Welcome to our Divine Service!

*We are pleased that you are with us.*

### +Worship Notes+

*The entire service, including the rubrics of when to sit and when to kneel or stand, and what to say, is printed out in this folder so you may follow along.*

**Welcome to weekly Divine Service at The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!** We are a congregation that confesses the Holy Bible as inerrant, that justification is by faith according to the Holy Bible and confessed in the 1580 Book of Concord. God bless you.

**To all of you who are visiting** our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. Please introduce yourself to our pastor. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. **If you are looking for a church home** and would like to know about our beliefs and practice, please see the pastor. He will be happy to visit with you at your convenience.

***PLEASE:*** Upon entering the nave, ***silence*** should be observed in order to allow all to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the LORD and the reception of His gifts.

### **Stay Home when Sick**

If you are sick or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home. If you start to experience symptoms while in attendance at a service or out anywhere else, please go home immediately, exiting down the side aisle, if possible. If at a service, notify an Usher on your way out so we may direct our cleaning and communication efforts.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

We would like to invite you to a cup of coffee and a quick snack after service in the Narthex. Anyone is welcome to bring a treat to share! We still encourage visiting outside the building during this time.

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This particular Sunday is also known traditionally as EXAUDI SUNDAY, so called because of the traditional Introit, taken from Psalm 17:1. The two first words in Latin are 'Exaudi Domine' – 'Hear, Lord'. It is said to be the saddest Sunday of the church year, because the disciples were at a loose end after Jesus ascended to Heaven. They missed Him and were unsure as to what the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost would mean.

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# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation

## 475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

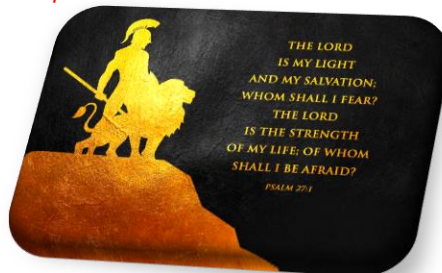
*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 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.*



## Gloria Patri

LSB 186




**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



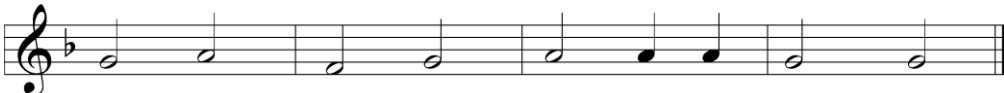
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



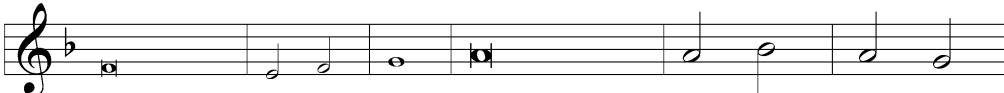
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

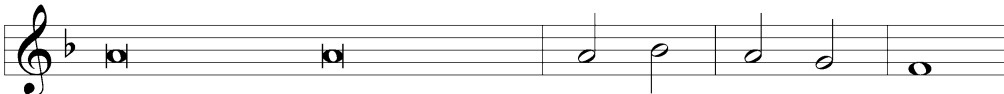
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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

- P** 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.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## 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 just decrees. <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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 4:7–11*

<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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*John 15:26—16:4*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



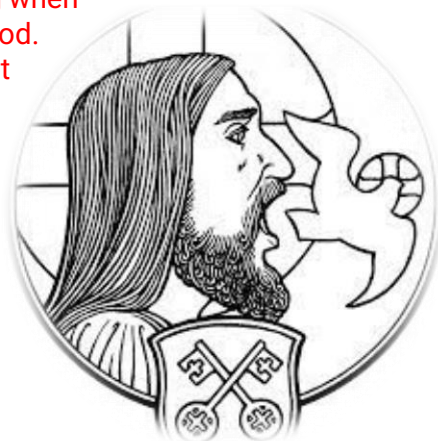
**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>[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. <sup>27</sup>And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

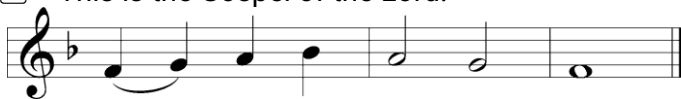
<sup>1</sup>“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup>They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.

<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.”



**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*



# Hymn of the Day

# 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**Sermon**

*Pastor David Rufner*

**Offering** *Collected after service in the back of the church.*

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

*Response to petitions is, "Lord, have mercy".*

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
  
- P** That Christ, our King of glory uplifted in triumph far above the heavens, would not leave us without consolation, but send always the Spirit of His truth whom He promised from the Father, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For the Holy Church, that she would be strengthened to bear witness, to bear persecution and to live in the confidence that since Christ is for us, nothing can separate us from Him; and for the ministers and missionaries of the Church, that God would send laborers into His harvest and sustain those He has sent, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For boldness among God's children through the resurrection of Christ from the dead; for freedom from fear of this world, its temptations, ways and power; and that God would fix our eyes on Jesus alone, keeping us faithful to Him even unto death as we anticipate the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

- P** In praise of Christ's resurrection and drawing strength from His ascension before the Father, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest, and especially for Charlotte, Charles, Cynthia, the Conrad's, Dalton, David, Debra, Faith, Gloria, James, Jamesetta, Jod, Johnathan, Karen, Lucy, Lynette, Marion and her family, Rodgers, Ron Stephen, Susan, Susie let us pray to the Lord:
- P** For all who commune this day, that since Christ has ascended on high to fill all things and is seated at the right hand of the Father's majesty to comfort His Church, so we would be assured that in His Supper He is indeed present with us according to His promise for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through Your Holy Spirit You have appointed us to bear witness to Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Since the world cannot endure this testimony and persecutes us in every way, encourage and comfort us, we implore You, that we would not be offended by these crosses, but continue steadfast in Your testimony and be found always among those who know You and Your Son until we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

*LSB 194*

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

*LSB 195*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Spoken together\***

*LSB 196*

**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



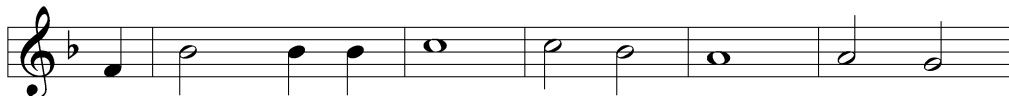
and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197



Our Lord Je - sus Christ, on the night when He was be - trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



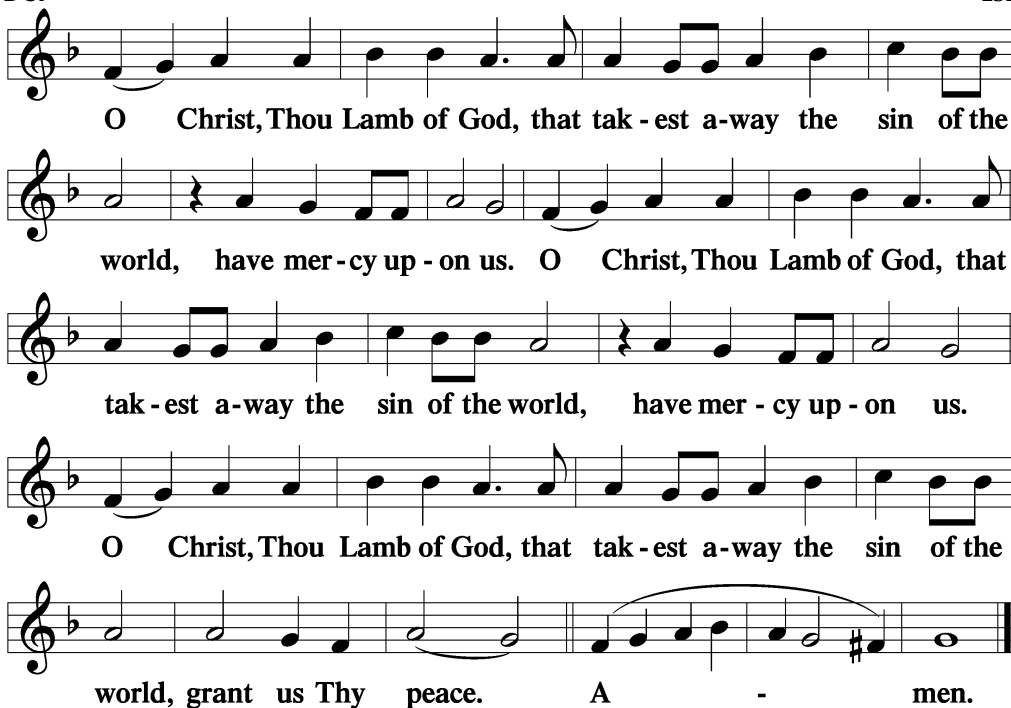
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

LSB 198



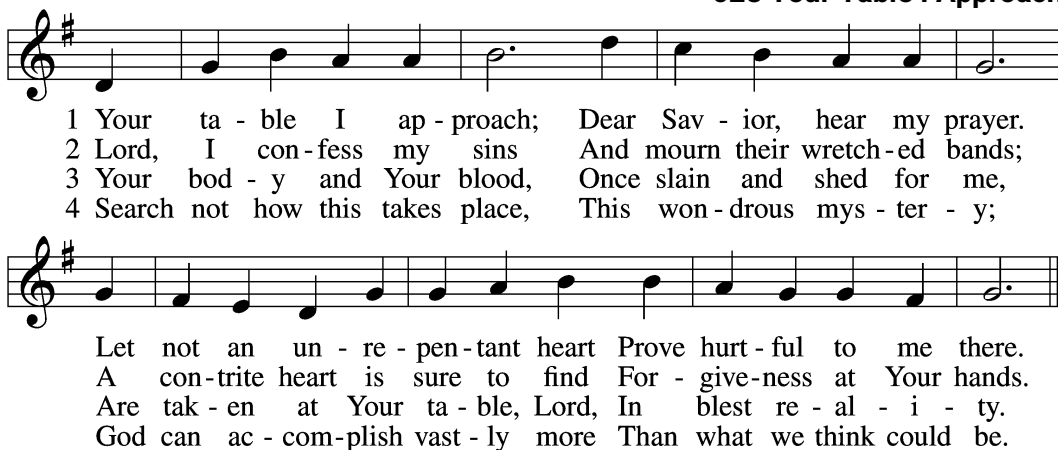
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

## Hymn

### 628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;

Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.



5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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## Hymn

## 588 Jesus Loves Me

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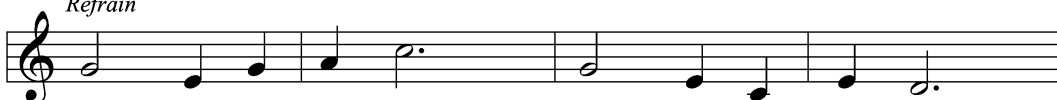


1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

### *Refrain*



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

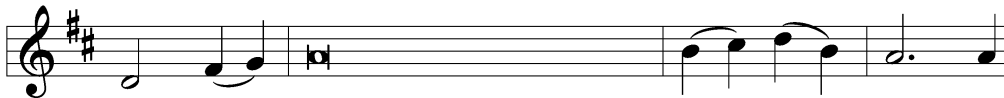


Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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## Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*



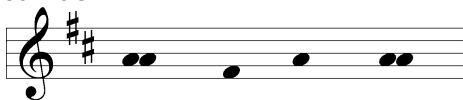
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



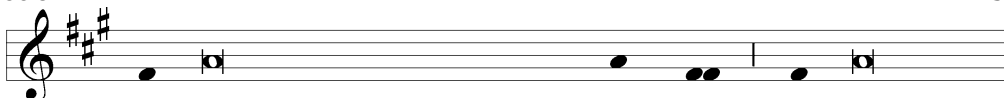
**A** Bless we the Lord.



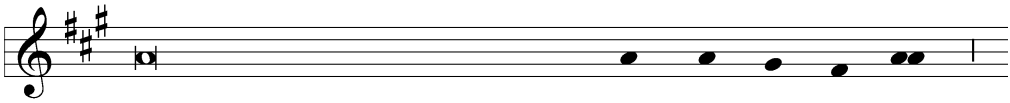
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

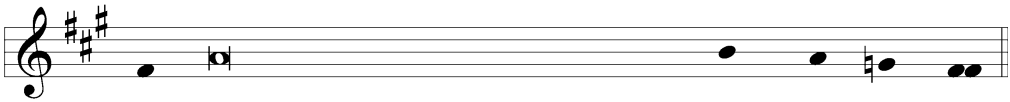
*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



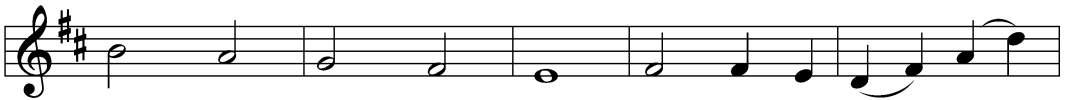
☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Hymn to Depart

### 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.

- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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## Christ Lay In Death's Dark Prison

*Georg Philip Telemann (1681-1767)*

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# ✠ THIS WEEK'S NOTES ✠

## Announcements

+ **Last Sunday's Attendance: 39**

+ No Bible Study today. **Our guest Pastor is Pastor David Rufner.**

+ **Pastor Killian and Jill will be going on vacation starting May 10<sup>th</sup>. They will return May 22<sup>nd</sup>!** Moira will still be in the office if you need to get in contact.

+ If you have any prayer requests or changes to your prayer requests, please contact Moira in the church office or email [goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@sbcglobal.net)

## Synod Sentences for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

### *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).

### **Stewardship Thoughts for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**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.

### **Lutherans For Life Thoughts for the Seventh Sunday of Easter**

The loving Creator’s presence and power surmounts every impediment to life and sanctifies all its impairments. He works new life in those as dead as stones (Ezekiel 36:26), abundant life among those as abandoned as exiles (Ezekiel 36:24, 28), and everlasting life for those as bereft as beggars (Ezekiel 36:29-30). Jesus stoops these gifts into – and brings them up out of – every kind of uncleanness (Ezekiel 36:25).

Prayer: *Dear Father, invite and involve us in Your overcoming. Amen.*

### **An Excerpt from Luther’s Writings**

“Beloved, you have heretofore heard much about faith. Today you hear also of the witness of faith and of the cross that follows. Paul says to the Romans, “With the heart man believeth unto righteousness.” Rom. 10:10. If one be pious, he must begin in his heart and believe. That serves only unto godliness; it is not enough for salvation. Therefore, one must also do what the Christian life requires, and continually abide in that life. Hence, Paul adds, “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, thou shalt be saved,” It is these two things that constitute our salvation, faith and the confession of faith. Faith rescues from sin, Hell, Satan, death and all misfortunes. Now, when we have this we have enough. We then let God live here that we may reach a hand to our neighbor and help him. Besides, God desires to have His Name praised and His Kingdom developed and extended. Therefore, we must praise His Name, confess our faith and win others to do the same, so that God’s Kingdom may be extended and His Name praised.” *From Martin Luther’s Sermon in the Church Postil for Exaudi Sunday, 1522.*

### **A Prayer For the Week**

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.

### **A Snippet From 1517**

*Resurrection is victory. God shall arise! Christ has risen! However, this is not the sum of the LORD's provision for the people.*

The Psalm appointed for this seventh Sunday of Easter is [Psalm 68:1-10](#). [Psalm 68](#) is an excellent Psalm for the Easter season. It begins with a description of the Resurrection as a great victory! The enemies are conquered (sin, death and Satan—on the run!) and the righteous ones rejoice—they are provided for in this great victory. Resurrection is victory. God shall arise! Christ has risen!

However, this is not the sum of the LORD's provision for the people. Beginning at verse 5 the language of the LORD God is as Father of the fatherless and protector of the widows, and then the One who frees the prisoners and settles the lonely/solitary. This is the language the prophets of old use to describe the Messianic Age. The lame shall walk, the blind shall, the widows and orphans shall be cared for, the prisoners released, etc. The Messiah shall come for those who are outcasts and neglected by society. Why is this so important?

First, it describes who we are as sinners: Separated from God, helpless to care for ourselves, hopeless in our efforts to access the LORD God. Thus, Messiah comes to us where we are at and He brings relief, healing, forgiveness and salvation. Second, these identifying marks of the Messiah become the marks of the Church. The Church takes care of the outcasts as they live and walk in the faith. The Church follows the admonition to “love your neighbor” because it is their identity in Christ Jesus.

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So, the Psalm reading ends with the language of provision: The LORD provides. He takes care of the needy in both body and soul and the Church is the instrument of His hand. Verses 7 and following use the Exodus as proof, a reminder of how the LORD has provided in the past to bring assurance to the people that He will be faithful and provide in the future; even to the point of sending His Son to die and rise for the people. *Jeffrey Pulse 2020*

# We Pray For...

**Charlotte:** *Jamesetta's mother, wife of Pr. Kollie* – financial, strength, recovering from surgery(L)

**The Dan Conrad Family** – our LCMS missionaries in Mexico

**Charles** – *friend of Ryan* – suffering from possible heart attack

**Cynthia** – our TGSLC shut-in

**Dalton** – chronic sciatica

**David** - DD shut-in

**Debra:** *Jod's cousin* - recovering from cancer

**Faith:** *friend of Mary* – Stage 4 cancer

**The Paul Federwitz Family:** *LWML Support* - LBT Support in Ghana

**Gloria:** *mother of Gayle* – compression fracture in her back; suffers from severe anemia

**Rev. James Kollie:** Our Missionary in Liberia; wisdom and strength (L)

**Jamesetta Kollie** - kidney failure

**Jod** – peace of mind, attacks from the Enemy, recovery from auto/bike accident, health

**Johnathan** – strengthening of faith; continued remission

**Karen:** *Jod's sister* – personal and family matters

**Lucy:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – peace of mind, strength, life as a refugee (K)

**Lynette** – strengthening of faith; chronic health issues

**Marie** – recovering from surgery

**Marion and her family** – various health issues around the country; death of sister and niece

**Phillip Magness:** our LCMS missionary to Francophone Africa



**Rev. Rex Umbenhaur:** complications with malignant intestinal mass

**Rodgers:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – employment; health (K)

**Ron Handy** – *friend of Anita* – suffering from severe back pain; admitted for testing

**Stephen:** *Son-in-law of Pastor&Jill* – diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma

**Susan:** *friend of Bruce&Karina* – financial, good health (K)

**Susie** – recovery from auto accident

**The Rev. Tuomo Simojoki Family:** our LHF missionary in Kenya – forced to leave their Kenyan home due to SARS-CoV-19 and return to Finland

**Rev. Walter Steele** – our LCMS missionary to Matongo Seminary, Kenya (K)