

Exaudi
Sunday after Ascension
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*“Exaudi” is from the Latin language. In English it means “Hear”.
These are the beginning words of the Introit this week.*

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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 489 Hail Thee, Festival Day (Ascension)

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 27:1a; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8-9a



Hear, | O LORD,*

when I cry with my voice! Alle- | luia.

When Thou saidst ‘Seek ye My face;’ my heart said unto Thee, ‘Thy face, LORD, | will I seek.’*

Hide not Thy face far from me; alleluia, alle- | luia.

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*

whom | shall I fear?



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.

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when I cry with my voice! Alle- | luia.

When Thou saidst ‘Seek ye My face;’ my heart said unto Thee, ‘Thy face, LORD, | will I seek.’*

Hide not Thy face far from me; alleluia, alle- | luia.

Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty, Everlasting God: make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy

Ezekiel 36:23-28

Thus says the LORD God: “I will sanctify My great name, and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God,” says the LORD Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

I Peter 4:7-11

Dearly Beloved: Be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse 459 Christ Is Arisen



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



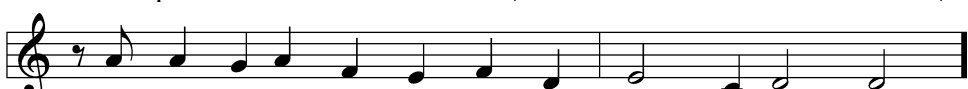
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



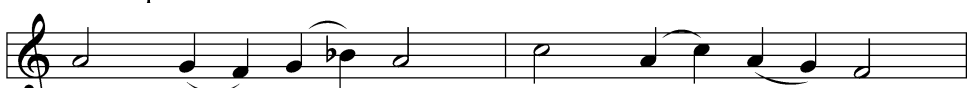
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

John 15:26—16:4

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** hear our prayer.

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Please stay standing as we together sing "This Is the Feast".

This Is the Feast LSB 155

Refrain

■ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Distribution Hymns:

724 If God Himself Be for Me /

618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table /

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior /

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands /

486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Postlude

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Hebrews 2:9–3:1, John 15:7-11

Hymns: 487-TLH 207-539-497

Looking forward to next Sunday (Pentecost)

Lessons: Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-11; John 14:23-31a

Hymns: 498-489-497-TLH 228(printed &expanded)/LSB 768/913/604-500

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

