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**+ Exaudi (7th Sunday of Easter) +  
Service of Prayer & Preaching  
May 21, 2023**

***As We Gather:*** 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).

**Hymn ‘Christ Is the World’s Redeemer’**

LSB 539



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
 Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
 And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
 And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
 And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
 Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
 Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

*Text: attr. Columba, 521–597; tr. Duncan MacGregor, 1854–1923, alt.*

*Tune: Irish*

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**Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**C** **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.**

**Old Testament Canticle**

LSB 261



**☐** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



With joy will you draw wa - ter from the



wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that



day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,



make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -



claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."



*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
 be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

**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. 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 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

**Glory be 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.**

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*

Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.

### Reading

*1 Peter 4:7–14*

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.

12Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

14If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Responsory: Common**

LSB 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where our glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## Ten Commandments

**C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant  
or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs  
to your neighbor.

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

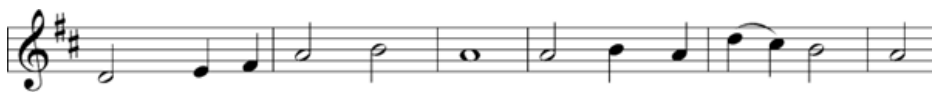
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## 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 us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Hymn 'Come Down, O Love Divine'

LSB 501



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,  
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—  
Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,  
No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

*Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 1350–1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–90*

*Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958*

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## Sermon

“Waiting and Waiting...So Much Waiting” *Psalm 27*



## Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For...[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]...let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day

L 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 Amen.**

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Cantic

LSB 266



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.



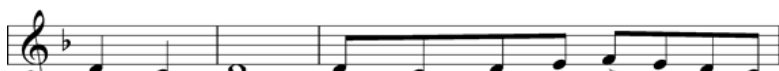
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Blessing

### Benedicamus

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

LSB 267

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

## Closing Hymn 'How Firm a Foundation'

LSB 728

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
 My sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can He say than to you He has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

*Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Leviticus 23: 15-22, Acts 2:1-21, and John 14:22-31.

**Stewardship:** 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. 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 of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

**Sunday School:** In today’s lesson, we learn about how God provides “Food from Heaven.” The Israelites arrive in the wilderness with no food, grumbling against Moses and Aaron. God keeps His promise to provide for His people as He daily sends manna (bread) and quail (meat) from heaven for them to gather. The Lord teaches His people to trust as they gather only what they need for one day.

In today’s “Waterworks” lesson, we learn about how God provided water from the rock. Having moved their camp from the wilderness of Sin to Rephidim, the Israelites face a new challenge-no water. Despite His daily food supply, the people doubt God’s ability to provide water for them and their livestock. Moses cries out the Lord, who instructs him to strike the rock with his staff. Moses does so and water pours out, providing all that the people need.

**Building Healthy Families for May 21st:** Have you read up on your marriage manual lately? You may be thinking, “Wait...I never received an owner’s manual when I got married!” God knew exactly the circumstances, trials, and joys you would experience as a married couple. Ecclesiastes 4:12 reminds us that as a married couple is a team. “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Each of the strands represents the husband, wife, and God. Draw closer to God, and you will draw closer to each other. ~ [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org).

**Life Quote for May 21st:** “God has chosen each one of us from the beginning of creation. God has also chosen our body to be a temple. He gave us the beautiful gift of a body, and we are called to be stewards of that body, to take care of it and be aware of what we do with it. God also chooses each one of us to belong. We all have a spot and purpose in God’s family—and not one of us is useless or random. God chose us with a purpose. Nothing He does is random.”  
Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life ~ [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 28th:** Hear “A Timely Invitation” based on John 7:37-39 by Rev. Dr. Hector Hoppe. Jesus provides unlimited living water that refreshes us and is meant to be shared. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**

**A Life Thought in the Church Year for May 21st:** The demise of Judas (Acts 1:18) confirms death is always the devil’s work (1 Peter 5:8). We are not ashamed to resist its enticements, for the sake of both the Gospel and our neighbors. The work of God, on the other hand, always seeks to adopt even the ones the world discards and number every human life among His household (Psalm 68:5-6). Let us be about the Father’s business!

**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 5/21—5/27 is **Honold**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 5/28—6/3 is **Huebner**. If you cannot clean the week you have been assigned, it is your responsibility to trade with others on the list. If it is your week to clean church and you have other obligations or you prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, a substitute is available for **\$75.00**. Please contact Amber at [immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuelutheran@iowatelecom.net). Make payment to Amber Carnine and leave payment under her office door, in her box at church, or you can mail payment to the church. We do ask that you let Amber know ASAP but the deadline is by Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean. **Beginning January 1, 2023, the cost of cleaning sub is raising from \$50.00 to \$75.00.**

**ACTS BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on The Book of Acts. You can listen at your convenience at [thewordendures.org](http://thewordendures.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

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**SUMMER STAFF NEEDED:** Looking for a summer job? Get that and more with a summer camp experience at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca in Solon, IA is hiring for male and female camp counselors for the upcoming summer. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to spend your summer serving as a Christian role model for youth from Eastern Iowa and beyond! Employment begins May 30 and ends August 4. All summer staff go through training in early June to be fully trained in camp activities and safety, including CRP, AED, and first aid training. Candidates should be at least 18 years old. To get started, head on over the [www.nloma.org](http://www.nloma.org) and complete a summer service profile. Please contact Alec at 319-848-4187 or email [programdirector@iodiseca.org](mailto:programdirector@iodiseca.org). If you have any questions or for more information, check out Camp's website at [www.campiodiseca.org](http://www.campiodiseca.org).

## **Birthdays**

*Today...Dale Gilman*

## **Baptismal Birthdays**

*none this week*

## **Anniversaries**

*none this week*

***We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.***



**Monday July 17th • 9:00am-11:00am**

**Tuesday July 18th • 9:00am-11:00am**

**Wednesday July 19th • 9:00am-11:00am**



At our LWML meeting this month, we decided to support a couple of LCMS service organizations that will be represented at the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI, from June 22-25 this summer.

We will be collecting new and like-new eyeglasses for MOST Ministries who will provide eyeglasses to developing nations around the world; and the following items for Phil's Friends: puzzle books, journals, playing cards (regular), fuzzy socks, and hats (knit, crochet, baseball). Phil's Friends sends these items in care packages to child and adult cancer victims. Both Phil's Friends and MOST Ministries are Recognized Service Organizations for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

If you would like to contribute any of these items, please put them in the tub marked LWML Gifts from the Heart by June 18th. Thank you so much for your participation.



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

May 14, 2023

Attendance	49
General	\$8625.00
Missions	\$100.00

### WEEK AHEAD

Today 9:00am Exaudi (7th Sunday of Easter)  
10:30am Bible Study/Sunday School  
Greeter: Thorpe  
Usher: Steve Haase  
Servers: Robin Marcinik/Miriam Schultz  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Sloane/Finn  
Elder: Darlo Kelting

Monday Greek Study: Pastor in Grinnell

Wed,Thurs,Fri Preaching Workshop & Theological Symposium,  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Thurs. 9:30am Confessions Study, Holy Cross in Carlisle

Next Sunday 9:00am Whitsunday (Day of Pentecost)  
10:30am Bible Study  
Greeter: Wyatt  
Usher: Joel R. Koeppe  
Servers: Laurie Harms/Amber Bayer  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kaitlynn/Alivia  
Elder: Joel McDonough  
Food Pantry Sunday