

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

✠ *Exaudi* ✠

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## 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).

### Communing at this Altar

The Lord's Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord's day!

*\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.*

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
  - ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
  - ✠ discern the Lord's Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
  - ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
  - ✠ believe the words of Jesus, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28);
- If this is *not* your confession, or you're seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, **cross your arms over your chest**, indicating that you'd like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

*Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord's Body and Blood you may read "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal



# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

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△ Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

### EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

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

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

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

- 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.  
**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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

*Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a*



- P** Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.\*  
Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alle- | luia.  
**C** 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?
- P** Teach me Your way, | O Lord;\*
- give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;  
**C** 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.

*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

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

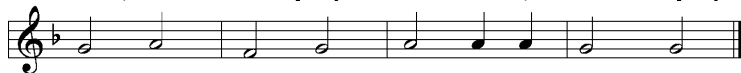
Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not Your face from me. Alle- | luia.

### KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*



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



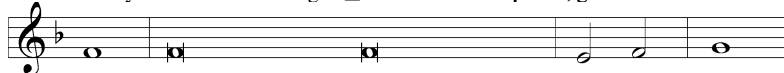
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

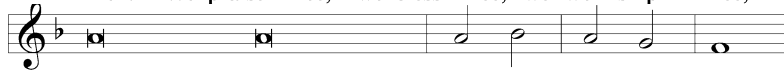
*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*



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



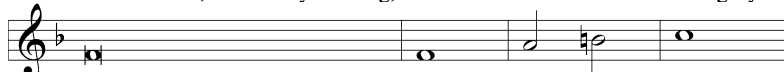
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



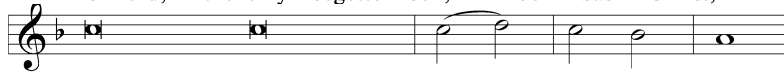
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



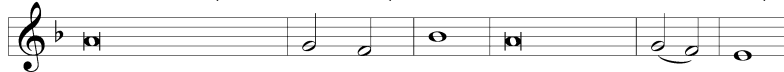
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



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



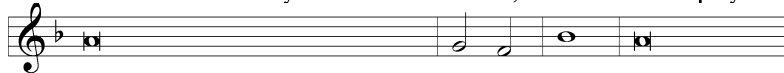
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



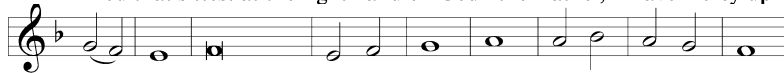
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



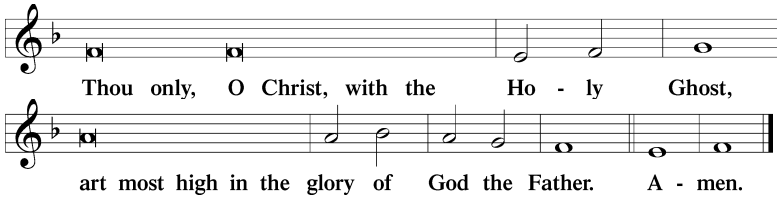
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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.

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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL ~ *Christians to the Paschal Victim***

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**P** *Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises!  
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciling sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, Reigns immortal.*

*Congregation*



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!

**P** *“Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw when wayfaring.”  
“The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;  
Bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.  
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; To Galilee He goes before you.”*

*Congregation*

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!

**P** *Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever-reigning!*

*Congregation*

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!

**EPISTLE**

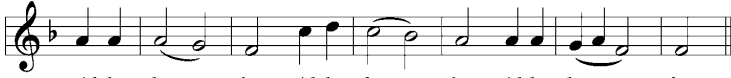
**1 Peter 4:7-11**

<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.

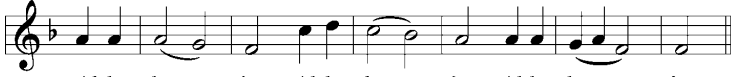
**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



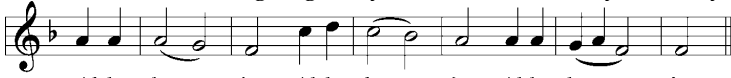
☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

☐ God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.



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

☐ I will not leave you as orphans;  
I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:26-16:4*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup>“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. <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.

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ 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.

*\*You may genuflect  
in reverence of the incarnation*

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 ~ Christ Is the World's Redeemer**  
**SERMON**

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Stand  
**OFFERTORY ~ Christ Has Been Raised from the Dead!**

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*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.  
Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.  
Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

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.

Sit

## OFFERING

The offering is a joyful response of faith. It should be free, generous, and offered with thanksgiving to God.

The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church. **Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.**

Stand

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God

Psalm 136

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

**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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

**G** 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,



bles - 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.

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Thanks be to you, O Lord, because in these last days you did send to us your beloved Servant, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior and our Redeemer and the Messenger of your will; who is your Word inseparable from you; through whom you made all things and with whom you were well pleased; whom you did send from heaven into the womb of the Virgin, and who, having been conceived within her, became flesh, and was manifested as your Son, being born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin; who, in order that He might abolish death, break the bonds of the adversary, tread Hades underfoot, give light to the righteous, establish an everlasting covenant, and manifest the resurrection in His flesh,

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\nabla$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\nabla$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Therefore, having in remembrance His death and resurrection, we give thanks to you, Holy Father, because you have counted us worthy to stand before you and to serve you. Gather into one, we pray you, all your holy people who partake of this bread and this cup; fill them with your Holy Spirit for the confirmation of their faith in the truth; and grant that we may praise and glorify you through your Servant, Jesus Christ, through whom all honor and glory belongs to you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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  $\nabla$  deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

**A** men.

**A** 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

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin.

Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

<i>This Is the Feast</i>	155
<i>How Firm a Foundation, O Saints of the Lord</i>	728
<i>Thine Forever, God of Love</i>	687
<i>Take My Life and Let It Be</i>	783
<i>Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings</i>	782

### Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

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## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32

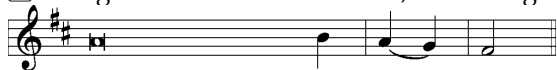
**A** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



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 without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

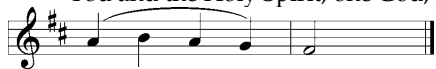
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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

**A** Let us pray.

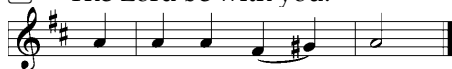
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and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



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**A** Bless we the Lord.



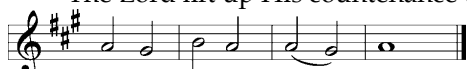
**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.

## CLOSING HYMN ~ O Holy Spirit, Enter In

*Numbers 6:24-26*