

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Exaudi (Hear, O Lord)

Sunday, May 16, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Altamont, IL

1861-2021 – Zum Kripplein Christi – 160 years

Rev. Marcus Manley

Elder: Ron Koester

Organist & Choir Dir.: Dean Manuel

Acolyte: Olliver Shoaf; Book Bearer: John Manley; Crucifer: Dayton Tabbert

Ushers: Mark Durbin, Ronnie Putnam, Ben Wharton



Ringings of Bells

Prelude - KOMM, HEILIGER GEIST, HERRE GOTT - Erfurt 1524

✠ DIVINE SERVICE III ✠

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Please stand and face the processional cross as it enters the sanctuary during the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn LSB #768 *To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray*

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✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

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Introit for The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9a (respond with the words in bold)

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.

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

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

♪ **The Gloria Patri**

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♪ **Kyrie**

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Hymn of Praise: ♪ This Is the Feast

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♪ **Salutation**

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Collect for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

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: ♪ **Amen**

Please be seated

Old Testament 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

C: ♪ *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Holy Gospel: John 15:26-16:4

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth & sixteenth chapter.

C: ♪ *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

[Jesus said] ²⁶“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. 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.**

Nicene Creed

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Please be seated

Hymn of the Day LSB #488 *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

Sermon

Text: John 15:26-16:4

Title: “*It Sure Is Easy to Find Good Help These Days.*”

Outline: **TRUST THAT THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH REALLY IS THE BEST HELPER FOR US TO LIVE IN AND BEYOND THIS WORLD.**

- I. The Spirit of Truth will help you and defend you against the world.
- II. The Spirit of Truth is always true, bearing true witness about Christ.
(The Sacrament as a case study).

Please stand

♪ Offertory

Offering (*Offering plates will be located at the entrance of the sanctuary, you may place your gifts in the offering plates as you exit the building.*)

Offering Hymn #781 *We Give Thee But Thine Own* v. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Church

Response after each petition of the prayer:

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

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Please be seated

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LSB #633 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (May Hymn of the Month)

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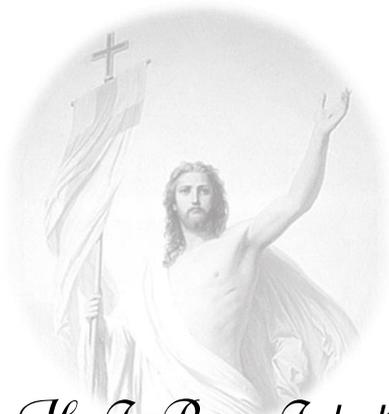
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Please stand

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn LSB #525 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*



He Is Risen Indeed!

Alleluia!