

Historic Scripture Lessons for Easter-7 † *Exaudi* (Coming 🕊) Sunday

Old Testament

Ezekiel 36:25-27 NIV I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put My Spirit in you and move you to follow My decrees and be careful to keep My laws.

Epistle

1 Peter 4:7-11 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very Words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Historic Gospel

John 15:26-16:4 "When the Counselor comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me. 27 And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning. 16:1 "All this I

have told you so that you will not go astray. 2 They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. 3 They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. 4 I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.

3-Year Gospel (Sermon Text)

John 17:11b-19 Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your Name - the Name You gave Me - so that they may be one as We are one. 12 While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that Name You gave Me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. 13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. 14 I have given them Your Word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. 19 For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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May 13th, 2018 ✧ Easter-7 Exaudi = Coming Holy Spirit

WELCOME to Our Savior! We are so happy to have you worship with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time (or in a long time), we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come and worship with us again! **Have a blessed week!**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets and in (red) hymnal p.5 .

Service		
Opening Hymn	225 (5v)	Come Holy Spirit, Come! Let Thy Bright...
<i>Psalm 104</i>	<i>Ps.104 "3v"</i>	<i>Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew the</i>
Hymn of the Day	494 (4v)	Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire
<i>Offertory Verse</i>	<i>261 (3v)</i>	LORD, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word
Third Hymn	216 (3v)	On Christ's Ascension I Now Build
Closing Hymn	215 (5v)	Draw Us to Thee - For Then Shall We

Suggested Bible readings for weekdays after the 7th Sunday of Easter

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Zech. 13:7-9	Zech.14:1-21	Isa.66:10-24	Jer.46:27-28	Isa. 32:9-20	Isaiah 57:15-21
John10:17-21	John10:22-31	John10:32-42	John 11:1-27	John11:28-44	John 11:45-57

PROPERs for EASTER-7(LAST SUNDAY in EASTER) ✧ MAY 13TH

INTROIT Hear, O God, when I cry with my voice. Alleluia! When You said, "Seek ye My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me. ...from Psalm 27

COLLECT Almighty, everlasting God, grant us always to have a devout will toward You, and the desire to serve Your majesty with a pure heart; through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ A- -men.**

PSALM 104

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

GRADUAL C: Alleluia! Alleluia! God reigns over the heathen; God sits on the throne of His holiness. Alleluia! I will not leave you comfortless. I go, and I will come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia! ...from Psalm 47

SCRIPTURE LESSONS (printed on outside back page of the bulletin)

O.T. Ezekiel 36:25-27	I will sprinkle, cleanse, and pour out My H.S.
Epi. I Peter 4:7-11	Be good managers of all of God's good gifts.
Gos. John 15:26-16:4	Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit.

PSALM 104 (1st Choir) Lord, send out Your Spirit, And renew the face of the earth; Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Refrain C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth.

Verse 1. ♪ O bless- the Lord, my soul, – O Lord, how great are Your ways! How ma-ny are Your works-, O Lord, – The earth is full of Your glory!

C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)

Verse 2. ♪ You take back Your Spirit; They die, – Return-ing to- the dust. You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, – You-renew the face of the earth.

C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)

Verse 3. ♪ May the glory of God be forever, – May the Lord rejoice in His Works! May my thoughts and my deeds be pleasing to Him, – I find my joy in the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, send out Your Spirit, – And renew the face of the earth; (Repeat)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Member or Relation Pray for...

Sue Smith (Bev Foster)	Sue battling pancreas & liver growths. Sad but faithful!
Jim & Elma Hendricks	LORD's will be done. Both at home. Jim's BP spikes
Dee Kurczewski (David)	Dee was in hospital after falls. Back home, rehabbing
Alex Pitman (relative of Elaine Jones)	PTL. Alex was allowed to come to FL
Angelo Pousa (Tom & Viv Temple's friend)	Angelo battling health issues
Jon Sawyer (Andrea)	Jon Sr flew to his first job since December stroke
June Weyenberg	June back home (by herself) doing rehab from knee surgery

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Substitute for Temples	Ilene & Alex Gourley
Treaters	Joan Patrick & Mary Lou	

Statistics	Last week	Year to date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	24 / (22)	24 / 20
Bible Class Attendance: Sun/Wed	8 / 5	7 / 5
Last Sunday Offering & YTD	\$.	YTD Total \$.

Calendar of Events		
Today, May 13th	8:30 am	Bible Study - Heritage Hymns ELH #493
<i>Easter-7 Exaudi</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (No Communion)
<i>Coming Holy Spirit</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!
Wednesday, 5/16	6:00 pm	OSL Bible Study PARABLE.12 10Virgins
Saturday, 5/19	10 & 11:30	OSLadies Guild MAY (last) Mtg & Brunch
Sunday, 5/20	8:30 am	Bible Study - Heritage Hymns ELH #575
<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
<i>Holy Spirit Comes!</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ...Stay!

Elders: Tom Temple 213-4622; John Weber 853-5458; Don Wienke 815-8892.

May 13th ✧ ELS Centennial: Proclaim the Wonders God Has Done: 1918-2018



The Bethany Lutheran College Choir was established in 1929, two years after the synod took over the operation of the school. In early years, concerts concluded with "The Benediction" by P. Lutkin. Since the 1940s, concerts have concluded with a time-honored tradition of singing the hymn "On My Heart Imprint Thine Image" written by T. Kingo. A distinctive mark of the synod, since the publication of the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary* in 1996, also is the congregation's chanting of the Lord's Prayer.

Next Sunday 5/20 Pentecost Sunday (LS. p.15) 224 Ps.104 229 235.1 235.2- 46

EASTER7(B) Exaudi John 17:11b-19 "JESUS PRAYS 4 PROTECTION" 05.13.18 OSL

HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER **Jesus prays for His Church.** Nowhere is this more profoundly revealed to us than in the **High Priestly Prayer** of Jesus in the Upper Room on the night of His betrayal into death. This is the room where He washed the disciples' feet as a servant; this is the room where He instituted the Sacramental meal of His Body and Blood. This is the room where He taught them about His love for them, their love for one another, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and their fruitful union with Him. **And now, He prays in their presence.** This prayer, recorded in **John chapter 17, is the true "Lord's Prayer," the prayer only the Lord Himself can pray.**

HPP PART-1 He **first** prays to the Father **for Himself.** *"Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify You."* He knows the His glory is in His death, His being lifted up on the cross, drawing all men to Himself, and in so doing, bringing glory to the Father. He knows that the way of glory is to come from God, go through death and the grave, rise from the dead, and return to that glory by way of His ascension. He glorifies our humanity in His humanity, taking our human flesh, bone, and blood through death and the grave to the right hand of the Father. This is His glory, and this is how He brings glory to the Father.

HPP PART-2 He **then prays for those men gathered** around Him in the upper room; His inner circle of **apostles**, those He would send. They were given Him by the Father, and He has taught them everything that comes from the Father. He has given them the Father's words and they received them. They believe that He came from the Father as the only-begotten Son. They are His apostles, His sent ones, His authorized representatives who would speak "in His stead and by His command." He was "leaving," withdrawing His visible presence from the world, but they would remain. Jesus would go to the Father, but they would remain in this world to proclaim Him.

HPP PART-3 **Finally,** in the **third** and last part of His High Priestly Prayer, Jesus prays for **all believers**, *"for those who will believe in me through their word."* He prays for their unity in union with Him, that the world would know that the Father sent the Son and loves His believers as His own Son.

FOR THE APOSTLES Today's text is the **second portion of that prayer**, the part about the apostles, those the Father gave Him to send into the world. We believe that the apostles, though unique, are not confined to those men who were with Jesus that night in the Upper Room. We know that from **Matthias**, who, as we read in the book of Acts, was added later to fill the vacancy of Judas. Matthias was not there in the Upper Room, but by the Call of God was added to make a Twelve. And then there was **Paul**, "number thirteen, the untimely born" Apostle no one really asked for or wanted. We believe that the ministry of the apostles continues today in what we have come to call the pastoral office or the Office of the Holy Ministry. The apostolic Church has an apostolic office, not by succession of persons, but **by the action of the Word of the crucified, risen, and reigning Lord Jesus Christ** who continually establishes His office that His Voice would be heard in His Church until the end of time.

4 ALL (REVs) And so one might rightfully say here, that in praying for His apostles, Jesus is **also praying for His pastors, for His office and its officeholders.**

TRUE JOY Jesus prays first that His joy might be fulfilled in them. **Apostolic ministry is to be joyful ministry, filled with the joy of Jesus Who in His joy** endured the Cross and scorned its shame. This is no "smile and be happy" kind of joy that the world proffers; it is nothing less than the joy of salvation, the joy of sinners justified for Jesus' sake, the joy of sins forgiven.

JOY...LESS Pastors will be the first to admit that the holy ministry can become a joyless task and even a burden. **Sometimes it's their own fault.** Being clergy can be a burdensome lot – complaining, whining, carrying on as if Jesus were not reigning from the Right Hand of God. Sometimes though, it's because the church has come to expect anything and everything from her pastors except the one needful thing, the Word of life and salvation. We want coaches, counselors, executives, motivators, equippers, you name it, everything but shepherds, pastors who will lead the flock to good pasture and clean, clear water.

PASTORS' JOY The joy of ministry is not being liked or appreciated but the **joy of people** coming to a **deeper sense of their sinfulness** and to a yet **deeper faith in Jesus.** The most joyful work of a pastor happens at the **font**, at the **altar**, in the **pulpit**, in classes, in counseling, and wherever the Word of Christ is having it's faith-making way. That's the joy of Jesus, who prays that His apostles would be filled with His joy.

LOVE or HATE He reminds them, as they overhear this prayer, that the **world will hate** them on account of the Word. This is true. Put on a clergy collar and you will either be loved or hated, but there will be very little middle ground, unless someone doesn't make the connection. Sometimes a pastor can try to hide it and pop off the collar, but they're still a dead giveaway, a sitting duck either for scowls or serious conversation. There is no avoiding it; it's wrong to avoid it. It comes with the turf. The prophets experienced the same thing. They bore the Word in the world, and the world was none too pleased with it or them.

DENIAL #1 Like Jesus Himself, His Ministry is *"in the world yet not of the world."* And here we find the **two great denials that occur.** The **first is to remove oneself from the world.** To live in isolation, to wall yourself off from the world, to avoid contact. But Jesus prays that His ministers not be removed from this world but immersed in it. Jesus embraced the world in His death, and His apostolic ministry embraces the world in the name of Jesus. That will bring you into contact with some parts of the world we might rather avoid – the misfits of the world, the untouchables, the lepers of our day.

RUNAWAY Like **Jonah**, we board our ships to Tarshish in hopes of escape, only to find ourselves swallowed up by a big fish and barfed out once again on the dry land of our vocations. The church too needs to **fight this tendency to circle the wagons and preach only to the choir.** We are in the world, and there is **no hiding from it.** There's **no need** to hide from it or cower from it. Jesus has already overcome the world.

DENIAL #2 The other second great denial is that **we become “of the world.”** We lose our saltiness, we hide our lamp, we become indistinguishable with the world. Not of the world means that we are different. Pastors are held to a higher standard of conduct, as well they should be. You don't expect your pastor to get drunk on Saturday night, or any other night. You wouldn't be pleased if your pastor was shacked up with his girlfriend or cheating on his wife. You wouldn't be happy to find out that your pastor cheated on his income tax or didn't show up for church on Sunday. And rightly so. **Not just because** he's the pastor and paid to be the pastor, but because **he is to be an example for everyone.**

GOD'S (HOLY) PEOPLE As Baptised believers in Christ, **we are called to be in this world and yet not of this world,** to engage this world and be an active part of it, and yet not to draw our identity from it nor to conform ourselves to its ways. You are different, set apart, consecrated, “holy.” **A chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.** The world will consider you weird, a resident alien within its borders. Like OT Israel among its neighbors, called to be holy, consecrated, set apart to point to Yahweh, the Creator and Redeemer, the merciful One.

TRUTH We are called to bear witness to the truth – pastor and people together. **Sanctify them by the truth; your Word is truth.** Truth is a *slippery* term these days. Plastic and malleable. We seem to be unclear as to what is truth. God's Word is Truth; Jesus is Truth. He doesn't just speak the Truth, He embodies all Truth. That doesn't mean that Christians are infallible, that we are right all time. We're not. You can have the truth and still be wrong when you do not speak the truth in love or love in the truth.

1ST PETITION Jesus taught us to pray **“Hallowed by Thy Name.”** May Your/God's Name be hallowed, holy. May it be holy on our lips as we pray, praise, give thanks, confess, bless, witness. *“O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.”* God's Name is Holy when we speak the truth about God and about ourselves, the truth of our sinfulness, our brokenness, our lost condition and the truth of Jesus and His forgiveness, His righteousness, His redemption.

HOLY IN US And we pray also that God's Name would be **hallowed in our lives,** as the Word of Truth has its way with us – **killing us to sin, raising us to life,** guiding us in the path of righteousness. It's the Word – Christ – on our lips and in our lives that makes you and me a holy people, a holy ministry, a holy church.

2000 YEARS The Word and the prayer of Jesus are what keep the church and Her ministry going even after all these years. It's been **nearly 2000 years since Jesus disappeared in His Ascension,** and yet His Word is as living and active today as ever. Yes, it has opposition, it is hated, despised, ignored, ridiculed by the world. And yet the Word remains stubbornly embodied in the Church – Her pastors and her people – in the world yet not of the world for the life of the world. **And that is the Truth. IJ'N, Amen SDG**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus to live everlasting, Amen.

Our Savior Lutheran Church  Lakeland, FL  ELS
Exaudi (B) Sunday  **SERMON: “Father, Protect Them”**
POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church Exaudi-7th Sunday of Easter May 13th 2018

We pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. + (Possible) Brief silence

Blessed Lord, though Your Son ascended to You and departed from this earth, keep us, we pray, ever mindful that He will come again to judge the living and the dead. During this time of waiting for His return, preserve us from all falsehood and immorality and, by Your Spirit, comfort us with Your ongoing care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, in the pages of Holy Scripture, You reveal Your salvation. Guide our efforts at proclaiming Your Word. Thwart the plans of all who desire to prevent Your Kingdom from extending to the lost. Bring to joyful fruition the Gospel seeds planted by missionaries, pastors, teachers and all Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with favor, O God, upon all our mothers. Guide them as they serve You in caring for their children. Ease their anxieties as they perform daily parenting responsibilities. Bring them joy in the privilege of nurturing their children. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, abide with our synod president, circuit visitor and all the pastors and servants of our synod. Guide them as they speak Your mighty Word and administer Your saving Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, You earnestly desire the spiritual unity of Your Christian Church. Keep us firm in the truth of Your Word. Make our Synod, its congregations and its members bold confessors of the true faith. Strengthen us against the temptation to be conformed to the spirit of the times. And keep us faithful in proclaiming the joy of Your salvation to those around us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, through Your servant John, You give us a glimpse into life everlasting. With John's testimony, comfort those who suffer, those undergoing medical treatments and those homebound [*esp. OSL Prayer List*]. Bring to their minds the assurance that even in their current afflictions, they can continue to look forward with eager joy to the place where no lamp or sun is needed, for the Lord God will be their everlasting light. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, Your Son promises that He is the resurrection and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will live eternally. Deal graciously with those who mourn the death of loved ones. Lead them to take refuge in Your Son's promises, that they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. ...Lord's Prayer**