

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

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

I 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 17:20-26 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. 22 I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one: 23 I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world. 25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. 26 I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them."



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

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June 2nd, 2019 ✘ Easter-7 *Exaudi* = *Coming Holy Spirit*

TODAY WE CELEBRATE The LORD'S SUPPER: If you are new to the area or our worship and have never communed with us before, please speak with the pastor before Communing. If you are not currently a member of an ELS or WELS congregation, we ask that you please **wait to take Communion until you can speak with our pastor.** Out of Christian love and consideration to you the guest, we want you to have the opportunity to learn what our church teaches about the Bible and Sacraments before you unite with us in taking **Holy Communion.** Thank you for your understanding. God bless your worship.

ORDER OF WORSHIP On the silver liturgy sheets and in red TLH Hymnal p.15

Service	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	227 (5v)	Come, Holy Ghost, in Love
Psalm 104	Ps. 104 '3v'	Lord, Send Out Your Spirit And Renew ↗
Hymn of the Day	473 (5v)	Sing v.1-4 The Church's One Foundation
Offertory Verse	473 (5v)	Sing v.5 Mid toil and tribulation ... →
Distribution Hymn	235 (8v)	O Holy Spirit, Enter In And in our hearts...
Closing Hymn	261 (3v)	LORD, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word

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

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday
 Zech. 13:7-9 Zech.14:1-21Isa.66:10-24 Jer.46:27-28Isa. 32:9-20 Isa. 57:15-21
Joh10:17-21 Joh.10:22-31John10:32-42John11:1-27 Jo.11:28-44 Jo.11:45-57

PROPERs for EASTER-7(LAST SUNDAY in EASTER) JUNE 2ND

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.**

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.

3Yr. **John 17:20-26** JESUS PRAYS TO HIS FATHER FOR UNITY AND PROTECTION.

(NEW) **PSALM 104** 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!

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 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.

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 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.

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.

OFFERTORY 473 5. Mid toil and tribulation - And tumult of Her war
She waits the consummation - Of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious - Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious - Shall be the Church at rest. A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation)	Pray for...
Flooding Survivors Across the whole heartland of USA, spring flooding	
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David working & helping Mom	
Jon (Sister) Martha Herbert Surgery at LRMC. Andrea (Sister) Emily Cancer	
Vivian Temple (Tom) Vivian is at home recovering. Tom is helping her	
Stacy Terhune (Don & Bev Wienke daughter) Spinal pain and surgery	
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Health of both. At home rehabbing	(write-in here)

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	(Volunteer)	(Volunteer)
Treaters	←Memorial Day BBQ Picnic	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday Attendance (LORDSupper)	30 / (-)	27 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sun.Wed.	10, 7	11, 8
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$. (\$1.3K)	YTD \$, . (\$28.K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, June 2nd	9:00 am	BibleStudy Christian Life: H.S.' Presence
Easter-7/C Exaudi	10:00 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Coming Holy Spirit	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = BBQ Picnic Lunch ... Stay!
Monday, 6/3	9:30-2:30	Pastor Winkel at RWH - Winter Haven
Wednesday 6/5	6:00 pm	Midweek Bible Study: Jesus' Teachings SoM
Next Sunday 6/9	9:00 am	BibleStudy Christian Life: The LAW
Pentecost Sunday	10:00 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
Holy Spirit Comes!	11:15 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

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

Next Sunday 6/9 Pentecost/C (p.5 No L.S.) 224 Ps.104 234 235.1 231 46

EASTER-7C John 17:20-26 "JESUS PRAYS FOR UNITY FOR CHURCH" 6.2.19 OSL

KEEPS ON GOING One of the great mysteries of the world is the survival of the church for nearly **2000 years**. It's pretty amazing when you stop and think about it. The church began in Jerusalem with a little group of **120** believers, ordinary people like you and me. It grew to over **3000** on the day of Pentecost. Reading from the book of **Acts** describes how within a few decades the church came to cover the **whole Mediterranean world**. The church has survived the rise and fall of kingdoms, the tyranny of emperors, the rise of heresies and false religions. It has survived persecutions, the rise of Islam, communism, and every attempt to wipe it out. The church survived false teachers, false teachings, the strain of reformation, external division, schisms, sects, denominationalism, two thousand years of mismanagement. Any corporation or country or culture would have long gone under. But the church keeps going, like the Energizer bunny in those TV commercials, the church's batteries never seem to run down. **It's both a miracle and mystery, a hidden work of God.**

HOW? WHY? This morning, **You are in on the secret.** *What keeps the Church going, often in spite of Herself?* **ANSWER: JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS CHURCH.** "I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message." Jesus prays **for us**. Perhaps it goes without saying, but it really needs to be said anyway. Jesus prays for His Church, the Groom prays for His Bride, whom He loves and for whom He laid down His life. Jesus, Ascended to majestic glory at the Right Hand of the Father does not forget His church but intercedes for her, and that prayer is sure to be heard.

JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS CHURCH... and He prays **for you who believe**. Jesus prays for His Church, and that prayer preserves the Church in the unity of the Spirit. Jesus prays for His Church, that we would be one as He and the Father are one, that we might share in His glory, and in the love of the Father.

H.P. PRAYER Today's Gospel is the last section of **Jesus' High Priestly Prayer**, His "**Eucharistic** prayer" if you will, which He prayed in the Upper Room on the night of His betrayal where He gave His Body and Blood to His disciples. This is no ordinary prayer; it's **a prayer only the Lord can pray**. It is truly the Lord's Prayer - He the (Ultimate) High Priest, extending His hands, lifting His eyes in intercession, **we are His Israel, His people, His priesthood.**

2K YRS People sometimes wonder how the Church has survived all these years. Where it dies in one part, it rises up again somewhere else. "*Like a local rain*" as **Luther** once put it. For **2000 years the Church has survived its own inept organizations** and internal divisions, false teaching, egocentric leaders, corrupt clergy, faithless and lazy laity; threats from without and within, and still like dandelions in your lawn or weeds in your garden, the Church keeps popping up in all its world-embracing unity. As it falls in America under our own Babylonian scale consumptiveness, it rises up in **Africa**, in **India**, in the underground churches of **China**. And through it all, it is **One** Lord Jesus Christ, **One** faith, **One** Baptism, **One** God and Father of us all.

(HERE COMES) THE BRIDE **It's not our doing.** The Church isn't our doing, Her **oneness** isn't our doing, her **glory** isn't our doing. The Church is the Lord's, His Bride. He redeems Her with His Blood, He washes Her with Baptismal water-

Word, He clothes her in Blood-dipped robes of white, **And He prays for Her** just like a loving husband prays for his wife with whom he is one flesh.

PRAYS FOR WHAT "*I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word.*" That's **YOU, dear believers**. That's you Jesus is speaking of in solemn prayer to His Father. He's praying **for you** - you who have believed through the working of the Word. And what does Jesus pray for? That you be healthy? Wealthy? Happy? Successful? **(No! -)** He prays that we **be one**. He prays for **our unity**.

1. UNITY For **what kind of unity** is Jesus praying? Is it that we be one, big happy family? That we be one, united world religion? **No** - rather, it's that **we be one in the same way that Jesus and the Father are one**. One in essence. One in a hidden unity of the Holy Spirit in the bonds of peace. This isn't about all the various ways Christianity is divided in this world. It's just the opposite. It's about our unity in Christ in spite of all the various ways Christianity is divided in this world. Even if we were somehow to figure out some great, grand merger, engineer some huge ecumenical compromise to get Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholics and Lutherans and Anglicans and Presbyterians and all the thousands of Protestant groups all together on one page, as one Church without distinction, that still would not be what Jesus is praying.

1.a. ESSENTIAL UNITY He is praying for our **essential** unity, that **we be found in Him and He in us**, just as He is in the Father and the Father in Him. This isn't a unity you work out at the bargaining table or by "agreeing to disagree," ala the fashion of our day. This is a unity that is worked by the Holy Spirit, by Whom we were baptized into the death and Resurrection of Jesus, united with Jesus in His death and life and ascended glory. Crucified with Him, raised with Him, glorified at the Right Hand of the Father with Him: **BAPTISMAL Unity**.

1.b. ONE BODY This is the **profound unity** that is revealed in our eating the one bread that is the Body of Christ, and drinking His one Blood. The Apostle Paul writes, "*For you are all one body, for you all partake of the one Bread.*" As many grains baked together form one loaf, so we who are many are bound together in Christ. As many grapes crushed together make one cup of wine, so we who are many are bound together in Christ. And this, over and against the many ways our sin has divided us. The Church is One Body in Christ precisely because we eat the one body of Christ. He in us, and we in Him ... **this** is also what Jesus prays: **SACRAMENTAL Unity**.

2. SIN GRINDS But as we know, **Sin divides. No question about it.** We experience the division every day in our lives - in our **homes**, at the **office**, in the **classroom**, on the **playground**, in **church**. Sin is the grit that grinds our relationships, that sets us against each other as we grab for ourselves and try to control others. (Matthew 18) "*Where two or three are gathered...*" for anything(?) there is sure to be a **split** at some point. It seems inevitable when sinners get together.

2.a. SIN DIVIDES **And Sin divides us from God.** It sets us against Him, making us competing gods. That's all idolatry is at its heart. The desire to be a "small-g" god, to control God, to manipulate God. And it sets us

against God, puts us in the position of being adversary instead of friend and family member.

SIN E.G. Look at **the Apostles**, the “inner circle” of Jesus’ disciples. Hand picked men who spent three years of “quality time” with Jesus. No finer theological education could be had anywhere. You couldn’t have any more thorough catechesis. Imagine sitting at the feet of the Master day after day, walking with Him on those long, dusty roads. Eating with Him. The conversations they must have had, of which Scripture records only the bare necessary few. And yet there **were divisions among them**. They argued over who was the greatest. They argued over who would get the honored seats in the coming Kingdom. At times, they almost sound like children bickering over who got the bigger piece of pie or the more expensive toy.

SO, IN THE END, **HOW DO WE GET OR HAVE ANY UNITY AT ALL?!**

3. IT’S BELIEVED Like everything else about our faith, our unity in Christ is much more a matter of faith than it is of sight. We say (3rd-Article **Apostles’ Creed**) “*We believe in One Holy, Christian and Apostolic Church.*” It is something **believed**, revealed by the Word and held in faith. **In His death, lifted up on the Cross, Jesus gathered all to Himself.** In **Baptism**, we have been gathered into Christ, united with Him in death and life and glory. In **the Supper** we are given to participate in the great Mystery of Salvation, that by the justifying grace of God a sinner is united with the Sinless One in a Communion of Saints. And this, not just for ourselves, but “*that the world may know that Jesus is sent by the Father,*” that **all may know the only true God and Jesus Christ** Whom He has sent to save the world through His dying and rising.

ONE OR MANY? Sometimes people ask, If Christianity is true, **Why are there so many versions of the truth? Why so many “denominations” and groups? Why are Christians divided against Christians?** The simple answer is: **our sin**, our refusal to hear and obey the Word faithfully. But in many ways, those are “insider” discussions. From the outside, the Church (better have -) has **one unmistakable message**: that Jesus Christ is the Only Son of God, True God of His Father, True Man of His Virgin Mother, Who became our sin and died and Rose so that Baptized and believing in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

COULD IT BE(?)... that this great unity of the Church for which Jesus prays is worked “*in, with, and under*” our apparent divisions, that as Paul says, “*there must be divisions among you to show who is tested*”? **When we are weak in ourselves, then we are strong in Christ.** The Church in her weakness is strong in Christ ... and so are we.

PRAYER KEEPS (US) GOING On this 7th (and Last) Sunday of Easter, standing on the threshold of Pentecost, we can now step back and look at the completed work of Jesus in all its glory - Christ has **Died - crucified for our sins**. (But) Christ is **Risen - Raised for our justification!** Christ has **Ascended - reigns over all things** at the Right Hand of the Father. This crucified, Risen, and reigning Lord Jesus prays for His Church, that it be one. And that Prayer is what keeps us going until He appears in glory, and we in glory with Him. **IJ’N, Amen. SDG**

Now, *The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds...*

POSSIBLE Prayer of the Church Exaudi-7th Sunday of Easter June 2nd, 2019

Knowing that the Lord has promised to hear, we pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Brief silence)

That the Church on earth may be one, united in doctrine, in witness and at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may raise up faithful men for the ministry of the Word and Sacraments and faithful women as teachers, deaconesses and directors of Christian education, and that all may serve Him well for the benefit of all as once Matthias was set apart for service, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the Lord may guard and protect His Church, that she may be kept faithful in the face of temptation and persecution and be made fruitful in the work she is to do in Christ’s name, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may grow in the knowledge of God’s Word, and that we may be faithful teachers of that Word to our children and to those not yet of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the nations may enjoy peace, goodwill, an end to terrorism and freedom from oppression; and that our leaders may be faithful in their service, in the protection of all life and in the pursuit of all that is just, fair and good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That immorality may give way to virtue and deception to truth, that we may learn well from history and use our technology and all our resources for noble purposes and the common good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the suffering relieved, the grieving comforted and the dying granted peace, [*especially for OSL Prayer List,*] that the Lord may grant His grace to all who have need and that they may be strengthened in weakness, granted patience in trial and given endurance for the race that is set before them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who come to the Lord’s table may eat and drink in faith the blessed gifts of His flesh and blood, and by repentance and faith be renewed in their baptismal calling as the people of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may joyfully bring the fruits of our labors and the tithes and offerings of a grateful faith to the Lord, and that the Church may not lack for resources to accomplish God’s purpose nor the poor suffer need because of our indifference to their plight, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may remember the faithful who went before us and now rest from their labors, and that we may follow in faith where they have led the way, and at length be brought with them into His everlasting light and life, to see Him face to face, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, Lord’s Supper, p.24...**