



**Seventh Sunday of Easter - Exaudi
CCA Graduation**

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WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad you are with us for worship.
Please sign the pew book and our guest register in the
narthex. Please come again!



Call to Worship: Tone Chimes

K-4 Choir: Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Hymn #792 New Songs of Celebration Render

- 1 New songs of celebration render
To Him who has great wonders done;
Love sits enthroned in ageless splendor;
Come and adore the mighty One.
He has made known His great salvation
Which all His friends with joy confess.
He has revealed to ev'ry nation
His everlasting righteousness.
- 2 Joyfully, heartily resounding,
Let ev'ry instrument and voice
Peal out the praise of grace abounding,
Calling the whole world to rejoice.
Trumpets and organs, set in motion
Such sounds as make the heavens ring;
All things that live in earth and ocean,
Make music for your mighty King.
- 3 Rivers and seas and torrents roaring,
Honor the Lord with wild acclaim;
Mountains and stones, look up adoring,
And find a voice to praise His name.
Righteous, commanding, ever glorious,
Praises be His that never cease;
Just is our God, whose truth victorious
Establishes the world in peace.

Order of Matins

LSB 219

LO Lord, open Thou my lips.

C And my mouth will declare Your praise.

LMake haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalmody

LBlessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

C 1 O come let us sing unto the Lord
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

2 For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also

3 The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

4 For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

5 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.

Hymn #539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,
The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom,
Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers,
The Lord of earth and sky,

Our health while we are living,
Our life when we shall die.

2 Christ has our host surrounded
With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph
And fire us for the fight.
This Christ the cross ascended
To save a world undone
And, suffering for the sinful,
Our full redemption won.

3 Down in the realm of darkness
He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed
He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended,
He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed,
His Father's and His own.

4 Glory to God the Father,
The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus,
His sole begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit--
The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer:
Amen! So let it be.

Old Testament

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.”

LO Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse: 5th-8th Grade Choir - A Mozart Canon

Holy Gospel

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.”

LO Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 221

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 Your 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.

Hymn: O Sing to the Lord (Psalm 98)

Sung by Festival Choir and congregation - see insert

Sermon John 15:26–16:4 “The Helper Teaches”

Te Deum

LSB 223

1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

3 The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

4 You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

5 When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.

When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

6 You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.

8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.

9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

Offering: 8th Grade Choir - Children of the Heavenly Father
K-8th Choir - Agnus Dei

The Kyrie: 5-8th Grade Choir - Kyrie Canon

Lord's Prayer: Chanted by the choir

Luther's Morning Prayer: K-4 Choir

Concordia Classical Academy 8th grade graduation

Gavin Davey	Nyakume Dojiok
Elijah Else	Tia Johnson
Judah LaPlant	Lydia Murphy
Clare Sarff	Brock Traetow
Wesley Whitmore	Braylah Williams

Hymn of Praise #582 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,

We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

Collects

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for:

- the health of: Larry Gilster, Nathan Hinz, Elijah Morehouse, Becky Rohlik, Christina Harman, Sandi Olson, Judy Schwartz, Ivadelle Hinz, Jeanette Koberg, Carole Rudenick, Jason Schwartz, Jeff Davey
- the family of Dennis Boldt, who went to his eternal home on Friday
- Wedding Anniversaries: Robin & Bernadette Schendel, Dan & Natasha Choiniere
- Baptism Anniversaries: David Evans, Michael Evans, Ricardo Gil, Jr., Brandon Sack, Charles Knudson,
- CCA students, teachers & staff as they conclude this school year

Collect of the Day

C 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.

Collect of Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Benediction

C The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Hymn #805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Acknowledgments

Matins from Lutheran Service Book

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Organist: Ezra LaPlant

Pianist: Emily LaPlant

Elder: Gary Urban

Ushers: Pat Lease, Caleb Heartbird, Matthias Harman

Greeters: Brad & Beth Wilson

Next Sunday:

Elder Asst: Randy Rush

Ushers: Billy Pomranke, Phil Adams, Bill Schwartz

Greeters: Mitchell & Jenean Cherney

On the bookcase:

- My Devotions for March – May
- Portals of Prayer for April – June
- Weekly newsletter

Parents, we are glad you brought your child to worship. You may borrow a Bible busy bag from the post in the narthex.

Large Print hymnals and bulletins are available. Please ask an usher.

Next Week's Lessons: The Day of Pentecost, May 24. Psalm 143, Genesis 11:1-9, Acts 2:1-21, John 14:23-31.

Chapel at CCA: All are welcome!

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday mornings 8:15-8:30 AM

Wednesday mornings 8:30 - 9:00 AM

Friday afternoons 2:00 - 2:20 PM

Giving Like Jesus: Stewardship Challenge

Day 19 Living for Rewards “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven” Matthew 6:20a

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Contact the church office to sign up and get your own copy of Lutheran Witness for only \$27.82 per year. The deadline to order is Sun., May 24.

Singles Event Join LCMS singles (ages 20-45) for fellowship, activities, and Bible study on June 13th and 14th in Arkansaw, WI. For more information and to register, go to LCMSSingles.com. For carpooling options, contact Christina Harman (507-779-6370).

Keep Collecting: We are accepting Hy-Vee receipts for the school. They can be dropped off in the envelope in the early education wing. This year’s receipts must be dated September 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026. They must be from the Mankato stores only – Riverfront Drive or Adams Street. NO GAS RECEIPTS, PRESCRIPTIONS, TOBACCO are accepted. The Hy-Vee Liquor store IS accepted.

Note: The date of the receipt must be shown. Some receipts have been received with the bottom cut off – this removes the date and they will not be allowed.

Scrip Cards can be purchased for groceries, home goods, clothing, etc. CCA has a variety of cards on hand in \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100 increments and many others can be ordered and received within a week. There are approximately 750 'brands' available and that list can be found at www.raiseright.com.

LWML Altar Flower Chairpersons for the month of May are the Executive Board. If you have flowers (for an anniversary, wedding, new baby, etc.) to share and beautify our services, please contact one of them.

Prayer Tree requests can be shared with Lynn Lease, 507-420-7788.

Counting the Flock – Sun., May 10: 81 worshiped, 22 guests, 64 communed, in Bible class.

THIS WEEK

Sun.	10:15 am Bible Study for Life
Tues.	7 pm School Board Meeting
Wed.	8:30 am Chapel

Fri.	11 pm Closing Chapel
Sun.	9 am Divine Service & Holy Communion 10:15 am Bible Study for Life

O Sing to the Lord

Psalm 98 (ESV)

Jeffrey Blerch

Choir: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Congregation: REFRAIN

O sing to the Lord a new song, for
He has done mar-vel-ous things! His right hand and His
ho-ly arm have worked sal-va-tion for Him.

Choir: The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Congregation: REFRAIN

Choir: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Congregation: REFRAIN

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