

**Exaudi
The Seventh Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2026



**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.**

(Ezekiel 36:25 ESV)

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Many members. One body united in Christ.

Welcome to the Divine Service where the risen Christ comes into our midst to bring us the peace of His cross and empty tomb. We pray that the Lord would grant us His Holy Spirit that His Word would bear the fruits of faith in Christ and works of love toward our neighbor.

The Lord's Supper is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God's Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please remember to silence your cell phones during the Divine Service.)

Voters' Meeting today! Following the Divine Service, all adults, 18 years-old and above, are asked to remain in order to conduct the business of the church, primary of which is the budget for the upcoming year as well as reporting from each board. A Fellowship Lunch will follow the meeting. The meat will be provided and everyone is invited to join in the feast. If you cannot attend, but wish to retain your voting privilege, please contact Stephen Kieser (stephenkieser05@gmail.com) to let him know why you need to request an excused absence.

Mites today!

Please note that Sunday School and Adult Bible Class will not be meeting next Sunday, May 24. The holiday weekend is the break between the Spring Sunday School period and the Summer's Family Bible Class. Please plan to join us for the Family Bible Class which begins May 31 at 11:15. Kids and adults will be able to "Ask Pastor". There is a form in the narthex you can use to submit your questions in advance. Everyone is encouraged to join in this opportunity to ask the tough questions.

We would like to schedule a one-day family VBS sometime in July. To do that, we need someone to serve as the coordinator and work with Pastor to put it together. If you are interested, please talk to Pastor and we can begin to make preparations.

"Wake, Awake - Watching for Jesus" VBS: Join in the fun and learning at Faith Plano's VBS June 15 - 19. VBS is open to incoming Preschool - 6th graders and will be 9am - noon each day. VBS is open to Faith Lutheran students and their referred friends and family. Sign up before May 27 to secure your VBS T-shirt. You may register at: [VBS Registration](#).

VBS Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to make VBS a success! If you are available to help in any way, please contact Mina McDonald at 214-226-0227 or mmcdonald1219@gmail.com. Youth volunteers (7th grade through High School) are appreciated. Assignments will be determined by the Pastors and VBS Director.

The second annual Confessional Lutheran Summer Youth Retreat is scheduled for June 29—July 2 at Saint John Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. Interested youth (8th – 12th grades) can register here: <https://osl.breezechms.com/form/3048a9736>. Housing will be beach houses close by on the island. The retreat will be action-packed with Bible study, activities at the church, an afternoon on the Strand, prayer services, and a day at Schlitterbahn Waterpark. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Ulmer.

Understanding difficult old testament passages... Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

OUR LIFE AS CHRISTIAN STEWARDS

1 Peter 4:10 – “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” God’s grace is His undeserved mercy toward us. What do we have that is not a gift flowing from God’s grace? He means for us to use all these gifts in service of our neighbor. The chief way we serve one another is by supporting the church’s work: bringing more of God’s grace to more of God’s people. That’s what it means to be a steward!

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY 05/17/26	<i>Exaudi – Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 11:15 AM – Voters' Meeting 11:15 AM - Sunday School 12:30 PM – Fellowship Lunch 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class
TUESDAY	9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	6:15 PM – Youth Catechesis
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – Men's Bible Study
FRIDAY	9:30 AM – Matins 10:15 AM – Confession and Absolution
SUNDAY 05/24/26	<i>The Feast of Pentecost</i> 9:30 AM – Divine Service 2:00 PM – Adult Instruction Class

Ushers next week: Michael Wueller, Winston Tiro

PRAYERS

- Those who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Pete Kun, Cristine Purcell.
- We pray that our Heavenly Father would grant joy and faithfulness to the young adults of our congregation, blessing them as they begin families, continue their studies, and enter the workforce.
- We pray that God would richly bless the Voters' Assembly today that our congregation may continue in faithfulness to His Word and be good stewards of His many gifts.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tristana Tiro, Jake Johnson, Roberta Lowery, Lance Dorrell, Cathy Miksch.
- Emma Cassanova, Leah Savage for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.

- Patti Ellis, in thanksgiving for successful eye surgery.
- Those undergoing cancer treatments: Doug Drawe, Dana Evans, Sarah Wickham, Robin Wildauer, Leigh R., Cristine Purcell, Kyle, Bonnie Hennig, Sandra Zastrow, Randy Cooper.
- Those struggling with ongoing health issues: JE Purcell, Kristina Wishmeyer, Edith Wright, Dony Reaves, Ruth Pritchett, Galen Dino, Lindsay Penrose, Stephanie, Katrina, Harrison, Reagan Armstrong, Doug Wall, Oleh Cholak, Doug Wall.
- Those experiencing other types of challenges: Greg Sims, Andrew Fischer.

Assisting in the Divine Service Today:

Elder – Brad Lowery	Altar Duty – Roberta Lowery
Organist: Rebekah Roundey	Ushers: Greg Sims, Matt Thibodeaux
5/10/26 General Fund Offerings received: \$3,965.50	
Restricted Fund Offerings received: \$17.00	
Weekly budget needed: \$4,641.68	
Budget year to date: surplus: \$5,252.24	