



## The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday after the Ascension

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### Introit

Ps. 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: Ps. 27:7a, 8b, 9b

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

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

**G** 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.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### Collect of the Day

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.

### Verse

Ps. 47:8; John 14:18a, 28, 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I will come yo you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

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## Old Testament

Ezekiel 36:22-28

<sup>22</sup> "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. <sup>23</sup> And 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. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> And 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. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

## The Epistle

1 Peter 4:7-14

<sup>7</sup> The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. <sup>8</sup> Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: <sup>11</sup> whoever 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. <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

## The Gospel

John 15:26-16:4

<sup>26</sup> "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. <sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. <sup>1</sup> "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. <sup>3</sup> And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. <sup>4</sup> But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

**Hymns for today:**

LSB 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 539 Christ is the World's Redeemer

+ LSB 645 Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand

+LSB 634 The Death of Jesus Christ Our Lord

+ LSB 703, How Can I Thank You Lord

LSB 497 Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord

**A prayer to prepare for the Divine Service:**

Lord of hosts, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our King of glory, now stands with You uplifted in triumph far above the heavens. Leave us not without consolation, but send us always the Spirit of Your truth according to His promises. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

**From the Small Catechism:**

The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer: *Thy kingdom come.*

What does this mean? — Answer.

*The kingdom of God comes indeed without our prayer, of itself; but we pray in this petition that it may come unto us also.*

How is this done? — Answer.

*When our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead a godly life here in time and yonder in eternity.*

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