

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Full Service Bulletin
Pastor Erik Sorenson



May 29, 2022

MEMBERS AND GUESTS:

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We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service this morning.

If you are partaking of the Lord's Supper, please read and fill out one of the registration cards on the back of the pew. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; 1 Cor. 11:17–34.

Confession and Absolution

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymn of Invocation



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

Text (sts. 1, 4): William Whiting, 1825–78, alt.

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Invocation

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: v. 1

Hear my cry, O God,

listen to my prayer;

for you have been my refuge,

a strong tower against the enemy.

For you, O God, have heard my vows;

you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.

Prolong the life of the king;

may his years endure to all generations!

May he be enthroned forever before God;

appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!

So will I ever sing praises to your name,
 as I perform my vows day after day.
 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.
 Hear my cry, O God,
 listen to my prayer.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

First Reading

2 Timothy 1:6–14 (p. 995, p. 1267 LP)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 22:1–20 (p. 1041, p. 1327 LP)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:20–26 (p. 903, p. 1150 LP)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

- C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

664 Fight the Good Fight

Hymn of the Day



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es



strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt.

Tune: The Methodist Harmonist, 1821, New York

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Sermon

Spiritual Toughness

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 209

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



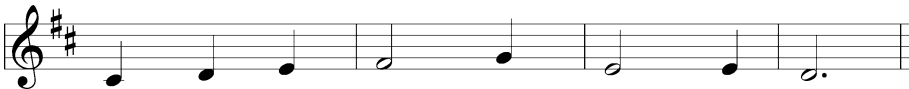
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution & Hymns

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of the
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
 deem - er, hear our plea, Where the songs of
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



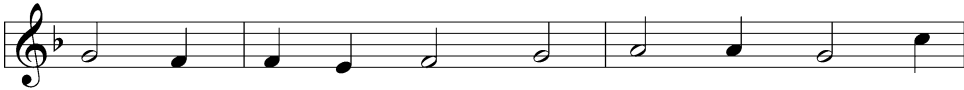
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.
Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87
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623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
gift of love re - told; All that You are we
in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt.
Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim
Text and tune: Public domain

491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
 Δ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
 With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: Henry V. Gerike, 1948

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493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring; Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers -
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -




lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!


△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211




C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All




part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 212

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

965 God Bless Our Native Land

Closing Hymn



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text (st. 1): Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, alt.; (st. 2): John S. Dwight, 1813–93, alt.

Tune: Thesaurus Musicus, c. 1740, London

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Announcements for the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
5/29 9:00 AM – Divine Service 10:15 AM – Pastor’s Bible Study 6:00 PM – Music Group	5/30	5/31	6/1 6:30 PM – Wednesday Night Bible Study	6/2 10 AM – Elders meeting	6/3	6/4

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

6/3: Jenni Acton, Andrew Chapple

6/4: Jean Thomas

Stewardship:

Budget per week: \$3157

5/22 offerings: \$6548

5/22 Synodical Fund: \$80

Mortgage balance: \$21,966.19

5/22 Building Fund: \$1100

*The altar
flowers were
given to the
praise and
glory of God*

Wednesday Night Bible Study: Join us this Wednesday at 6:30 PM as we continue our study of the book “A Little Book on Joy,” going over chapters 11-15. Books will be provided for you, so come and enjoy study and fellowship with your fellow saints.

VBS: Our theme this year is "*I Love to Tell the Story*". It will be June 6th through June 9th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be included every evening. Children should be three years old to attend, but no child is too old to attend. Our music group will be providing the music for the kids to sing. We are in need of an adult to cook a meal for Wednesday night. The food will be provided but we just need someone to cook and serve. Also, if anyone would like to donate any deserts for our meals, please let me know. To register your child or for more information, contact Michelle Schultz at 812-371-2137.

Music Group: The music group is meeting again every Sunday at 6:00 PM. Come on out with any instrument you may have to learn, play along, and have fun! (No experience or expertise necessary)

Game Night: Game Night will be on Friday, June 10th beginning at 6:00 PM. All ages are welcome and bring a friend too! Our dinner theme will be your favorite summer dish/treat. Feel free to bring a dish to share, your favorite games, or a deck of cards. Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to come along as well!

Prayer List:

Teresa Lucas (shut-in)

Ron Cox (health issues)

Luella Holle (shut-in)

Bekah Brown

Maxine (relation to Rick & Alberta Schafstall, health issues)

Matt (Judy Strasser’s nephew, cancer)

Barry (Margie Trimpe’s brother, cancer)

Upcoming Acolytes:

6/5: Rayleigh Acton

6/26: Trevor Acree

6/12: Anslee Hawkins

7/3: Rayleigh Acton

6/19: Max Hoene

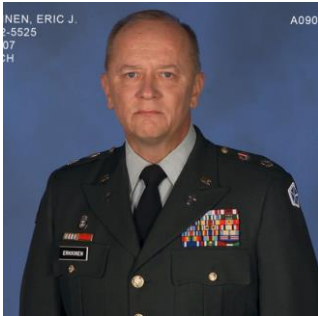
7/10: Anslee Hawkins

Below you will find a model you can use for your personal or family devotions that focuses you on the readings from the previous Sunday, while also preparing you for what you will hear the following Sunday. In modeling your devotions this way, you and your family can stay united to the church year and reinforce what you hear, sing, and pray every Sunday.

- Mon. 5/30: Read the first lesson: Acts 1:12-26 – Matthias is chosen to replace Judas in order to fulfill the Scripture. The 12 Apostles were called to bear witness to Christ and His resurrection.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer
Pray the 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. Amen.
- Tues. 5/31: Read the Epistle lesson: Revelation 22:1-6 (7-11) 12-20 – Christ is coming soon to raise us from the dead and bring us with Him into the new creation. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/30)
- Wed. 6/1: Read the Gospel lesson: John 17:20-26 – Through Christ and faith in Him, we are joined together perfectly as one, even as He and the Father are one.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 539 – Christ Is the World’s Redeemer
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 5/30)
- Thur. 6/2: Read the Old Testament lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 – God confused the languages of the earth on account of sin, lest we accomplish anything we desire thus deceiving ourselves into thinking we didn’t need God.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.
- Fri. 6/3: Read the Epistle lesson: Acts 2:1-21 – On the Day of Pentecost, the Lord poured out the Spirit so the proclamation of Christ may go out into all the world and everyone who hears Christ and calls on His name may be saved.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 6/2)
- Sat. 6/4: Read the Gospel lesson: John 14:23-31 – The Helper, who is the Holy Spirit, always brings Christ to our remembrance so that we may believe in Him and have His peace.
Sing the Hymn of the Day: LSB 497 – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord
Pray the Collect of the Day: (see 6/2)

Biography

Chaplain (LTC) Eric Erkkinen, US Army (Ret) was born in 1951 in Concord, Massachusetts. In 1973, he graduated from Concordia Senior College with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He attended Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Illinois from 1973-1975. He completed his MDiv studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO and was ordained at his home church in Acton, Massachusetts in 1977.



Chaplain Erkkinen served his first pastorate at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Virginia, MN from 1977-1981. He also became a chaplain in the 1/94 Armored Battalion, MN Army National Guard from 1978-1981. In September 1981 he accepted a call to be pastor of Hope Lutheran Church, Hudson, FL. He was pastor there for 7 years. During that time he also served as a National Guard chaplain for the 2nd Battalion, 124 Infantry Regiment in Orlando, FL.

Active duty in the Army began in 1988 as the 2-1 Cavalry Squadron Chaplain, 2nd Armored Division, Ft. Hood, TX. He became the Aviation Brigade Chaplain of 2AD and

deployed to Desert Storm in January 1991. Upon returning, Chaplain Erkkinen served as the Apache Training Brigade Chaplain at Fort Hood. In Dec of 1991, the Erkkinens moved to Bamberg, Germany where Eric was chaplain for 3-1 Field Artillery, and later as the 3 ID Division Artillery Chaplain. He also served as Installation Troop Support Chaplain, Ft. Belvoir from 1995-96. Following Command and General Staff College, he served as the Deputy Division Chaplain and the DivArty Chaplain, 1st Cavalry Division from June 1997 until October 1999. He served as the Task Force Chaplain for 1st Cavalry in Bosnia from September to April. From 1999-2003 he was the Deputy Staff Chaplain for the Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM) at Fort Belvoir, VA. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in May 2001. In September 2001, Eric provided critical chaplain support at the Pentagon during search and recovery operations after the terrorist attack. In 2002, Eric deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom to the Middle East. He spent five months in Qatar, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. He returned to INSCOM until 2003, then moved to Heidelberg, Germany as the Deputy US Army Europe (USAREUR) Chaplain until 2005. In support of Iraqi Freedom, Eric deployed with V Corps Artillery to Baghdad for all of 2006. Ch Erkkinen returned in December 2006 and was reassigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky to finish his 20 years of active duty Army career. He retired on October 1, 2008.

He has written numerous devotions for *Loyalty* and *My Devotions* (Lutheran publications). In 1990, he wrote and illustrated a children's book with an Army Chief of Chaplains Grant to assist families during deployments. This was used extensively in Killeen schools in Fort Hood, TX during Operations Desert Shield and Storm and again in 1998 for a Bosnia

deployment. He also authored three family deployment newsletter series that were published in *Stars and Stripes- Europe*.

Eric and his wife Linda (Jones) celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary in August. Linda is a teacher and is a graduate of Concordia University, River Forest, IL. They have three adult children: Aaron, Joel, and Leah and seven grandchildren.

Before retiring Chaplain Erkkinen served as the Assistant Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces from 2008-2015. His duties included administering clerical and budgetary matters for Ministry to the Armed Forces, editing the “Ministry-by-Mail” program, overseeing our LC-MS seminaries’ chaplain candidate program, maintain chaplain rosters and records, and serve as executive officer for the Ministry to the Armed Forces. He and Linda reside in Columbus, Indiana