

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### CANTATE

May 7, 2023

**Service Notes:** **Divine Service Setting One, page 151**  
 Hymns: 490, 556, 526, 461, 467, 477, 465  
 Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 12:1-6  
 Epistle: James 1:16-21  
 Holy Gospel: John 16:5-15  
 Sermon: *"Guide You Into All Truth"* John 16:5-15

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	04/27	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	04/30	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	101 33

**FLOWERS** are given by the Gerloff family in celebration of Natalie Gerloff's 29<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated today. As a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we follow the historic Christian practice of closed communion. According to the words of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11, only those who share the same outward confession of faith join us at the altar. Members of other LC-MS congregations are welcome, but we ask that you please see the pastor before communing.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING** for the purpose of extending a call for our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position has been requested by the BCE for Sunday, May 7 after the late service. Please plan to attend if possible.

**SPRING FAIR** The Our Father's Lutheran School Spring Fair will be held on Friday, May 12. Please see the insert for the time schedule. Hope to see you there!

**RESULTS OF THE RECENT SURVEY** regarding summer worship time and Summer Bible Study are as follows: The results were 54 for leaving the services as they are (8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) and 45 for merging them into one service at 9:00 a.m. Therefore, Pastor and the elders will NOT be making any changes to the worship times during the summer months. Also, we will continue to cancel Bible Study during the summer months.

**PETER'S EPISTLES** are being discussed on Sunday mornings from 9:40 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Invite someone to come with you to Bible Study and enjoy the coffee and snacks! The last Sunday Bible Class before the summer is May 21, and will resume again after Labor Day.

**ISAAC AND REBEKAH** and other topics from Genesis are being discussed on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with coffee and snacks. Invite someone to come to Wednesday Bible Class with you! We meet every week, even during the summer months.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	05/07	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Voters' Assembly Meeting Scrip Orders Due	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m. after late service
Tuesday	05/09	Handbell Choir Practice ( <i>in the balcony</i> )	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	05/10	<b>CHAPEL SERVICE</b> Morning Bible Study	<b>8:10 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.
Thursday	05/11	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Friday	05/12	Spring Fair/Concert	8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	05/14	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m.

**WE PRAY** for Michael Borchardt, Sr., Janet Brown, Jennifer Chapel (niece of Linda Christian), Karen Christiansen, Anna Rose Consigny, Sandy Damms, Harriet Davidson, Cheryl Fisher (sister of Lynn Hester), Daut Gaba, Gerald Garske, Carol Georgson, Glenn Georgson, Dorothy Hahn, Judy Hanson, Elaine Howe, Paul Howe, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Marilyn Kolter, LeAnn Lagerman, Kandy Lilley, Konnie Otto, Angeline Pence, Jeff Pfander (brother of Todd Pfander), Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski), and Joan Wolffersdorff (sister-in-law of Donna Metzfeld).

**SCRIP** Orders are due Sunday, **May 7**. The next order due date is Sunday, June 4. A Scrip order box, order forms, and envelopes are located in the narthex and church/school office. Place your order and check made out to Our Father's in one of the boxes, *OR* you may order online with the Presto Pay Plan at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). The website has a list of participating retailers. **Please note that the website name has changed to [raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com), but the [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) link will still get you to the correct page to view vendors or place your order.** Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

**WALK-A-THON** The 5th annual Walk-a-Thon is Sunday, May 21. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to help pay for the fencing along Honey Creek to keep our children safe and prevent balls from going into the creek. See the forms in the church narthex to either sign up to walk or make a pledge. There is also an online giving option on our website, [www.ofls.org](http://www.ofls.org), to donate.

**ML SPRING CONCERT** The Martin Luther High School Music Department is pleased to present its annual Spring Concert on Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Gym at Martin Luther. The concert, entitled *Up Jumped Spring*, will feature the Jazz Ensemble, Spartan Band, Symphonic Band, Troubadours, Chorus, and Concert Choir. A wide variety of music will be performed by each of the ensembles. In addition to the concert, the Art Department will present a Student Art Exhibit. Tickets are available at the door or by calling (414) 421-4000 for reserved seating. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. for the art exhibit.

**THE READINGS FOR  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**CANTATE**

May 7, 2023

**INTROIT**

*(Psalm 98:1b, 3-4; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b, chant responsively)*

Sing to the Lord a new song, Alle- | luia,\*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- |  
luia.

**His right hand and his | holy arm\***

**have worked salva- | tion for him.**

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.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, | all the earth;\***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**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.**

Sing to the Lord a new song, Alle- | luia,\*

for he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alle- |  
luia.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Isaiah 12:1-6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE EPISTLE READING**

**James 1:16-21 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

<sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

### John 16:5-15 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER  
FOR THE WEEK OF  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
CANTATE**

“*Guide You Into All Truth*”  
May 7 through May 13, 2023

*Cantate Domino means sing to the Lord. What are we to sing? A new song. Does this mean that we need to continually provide something new? No, for the new song is that which proclaims the righteousness of Christ which has been revealed before the nations at the resurrection of Christ. In the resurrection of Jesus, the Father has declared the whole world to be reconciled or justified. The Father’s right hand, Jesus, has gained the victory in faithfulness to His Promise. Jesus was lifted up on the cross to draw all men to Himself and bestow upon them every good and perfect gift. These gifts come to us through the Holy Spirit who brings us to new life as He works repentance and delivers us to the forgiveness of sins through the Word of Truth. This Word is the only means through which the Spirit works, for apart from the Word of Truth there is no Holy Spirit. This Word is the power of Baptism which creates faith. Through the Word, the Spirit creates faith by the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. In the Lord’s Supper, the Spirit is at work as the Word creates the body and blood of Christ and then offers the forgiveness of sins which faith so eagerly seeks.*

**INVOCATION:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

**THE CREED**

**VERSE:** <sup>45</sup> The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. **Mark 10:45 (ESV)**

**COLLECT FOR THE WEEK:** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** 119:73-80

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** O God, You are my Maker, yet I have gone my own way; deal with me in Your mercy that I may live and delight in Your laws and meditate on Your precepts. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday	Matthew 15:1-20
Wednesday	Matthew 15:32-39
Thursday	Matthew 16:13-23
Friday	Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday	John 16:23-33

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties  
To Workers of All Kinds**

Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. *Ephesians 6:5-8*

**Luther, On Romans 6:14 (1516):** *For sin will have no dominion over you.* This refers not only to sinful lust for temporal goods and prosperity but also to our practice of fleeing from temporal evils and adversities. For the man who has Christ through true faith does not desire any of this world’s goods (however much they may allure him), not even life itself, nor does he fear the evils, even death itself (no matter how terrifying they may be). For he stands firm on the solid rock, neither following after a soft life nor fleeing a hard life; not because he is not tempted to flee in the face of overpowering fear or tempted to evil lust by the strong blandishment of sin (for he is not insensitive toward lust and terror), but in the end, he does not consent, although it is with tremendous labor and sorrow that he barely resists and triumphs in accord with the statement in 1 Peter 4:18, “the righteous man is scarcely saved.” And the righteous man is always more like a victim than a victor as long as he is contending with temptations. For the Lord permits him to be tempted and attacked right up to the end, like gold in a furnace. . . . He who fears death more than Christ and loves his life more than Christ does not possess Christ through true faith. For sin has dominion over him, and he is still under the Law. We must fully understand this, as He Himself explains it when He says, John 12:25: “He who loves his life loses it,” . . . and again: “He who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me.” Thus it is not an easy matter to bring sin into subjection. Indeed, unless the Lord were in us, “who is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength,” surely the waves would overwhelm us. But He permits the unbelievers to be tempted and to fall, indeed, they have fallen and can never stand before Him, but He is faithful to those who stand and call upon Him by faith. As long as sin only attacks but does not gain dominion over the saints, it is compelled to serve them, as we read later on (Romans 8:28): “Everything works for good with those who love God.” And the apostle says

(1 Corinthians 10:13): “But with the temptation God will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.” Thus luxurious living makes the soul more chaste when it attacks; pride makes the soul humbler; laziness makes it more active; avarice makes it more generous; anger, more mild; gluttony, more abstemious. For in all these instances, the hatred of the spiritual man increases more and more against the thing which is attacking him. Thus temptation is a most useful thing. Thus also it has dominion over the mortal body when a man yields to it. But temptation becomes a servant when we resist it, because it then produces a hatred of iniquity and a love of righteousness. And in our future immortal body, it will neither have dominion nor rule, nor will it be a servant. Thus let us recognize the marvelous wisdom of God, because by means of evil He promotes the good, and through sin He achieves righteousness, not only in us but also in other people. (LW 25:318-319)

**PRAYER:** Each day a different aspect of Christian life is covered.

Monday	Our Baptism, calling, and daily work
Tuesday	Deliverance from sin and temptation
Wednesday	Marriage, family, and schools
Thursday	The Lord’s Supper, the Church, and Her Pastors
Friday	The Preaching of the Cross, the persecuted, and missions
Saturday	True repentance and restoration of the withering
Sunday	The Hope of the resurrection and faithfulness to the Word

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

**LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**OR**

**LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the Evil Foe may have no power over me. **AMEN.**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK:** *LSB 742 “For Me to Live Is Jesus”* (stanza 1)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATE

May 14, 2023

“I Have Overcome the World”

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 773, 766, 742, 769, 768, 779, 478

### READINGS

Numbers 21:4-9

1 Timothy 2:1-6

John 16:23-33

What does Jesus teach His disciples, that is, those who hear and abide in His words and teaching? He speaks these words to teach us to pray to the Father without fear, even as we learn to confess in the explanation of the Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer. That He teaches His disciples this on the night of His betrayal, and crucifixion teaches us that sorrow is sure to come upon us in this life because we have been joined to Him even as He is joined to the Father. We sheep hear His voice and follow Him in the way of the cross. The Supper that He also instituted on this night causes us to share in His sufferings that we might also share in His resurrection. The Father is the One who will hear for the sake of His Son and grant you joy in sorrow, just as certainly He raised up His own Son to life. This joy is not the emotion of the moment, but the joyful confession that Christ has overcome the world and all its sorrows and tribulations. The readings from Revelation have assured us that tears will be removed and the tribulations of this life will give way to the kingdom of the wounded, yet victorious Lamb. The world may well seem to defeat us. Our every experience may well teach us that we are losing, but Christ has overcome the world by His death, resurrection, and ascension. Away with our experience that deceives us, for we have the Word of Christ and eat at His table that we may also eat at the heavenly table. We who have eaten at His table will certainly share in His resurrection. Faith confesses that there is no other Victor than Christ who is our peace.



Our Father's Lutheran School Spring Fair will be held on Friday, May 12.

The schedule for the Spring Fair is as follows:

### Morning Schedule

8:00 - 8:50 am - Voting for Art

8:30 am - Band Performance

9:00 am - Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal

### Evening Schedule

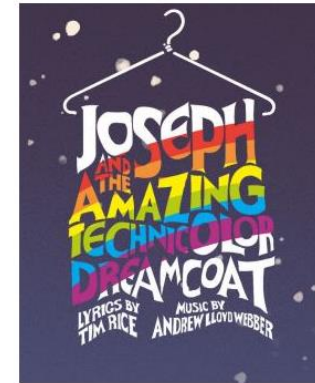
5:30-6:20 pm - Voting for art

6:00 pm - Band Performance

6:20 pm - Childcare Performance

6:30 pm - Spring Concert

The children are looking forward to sharing their Artistry with you!



Make plans today to attend a CYT Performance of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* featuring our very own Our Father's Lutheran School 7th Grade student, **Antonio**

### Performances

Friday, May 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21, at 2:00 p.m.

### **Christian Arts Auditorium**

**2500 Dowie Memorial Drive, Zion, IL 60099**

You can obtain more information and purchase tickets by visiting

<https://www.cytchicago.org/shows/Joseph-and-the-Amazing-Technicolor-Dream-Coat/117>