

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ROGATE

May 14, 2023

Service Notes: **Divine Service Setting One, page 151**
Hymns: 773, 766, 742, 769, 768, 779, 478
Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9
Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-6
Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33
Sermon: "I Have Overcome the World" John 16:23-33

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday	05/04	6:30 p.m.	32
Sunday	05/07	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	101 33

FLOWERS are given by Ruth Saunders in memory of her mother, Donna Preus.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS Next Sunday, May 21, is the last day of Sunday School and Adult Bible Class until after Labor Day. We give thanks for the faithful teachers who give of their time to teach our children the faith.

SUMMER SCHEDULE Beginning Sunday, May 28, the late service will move to 10:00 a.m. until the Sunday 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.

MANY THANKS to our Church Family for your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, meals shared, and visits after my shoulder surgery. It is not until one is on the receiving end, that we realize how blessed we are to be members of a loving Christian community. LeAnn and Mike Lagerman

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	05/14	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday	05/16	Elders' Meeting	9:45 a.m.
Wednesday	05/17	CHAPEL SERVICE	8:10 a.m.
		Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	05/18	DIVINE SERVICE/ASCENSION DAY	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	05/21	DIVINE SERVICES	8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
		Sunday School/Adult Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
		Walk-a-Thon	after the late service

WE PRAY for Michael Borchartt, 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).

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, to donate.

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**THE READINGS FOR
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**ROGATE
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INTROIT

(Psalm 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b, chant responsively)

[With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alle- | luia.*

The Lord has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alle- | luia.

**Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory | of his name.**

I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.

But truly God has | listened;*

he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

Blessèd | be God,*

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love
from me!

**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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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way.

⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food."

⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live."

⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-6 (ESV)

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

⁵ For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33 (ESV)

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father.

²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf;

²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech!

³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe?"

³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE CONGREGATION AT PRAYER
FOR THE WEEK OF
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ROGATE**

“I Have Overcome the World”

May 14 through May 20, 2023

Rogate means ask. The name of the Sunday comes from the Gospel this week where Jesus teaches us to ask the Father in His name. In other words, He teaches us to pray as the baptized for we bear His name. In the water, He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus' name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father. Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty, we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

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

THE CREED

VERSE: ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **John 14:2-3 (ESV)**

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK: O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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: 119:81-88

PSALMODY PRAYER: O Lord, we give thanks for Your Word by which we are revived from the death of our sin. Your Law rightly condemns us in our sin and yet Your gracious Gospel bestows life upon us. **AMEN.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	John 21:1-14
Tuesday	John 21:15-25
Wednesday	Matthew 28:16-20
Thursday	Mark 16:9-20
Friday	Luke 24:44-53
Saturday	John 15:26-16:4

CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties

To Employers and Supervisors

Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that He who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with Him. *Ephesians 6:9*

To Youth

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. *1 Peter 5:5-6*

Luther, On Romans 7:18 (1516): *For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh.* See how he attributes to himself flesh which is a part of him as if he himself were flesh. Thus he has said above: "I am carnal."; and therefore, he now confesses that he is not good but evil, because he does evil things. Because of his flesh, he is carnal and wicked, for there is no good in him, and he does evil; because of the spirit, he is spiritual and good, because he does good. Therefore, we must note that the words "I want" and "I hate" refer to the spiritual man or to the spirit, but "I do" and "I work" refer to the carnal man or to the flesh. But because the same one complete man consists of flesh and spirit, therefore, he attributes to the whole man both of these opposing qualities which come from the opposing parts of him. For in this way, there comes about a communication of attributes, for one and the same man is spiritual and carnal, righteous and a sinner, good and evil. Just as the one and the same person of Christ is both dead and alive, at the same time suffering and in a state of bliss, both working and at rest, etc., because of the communication of his attributes, although neither of the natures possesses the properties of the other but are absolutely different, as we all know. But this applies in no way to the carnal man, where the whole man is entirely flesh, because the Spirit of God has not remained in him. . . . the apostle can be better understood in the comparison he used earlier, namely, that a woman is free when her husband has died, but the application of the comparison seems inappropriate because

he says rather that the soul itself, like the woman, is to die and is thus to be liberated, but the man, that is, the passions of sin, remain but are taken into captivity, etc. But the apostle who has the identity of the person in view sees the marriage union in each and every one, that the flesh is the woman and the soul or mind is the man. When they agree together in their desires, as Adam and Eve did, they are one flesh. But if the mind, the carnal man, dies a spiritual death, we are already dead to the Law in the whole person, and so also we are liberated in our whole person. . . . Therefore, he says: “Likewise you have died,” even though only according to the inner man have we died and been freed and loosed from the Law. But again this belongs to the whole man because of the inner man, and is communicated to the flesh, or the outer man. For the flesh itself no longer serves the Law or sins, but it is freed because of the fact that the inner man has been set free, with whom it makes up one man, whose wife it is and was. (*LW* 25:311-312)

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* 494 “*See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*” (stanza 5)

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 18, 2023

“Preach the Gospel Everywhere”

HYMNS FOR THURSDAY: 494, 491, 493, 492, 496, 495

READINGS

2 Kings 2:5-15

Acts 1:1-11

Mark 16:14-20

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION EXAUDI

May 21, 2023

“To Keep You From Falling Away”

HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 474, 539, 473, 462, 645, 646, 564

READINGS

Ezekiel 36:22-28

1 Peter 4:7-14

John 15:26-16:4

The Ascension is marked by Jesus instituting the Office of the Holy Ministry. Jesus takes eleven men whom He must rebuke for their unbelief and hardness of heart. They had not even believed the accounts of those who had seen the risen Lord. Yet it is these eleven that He chooses to preach the gospel to all creatures. Here we learn that it is not the men but the gospel itself that matters. The pastors of the church are still poor, miserable sinners who have been called to proclaim the comforting gospel of the forgiveness of sins to the nations of the earth. Those who believe this proclamation of the crucified and risen Christ and are baptized into that death and resurrection will be saved.