

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### CANTATE

May 15, 2022

#### Service Notes:

Hymns:	Divine Service Setting Three, page 184 490, 556, 482, 526, 742, 619, 477, 465
Old Testament Reading:	Isaiah 12:1-6
Epistle:	James 1:16-21
Holy Gospel:	John 16:5-15
Sermon:	"Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment" John 16:5-15

Day	Date	Time	Attendance
Thursday	05/05	6:30 p.m.	44
Sunday	05/08	8:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	98 38

**FLOWERS** are given by Tom and Marlene Domagalski in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Flowers are also given in joyful celebration at the birth of Benjamin Andrew, son of Andrew and Lauren Fabrizius.

**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.

**WALK-A-THON** The 4th annual Walk-a-thon is *today*, May 15, with a goal of raising \$20,000 to help pay for an extra-tall, split-section slide! See the forms in the church narthex to either sign up or make a pledge. There is also an online giving option on our website, [www.ofls.org](http://www.ofls.org), to donate.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING** will be held in the church next Sunday, May 22, after the second service. The agenda is quite full, and we strongly encourage members to attend. In addition to regular business, updates on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws will be presented; there will be a vote on the candidates for pastor; there will be a vote on calling a new 1st & 2nd grade teacher; and there may be a vote to call a new principal. Please plan on attending to have a voice in the future of your church and school.

**WOODMAN'S GIFT CARDS** are available to purchase in the church/school office. All profits go to the Our Father's Scholarship Fund. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday	05/15	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Walk-a-thon	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	05/17	Handbell Choir Practice ( <i>in the balcony</i> )	5:45 p.m.
Wednesday	05/18	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Thursday	05/19	<b>DIVINE SERVICE</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Friday	05/20	Spring Fair-Morning Schedule Spring Fair-Evening Schedule	8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Sunday	05/22	<b>DIVINE SERVICES</b> Sunday School/Adult Bible Class Voters' Assembly Meeting	<b>8:00 &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m. approximately 12:15 p.m.

**WE PRAY** for Karen Awe, Barbara Blue, Bill Blue, 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, Judy Hanson, Jessica Hetts (niece of Virginia Scholz), Elaine Howe, Elaine Jenson, Jackie Johnson (mother of Don Johnson), Michelle Johnson, Ken Letto, Shirley Nelson, Konnie Otto, Ruth Pelican (sister of Virginia Scholz), Angeline Pence, Robert Schneider, Virginia Scholz, and Susan Sochowski (wife of Mark Sochowski).

**FAREWELL SERMON & BANQUET** Pastor Fabrizius has determined his final sermon date, which will also be the date we celebrate his retirement with a farewell banquet. His last sermon will be preached at Our Father's Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 7, 2022, at the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be a celebration banquet immediately following the church service in the school gymnasium. Details will continue to be provided as the Banquet Committee meets and works on the arrangements for the celebration. Stay tuned for further information.

**RECIPES ARE NEEDED** for the Class of 2023 Cookbook Fundraiser! The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of 2023 has undertaken the publishing of a cookbook to raise funds for their class trip, and **they need your help!** Please submit your recipes by May 31, 2022, to Mrs. Carolyn Nicholson at her email address: [cmelchert914@yahoo.com](mailto:cmelchert914@yahoo.com). Alternatively, if you have a paper copy, you can drop it off at the church/school office where a copy will be made and the original returned to you. Recipes should include your name, a title for the recipe, ingredients, ingredient measurements, and complete directions. Over the summer, the cookbook will be created, and the sale of the cookbooks will begin in the fall of 2022. Please submit your recipe today! Thanks for your help, Our Father's Class of 2023: Sebe, Orlando, Danny, Henry, Josh, Mayah, Amber, Brayden, and Amara.

**SCRIP** The next order due date is Sunday, June 5. 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. All profits are used to help pay staff health insurance. Call Linda Hojnacki with any questions at (414) 427-5949.

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**THE READINGS AND PSALMODY FOR  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
CANTATE  
May 15, 2022**

**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 be to Thee, O Christ.

## THE PSALMODY

### Psalm 66:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> To the choirmaster. A Song. A Psalm. Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

<sup>2</sup> sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

<sup>5</sup> Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

<sup>6</sup> He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

<sup>7</sup> who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

<sup>9</sup> who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

## INTROIT

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.

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

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

“Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment”  
May 15 through May 21, 2022

*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>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Hebrews 13:8 (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: 86**

**PSALMODY PRAYER:** Teach me to confess that You alone are God, O Lord, and cast out all other gods from my heart. Grant that I know Your mercy, fear Your name, and trust that You have delivered my soul from hell through the Son of Your maid servant, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

<b>READINGS FOR THE WEEK</b>	
Monday	Luke 18:9-17
Tuesday	Luke 19:1-10
Wednesday	Luke 19:11-28
Thursday	Luke 20:1-19
Friday	Luke 20:20-26
Saturday	John 16:23-33

**CATECHISM FOR THE WEEK: Table of Duties**

**To Widows**

The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help. But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives. *1 Timothy 5:5-6*

**To Everyone**

The commandments . . . are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” *Romans 13:9*

I urge . . . that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone. *1 Timothy 2:1*

Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.

**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 585 "*Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*" (stanza 4)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ROGATE

May 22, 2022

"Faith Asks and Receives"

**HYMNS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** 773, 766, 585, 742, 633, 625, 724, 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 CHURCH CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Members of Our Father's Lutheran Church, the Call Committee received the Pastoral Profiles of potential candidates from the District Office. These files are in the Church-School Office and are available to the Congregation for reading. They are not permitted, by the SWD Office, to be removed from the Church Office nor can members request photocopies of them.

The Call Committee met on Tuesday, April 19, to continue the process of narrowing the list of names to three names that will be presented at the Voter's Meeting on Sunday, May 22, 2022. The Call Committee considers the following items in establishing a list of candidates:

1. Faithful adherence to Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.
2. Use of the Lutheran Hymnal and Liturgy only for all worship services.
3. The practice of Early Admission to the Lord's Supper by prepared candidates.
4. Commitment to Lutheran Education and our Grade school in assisting parents in bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
5. Sermon practice that is focused on the text and preaching the Word in its Truth and Purity.

If you have questions, please direct them to Dave Felber, Chair of Call Committee, 414-793-5193.