

# Bethlehem Lutheran Church



*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*(Rogate)*  
*May 9, 2021*

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**The Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)**

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an \*)*

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**Announcements**

**Opening Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray** **LSB 663**

**Confession and Absolution\*** **LSB 151**

**Introit** (Ps. 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon: Is. 48:20b)

With a voice of singing, declare this with a shout of joy to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.

**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.**

Blessed 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 beginning,**

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

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The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob! Alleluia.

**Kyrie\*** **LSB 152**

**This Is the Feast\*** **LSB 155**

**Collect\*:** 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.**

**Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>From 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. <sup>5</sup>And 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.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And 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. <sup>8</sup>And 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.” <sup>9</sup>So 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** Alleluia. Christ, who has redeemed us with his blood, is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alleluia.

**Epistle: James 1:22-27**

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. <sup>26</sup>If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn\*: Christ is Arisen**

**LSB 459-460**

**Holy Gospel\*: John 16:23-30**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing

in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup> “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. <sup>26</sup> 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; <sup>27</sup> for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup> I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup> His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup> 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.”

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

**Nicene Creed\***

**LSB 158**

**Hymn of the Day: Our Father, Who From Heaven Above**

**LSB 766**

**Sermon**

**Blessing of the Soil and the Seed**

The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof,  
**the world and those who dwell therein.**

O LORD, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
**summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.**

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
**for his wondrous works to the children of man!**

Unless You bless,

**We labor in vain, merciful Lord.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
**nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

The LORD is good to all,  
**and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers.  
**May he not leave us or forsake us.**

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

**Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

May God’s blessing rest upon soil and seed throughout our land to feed and clothe.

**Amen.**

(Additional Petitions, Congregational Response **Amen.**)

**Prayer of the Church\***

**Offertory\***

**LSB 781 (Stz. 1 & 2)**

**Service of the Sacrament\***

**LSB 160**

**Distribution Hymns: 526, 461, 549, 617**

**Thank the Lord\***

**LSB 164**

**Benediction\***

**Closing Hymn: Hear Us, Father, When We Pray**

**LSB 773**

### **Announcements**

**What does this mean?** Rogate comes from the Latin verb rogare, and means “to ask or pray.” Traditionally, this day is set aside as one on which Christians "ask" or "pray" to God for His bountiful blessing upon the fields. In the spring, when the fields are becoming green, there is promise of a good harvest. However, there is also the possibilities of destruction through frost, hail, wind, tornadoes, and rain. These prayers are a reminder of how feeble we truly are. We turn with humility and confidence to the Giver of all things. For it is not the earth alone, nor the busy hand of man upon which the increase depends, but it is God for Christ's sake who gives the increase.

**Ascension Service This Thursday:** Join us this **Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm** to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. On this day, we celebrate Christ’s bodily ascension to the right hand of the Father, where He now exercises His divine power over the entire universe.

**Ladies Aid/LWML:** The Ladies Aid/LWML will meet at Applebee’s in Breese at **6:00pm Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring an item for the food bank and your mites.

**Church Survey:** The church is once again considering the possibility of returning to one service on Sundays. To assess the congregation’s thoughts on this, we have put together a short survey. They are located in your church mailbox. Surveys are due on **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please drop them off in the box located in the narthex.

**VBS Registration:** VBS registration forms are available in your mailbox. For those interested in volunteering, please fill out a form and write 'volunteer' at the top. Completed forms can be placed in Dena Brammeier's church mailbox.

**Mowing Calendar:** The trustees have put up a calendar in the coat room for anyone willing to help mow the school yard this year. Your help is very much appreciated!! Thank you.

**CHOSEN:** Ladies, please join me each week on Wednesday evenings beginning May 19<sup>th</sup> for a book study. We will dive into the book written by Donna Snow called **CHOSEN: A STUDY OF ESTHER**. We will begin at 6:00pm and be done no later than 7:30pm each week. There will be time to reflect, share and pray together as we look at how God used Queen Esther's circumstances to help save the children of Israel. I have books available for \$14.68 each. Please see me for your copy. We will begin with an introduction on May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you don't get your book before that evening, you will not be behind! We will discuss the beginning lesson on May 26<sup>th</sup>. This is open to any and all women of the congregation. I am very excited about this opportunity to share with you in this group setting. Blessings, Deb

**Books Wanted:** Agape Youth Group will be hosting a used book sale in the fall. But FIRST we are requesting donations of the following: gently used or new fiction or non-fiction books for all ages, gently used or new DVD's or Blu-Rays. Please no magazines, VHS, encyclopedias or textbooks. Donations may be given to any youth member or Sara. Contact Sara for more information.

**Free Summer Movie Series:** The Agape Youth Group will be hosting free summer movies. They will be in Ferrin behind the school building. There will be concessions run by the youth to open at 7:00pm with the movie to begin at 8:00pm. **On June 11<sup>th</sup>** they will be showing Cars, on **July 9<sup>th</sup>** Wizard of Oz and on **September 10<sup>th</sup>** The Lorax. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and come enjoy a movie with your family and friends!

**CORLHS Open House: Attention Any Prospective Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Student/Family:** There will be an open house on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 pm. No presentation will occur, only student guided tours are provided. Teachers will be

in their respective classrooms for any questions about their subject. Masks are required, and social distancing will be practiced. Hope to see you there! Brent Rueter, Director of Admissions