

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Rogate (Sixth Sunday of Easter) May 5th, 2024

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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 *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

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.

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.

Kyrie*

LSB 152

Gloria in Excelsis*

LSB 154

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

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.

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: 1 Timothy 2:1-6

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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 16th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²³In 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. ²⁴Until 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.”

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

Apostles’ Creed*

LSB 159

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

LSB 766

(Stz. 4 – Lectern Side, Stz. 5 – Pulpit Side)

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*

Offering & Offertory*

LSB 781 (Stz. 1 & 2)

Lord's Prayer

Benediction*

Closing Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490

Announcements

What does this mean: Rogate comes from the Latin verb *rogare* meaning "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. Our prayers on this day 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 of Our Lord: This Thursday, May 9th, the church celebrates the Ascension of Our Lord. You and your family are encouraged to attend the Divine Service starting at 7:00 p.m. On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. Although Jesus is hidden from our physical eyes, He is not absent from us. Having ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, He directs all things for the good of His Bride the church. Through His Word and Sacraments, He draws near to bestow upon us the gifts of His crucifixion and resurrection.

Vacation Bible School: Bethlehem's VBS is set for June 15 from 9am-1pm. Registration sheets are in the Ushers room. Please let Deb Albers know by June 9th if your child(ren), or grandchild(ren) will be attending, so that materials and food can be

purchased. If anyone would like to donate funds toward this event please talk with Deb or Pastor. Please help to share this with anyone who has children ages 3 - 8th grade.

Bibles & Hymnals: The church recently purchased a set of Bibles and hymnals to be used in meetings, classes, and other events at the preschool. If you would like to make a donation to help offset this cost, please speak with Pastor Jennings or simply write on your offering envelope or check: "Preschool Bibles & Hymnal."

Hymn of the Month: Our Lutheran hymnody is beautiful and theologically rich. Spanning centuries, these hymns teach the faith and speak to every situation in life. Some of these hymns we know well and are engraved on our hearts. Other hymns, we do not know as well. Yet, this does not mean that we should not try to learn them. In order that we may better know the hymns of our faith and sing them with all boldness and confidence, a hymn will be introduced at the beginning of the month or season. The hymn for the month of May is *'Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won'* (LSB 490).

Church Council Members: Just a reminder, Rev. Heath Curtis (LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship) will be hosting a stewardship workshop tomorrow (Monday, May 6th) at Trinity Lutheran Church (Centralia, IL). Supper begins at 5:30pm with discussion following. We will be done prior to 8:30pm. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Jennings.

Sunday Morning Bible Study: For centuries, the psalms have been central to the church's worship. While the language is beautiful and rich and comforting, the poetry can make the psalms a little challenging to understand and pray. So, join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am as we begin a new study on the Book of Psalms in order that we may integrate these prayers into our daily devotions and pray them with all boldness and confidence in any time of need.

Ladies Aid Members: Our May meeting will be at Applebee's in Breese on May 13th at 6:00pm. Mothers, Daughters, Daughter-In-Laws, and Granddaughters are welcome. Please RSVP by **TODAY**, May 5th to Delores 322-7649, Lucille 226-3325, or Marla 444-0779 as to how many guests you will be bringing.

CORLHS Foundation Night Golf Event: The Foundation exists for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the operation of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Association. This is accomplished primarily through student scholarships and event sponsorships. On Friday, May 10, The Foundation is holding a Night Golf Fundraiser at Carlyle Lake Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00 pm. This is a 4-person team scramble that includes 9 holes of golf, cart, and food. All players should bring a flashlight. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$240 per 4-person team. Each player will receive a flashing golf ball and tees will be moved to avoid water hazards. Registration or

sponsorship questions can be directed to Mr. Dan Kueper at dkueper@corlhs.org or (618) 520-0094.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

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This Week in our congregation:

Sunday:	8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School 9:30am Divine Service
Monday:	5:30pm Stewardship Workshop (Trinity-Centralia) 7:30pm Men's Club Meeting
Thursday:	7:00pm Divine Service for the Ascension of Our Lord
Sunday:	8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School 9:30am Divine Service