

## ROGATE-THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you."* (Jn 16:23-33) To pray in Jesus' name is to pray as one baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you sons of God in Him 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 a ransom for all. (I Timothy 2:1-6) 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. (Num 21:4-9) Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22-27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

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## Confession and Absolution

### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

INTROIT:( Psalm 66:1-2a,17,19-20. Antiphon: Isaiah 48:20b)

Pastor: [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of to the end of the earth. Alleluia!

Congregation: The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!"Alleluia!

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

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

P: But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**C: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me!**

All: 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.

P: [With a voice of singing,] declare this with a shout of to the end of the earth. Alleluia!

C: The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob!"Alleluia!

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

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- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Lutheran Confessions Responsive Reading: The Large Catechism (1529)

*P: Why should we pray?*

**C: “..the first thing to know is that it is our duty to pray because of God’s commandment. For that’s what we heard in the Second Commandment, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain” [Exodus 20:7]. We are required to praise that holy name and call upon it in every need, or to pray. To call upon God’s name is nothing other than to pray.”**

*P: But praying, as the Second Commandment teaches, is to call upon God in every need. He requires this of us and has not left it to our choice. But it is our duty and obligation to pray, if we would be Christians, just as it is our duty and obligation to obey our parents and the government. For by calling upon God’s name and praying, His name is honored and used well. This you must note above all things, so that you may silence and reject thoughts that would keep and deter us from prayer.”*

**C: In the second place, we should be more encouraged and moved to pray because God has also added a promise and declared that it shall surely be done for us as we pray. He says in Psalm 50:15, “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you.” And Christ says in the Gospel of St. Matthew, “Ask, and it will be given to you; - for everyone who asks receives” (7:7-8). Such promises certainly ought to encourage and kindle our hearts to pray with pleasure and delight.**

Verse:(Luke 24:26; John 16:28.)

P: Alleluia! Christ, who has redeemed us with His blood:

Is risen and has appeared unto us. Alleluia!

**C: I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father. Alleluia!**

### Alleluia

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**C** *Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

### Holy Gospel

John 16:23–33

**P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.*

**C** *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “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.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>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 be to Thee, O Christ.*

### Nicene Creed

**C** *I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,*

*who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.*

*Sit*

### **770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

- 1 *What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!*
- 2 *Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.*
- 3 *Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.*

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### **Sermon “Ask....That Your Joy May Be Full!” John 16:23-33**

- P** *The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*  
**C** *Amen.*

*Stand*

### **Offertory**

- C** *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

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*Sit*

### **Offering**

*Stand*

### **Prayer of the Church**

- P** *Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

### *Brief silence*

*Heavenly Father, You tenderly invite us to bring our petitions before You, and You promise to hear us. Keep us, we pray, steadfast in the faith, that we might ever cling to Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has overcome the world for us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Gracious Father, we thank You for raising up faithful pastors among us to care for Your holy flock. Fill them with Your Spirit, that they would never tire of preaching Christ and Him crucified for the salvation of all who hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Almighty Father, keep this nation under Your care and bless the leaders of our land, especially Donald, our president, and \_\_\_\_\_, our governor. Preserve us in safety, liberty and livelihood. Heal our divisions, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Give us grateful hearts for the freedom we enjoy and for the men and women who have given their lives to keep us free. We ask You also to preserve all who work in emergency and medical fields. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Merciful Father, extend Your compassionate and caring hand toward all who suffer tribulation in this sinful world. Spare us from this pestilence and its effects, and look with mercy especially upon the destitute, homeless and those impoverished in our inner cities. Motivate Your children to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, that they would be Your instruments of love to help and assist those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Loving Father, look with mercy upon all those who are sick or suffering in any way [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Restore them to health or give them the strength and perseverance to endure. Above all, comfort them in the sure and certain knowledge that their Redeemer lives, and that they have the promise of eternal life through Him. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Heavenly Father, bring us to the holy altar in repentance and faith, that we might receive a foretaste of the feast to come in the eating and drinking of Your Son's very body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Eternal Father, we give You thanks for receiving all those who have gone to their heavenly reward before us and now rest from their labors. Keep us with them in that same faith, that together with them, we may receive the promised inheritance of Your eternal Kingdom as fellow heirs with Your Son when He returns in glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C** *hear our prayer.*

**P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through faith in Christ Jesus.*

**C** *Amen.*

## **Service of the Sacrament**

### **Preface**

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**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** *And with thy spirit.*

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

**P** *Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.*

**C** *It is meet and right so to do.*

**P** *It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:*

### **Sanctus**

LSB 195

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

LSB 196

**P** *Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.*

**C** *For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Words of Our Lord**

LSB 197

**P** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:  
"Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

### **Pax Domini**

LSB 197

**P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*  
**C** *Amen.*

### **Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

**C** *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.*

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

*Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.  
Amen.*

*Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.  
Amen.*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart ✠ in peace.*
- C** *Amen.*

#### **469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

- 1 *“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply.*
- 2 *Love’s redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun’s eclipse is o’er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.*
- 3 *Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.*
- 4 *Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?*
- 5 *Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll’wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*
- 6 *Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!*

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#### **773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray**

- 1 *Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.  
By Your Spirit’s Word convey  
All that we through Christ inherit,  
That as baptized heirs we may  
Truly pray.*
- 2 *When we know not what to say  
And our wounded souls are pleading,  
May Your Spirit, night and day,  
Groan within us interceding;  
By His sighs, too deep for words,  
We are heard.*
- 3 *Jesus, advocate on high,  
Sacrificed on Calv’ry’s altar,  
Through Your priestly blood we cry:  
Hear our prayers, though they may falter;  
Place them on Your Father’s throne  
As Your own.*
- 4 *By Your Spirit now attend  
To our prayers and supplications,*



*As like incense they ascend  
To Your heav'nly habitations.  
May their fragrance waft above,  
God of love.*

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### **637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord**

- 1 *Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.*
- 2 *He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.*
- 3 *Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.*

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*Stand*

### **Nunc Dimittis**

LSB 199

- C** *Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving**

LSB 200

- A** *O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.*

- A** *Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You  
that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one  
another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever.*

**C** *Amen.*

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** *And with thy spirit.*

### **Benedicamus**

LSB 202

- A** *Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.*

### **Benediction**

LSB 202

- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.*
- C** *Amen, amen, amen.*

### **918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer**

- 1 *Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.*

*Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.*

2 *Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield;  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.*

3 *When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.*

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