

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogate

6 May 2018 Anno Domini

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. 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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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

VERSE

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.

Old Testament:

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.

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.

Holy Gospel: John 16:23-30

²³[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. 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. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." ²⁹His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now 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."

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."

- The disciples are relieved to hear straight talk from Jesus. Jesus reminds them that they will be scattered as the Shepherd is struck, as Zechariah prophesied (13:7). When the cross comes, the disciples scatter. Judas betrays Him. Peter denies Jesus three times. Still, the Father remains with Jesus through His bitter suffering and death. The disciples scatter to themselves and regroup at the good news of Easter morning.

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."

True peace is from Jesus. It comes as a fruit of His passion – His blood shed and His bitter death for poor sinners. He ensures that peace of conscience for every believer by His resurrection from the dead. He gives peace of conscience and a joyful heart even in the midst of the world's persecution. "The game is already won...Victory is here and all has been vanquished. All that remains is not to give up, but hold tight. Even if you see the old dragon, the serpent of hell, viciously spread his jaws, flash his fangs, whet his claws, rage and storm, and tyrants strike and shake their fist, remember the words: I have overcome the world...For all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). (Spangenberg, 200).



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Pray, You All

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. Travis Loeslie

Collect of the Day:

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Introit:

Psalm 66:1-2a, 17, 19-20; antiphon:
Isaiah 48:20b – *Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name.*

Psalm:

Psalm 107:1-9 (antiphon: v. 19) – *Give thanks to the LORD.*

Old Testament Reading:

Numbers 21:4-9 – *Moses intercedes for the people stricken by fiery serpents; God provides the bronze serpent for healing.*

Gradual:

(During the celebration of Easter and Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the verse is expanded.)

Epistle:

1 Timothy 2:1-6 – *Christ is the One Mediator between God and man, ransom for all*

Verse:

John 16:28 – *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.*

John 16:23-30 (31-33) ESV

Author and Date:

The Holy Spirit caused the Apostle John to write the words of this Gospel in AD 90. These words were compiled in the great farewell discourse of Jesus to His sorrowful disciples in John 14-16. These words were uttered on Holy Thursday, the night Jesus was betrayed. This great farewell discourse is the heart of the preaching in the one year lectionary from Easter 4-6. Jesus promises to hear the prayers of His disciples. He promises to ask the Father on their behalf, as their Mediator and true High Priest, just as Jesus opened peaceful access to our Father's ears by the death and resurrection of Christ.

²³ "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."

- In this verse is a brief sermon on prayer. Jesus reminds the disciples to pray, to ask the Father in Jesus' name. Here, Johann Spangenberg sees four points instructing Christians to pray to God. The first reason to pray is: "God's order and promise. For if God has not instructed us to pray nor pledged to hear, none of us creatures would be able to get a little kernel" (Johann Spangenberg, *The Christian Year of Grace*, 198). Jesus taught in Luke 11:9, "Ask and you will receive; seek, and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you."
- Second, prayer is the language of faith founded on God's promise. The one who doubts sins doubly: First, James 1:6-7 warns: "Whoever will ask something of God, let him ask in faith, and not doubt, for whoever doubts is like the waves of the sea which are driven by the wind. Let such a man not think that he will receive something from the Lord." Second, he makes God a liar who has promised something and neither can nor will keep it" (Spangenberg, 198). God is truthful. Prayer depends on His faithfulness.
- To the third point, when Jesus "goes to the Father," they will begin to pray "in Jesus' name." Why ought they to pray in Jesus' name? "There is no other name given to men in which we shall be saved" (Acts 4:12). "We can therefore give no higher praise to God the Father than by calling on Him in our troubles and cares through Jesus Christ, His beloved Son" (Spangenberg, 198).

- The fourth point is that Jesus promises to hear pray and present them to the Father in the midst of troubles and distress. Where Christians call on God out of their need and heartfelt desire for His aid, God can't help but answer prayer. "Call upon Me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver you, and you shall honor Me" (Psalm 50:15). Jesus promises the fullness of joy for His disciples when they see the fruits of their prayer answered by our Heavenly Father.
- Spangenberg delivers great comfort in Christ: "I, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Wisdom of the heavenly Father, the everlasting Truth which can neither err nor deceive; I, the only Mediator, Redeemer, and Savior, say to you...My children and sons whom the Father loves: Truly, truly, I say you to. By Myself I swear. I am Truth itself, I cannot err. I give you My faithfulness as a pledge: If you ask something that is good and profitable for you in body and soul, that lies on your heart, that presses and weighs upon you, in which you can find no help or comfort either in yourselves or in others, and you ask the Father in My name, He will give it to you. For the Father loves you with all His heart..." (Spangenberg, 198).

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- Jesus brings the petitions of His faithful on our behalf. That means the disciples can have confidence that every prayer is considered and heard by their Mediator and High Priest, Jesus. He came from the Father and is one with the Father. Jesus "goes to the Father" by way of His cross and the grave.

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 5/10 Ron R. Davis
5/11 Marlys Brown

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 5/06 Jim Black, Ashlynn Thurin, Elizabeth Hoins 5/09 Jen Christensen, Peyton Mitchell, Hope Reiners 5/10 Jean Herbst, Anthony Novak 5/11 Don Baker 5/12 Michaela Novak

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 5/10 Glen & Kay Krueger
Altar Flowers for May donated by Glen & Kay Krueger in celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex April 1st-May 19, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

GIVE HASTINGS DAY - THURSDAY, MAY 10TH online at www.GiveHastings.org or 800 W 3rd ST, Suite 232 open 8am-8pm. for more Information check Narthex (table).

MENS' STEAK NIGHT Monday, May 14 at 6pm please Sign-up Narthex (table)!

2018 NEBRASKA LCMS DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 15-16 Members - Registration forms are located in the Narthex (table), or Church Office and District Website, <http://convention.ndlcms.org/guests/>. Please send Registration Form/Fee to the District Office by Friday, May 11th.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) June 18-21st 9a-11:30am. Spread the word, tell your neighbors, friends, family, If you would like to help in any way this year, contact Joan Primrose, or members of the Board of Education.

LIFEQUOTE "Young women within our churches are watching how we as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned pregnancy." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY... You're invited to attend the Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in Collinsville, IL, about 15 miles east of St. Louis. Topics include: Islam, The Prosperity Gospel, Godliness, Religious Truth Claims, The Centrality of Justification, Abortion and Scientism. Speakers include: Hank Hanegraaff, Rev. Hans Fiene, Rev. Will Weedon, Scott Klusendorf, Dr. Angus Menuge, Rev. Jonathan Fisk and Craig Parton. Attendance is limited to 400, www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP Easter 6

1 Timothy 2:5-6 - "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all." To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God: that's the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

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May 6th
8:00am & 10:30am



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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift. . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Mourning + Family of Wendel Krueger + Family of Tori Lintz Hospice, Recovering, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Carol Krause + Al Kress + Viola Melvin + LeRoy Thom Health Issues + Carol Smith + June Rose + Randy Russell + Jesse Beran Cancer + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston Military + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay

Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk

Acolytes: 5/06 8:00am Merrick Russell 10:30am Hunter Fowler
5/13 8:00am Micah Mackay 10:30am Rylie McAleese

Altar Guild: May: Bertha Alvidrez, Kathy Hromadka June: Karen Bauman, Lisa Novak

Ushers: 8am Craig W. Roger B. 10:30am Glen K. Malachi M.

Elders: 5/06 Dale G. 308-641-6658 10:30am Don N. 402-460-6430

Bus Drivers: 5/06 Mike N. 402-469-4838 10:30am Harold H. 402-984-9666

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Sunday Attendance</u>	109	<u>Sunday Year to Date Attendance</u>	123
<u>Last Sunday's Offering</u>	\$ 3,410.00	<u>Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 68,350.00
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,534.12	<u>Jan-Mar Expense</u>	\$ 57,280.00

<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Jan-Mar Income</u>	\$ 19,264.00
<u>OTD II Capital Campaign Remaining Balance</u>	\$ 211,751.51

The Lord's Week

Sunday, May 6th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Tuesday, May 8th	6:00pm	Elders & Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, May 9th	11:00am	Senior Bible Study/Lunch Village Diner
Friday, May 11th	5p-10pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall- Lacy
Saturday, May 12th	11a-8pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall- Lacy
	8p-10pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall- Ellis
Sunday, May 13th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:15am	Reception: Mothers, Teachers, Graduates: High School, College
	10:30am	Divine Service
	11:00a-5:00pm	Reserved: Fellowship Hall - Ellis

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

Our Journey is Complete . . . He is Risen!

Our theme for this past Lenten Season was, "Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey." Every journey is unique in its starting and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Now in the Easter Season, our journey is complete. From the Mount of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits. But now we have arrived at the end of our journey, the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, the tomb is not the destination. The tomb is empty; it is not and never will be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended; and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home, where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



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"Ask"

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