THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rogate



MAY 14, 2023 LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH Lebanon Church, VA

WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

Soli Deo Gloria

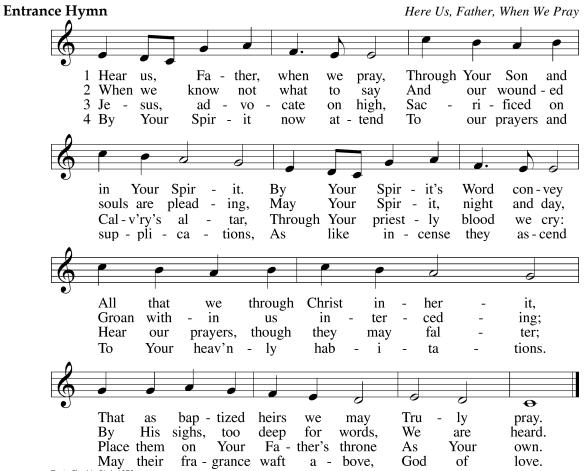
Announcement of the Day



THE Latin names for the Sundays in Easter are from the first word of the Introit, with the exception of today.

Rogate comes from the Latin *rogare* which means "to ask," a reference to the strong theme of prayer in the Propers for today. In ancient practice, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday prior to the Ascension of Our Lord were known as Rogation Days. These days of early summer were times of special prayer for the protection of the crops. The Major Rogation was on April 25, also the Feast of St. Mark. The Introit for Rogate, "With the voice of singing declare ye, and tell this: utter it even to the end of the earth..." is from Isaiah 48.20, a joyful proclamation of the freedom of Israel from the Babylonian captivity, and of God's gracious deliverance of His people. The Gospel for Rogate, like those for the preceding Sundays, Cantate and Jubilate, all point to the Ascension, and hence point the eyes of the faithful to our risen Lord's eternal reign in heaven and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

The ministers gather for the procession. The congregation stands for the Entrance Hymn.



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THE PREPARATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 66:1–2a, 17, 19–20; antiphon: Isaiah 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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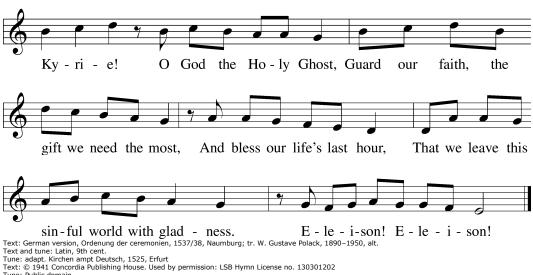
Apostolic Greeting

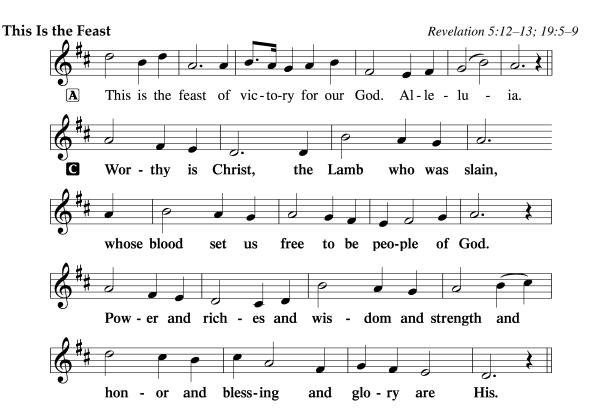
- P The grace of our → Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.

The Presiding Minister chants the Kyrie.

Kyrie









Salutation and Collect of the Day





The Presiding Minister chants the collect.

P Let us pray...



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 21:4–9

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. 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." Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 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. 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." 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.

The Assistant Minister chants the antiphon, introducing the psalm. The Congregation responds with the bold text.

Psalm 107:1-9

Antiphon: Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,* and he delivered them from | their distress.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD | say so,*

whom he has redeemed from | trouble and gathered in | from the lands,* from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

Some wandered in | desert wastes,* finding no way to a city to | dwell in;

hungry and | thirsty,*

their soul fainted with- | in them.

Then they cried to the LORD in their | trouble,* and he delivered them from | their distress.

He led them by a | straight way* till they reached a city to | dwell in.

Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,* for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

For he satisfies the | longing soul,* and the hungry soul he fills | with good things.

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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Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1–6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 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, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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

Stand



Holy Gospel John 16:23–33

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



[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. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"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. 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; for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

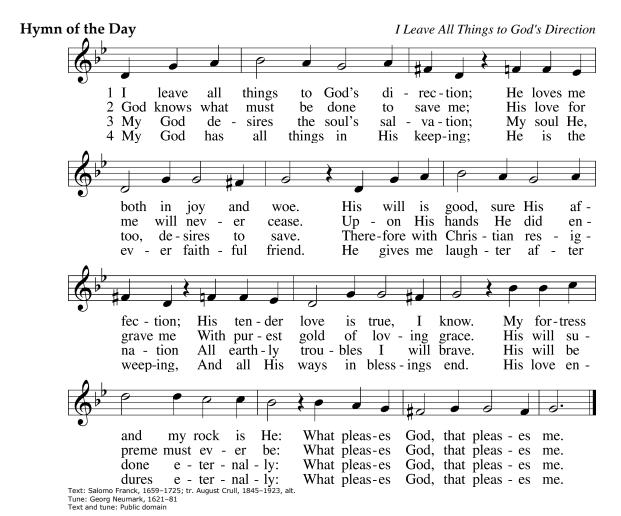
His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, 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. 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.



Sermon

Stand



Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the + life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

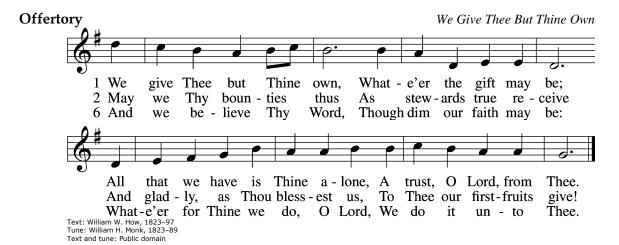
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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

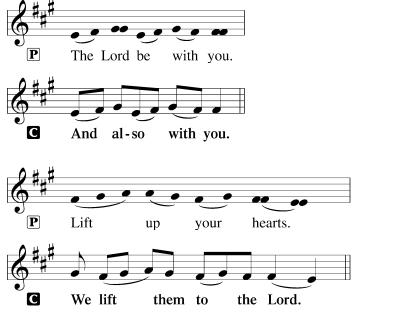
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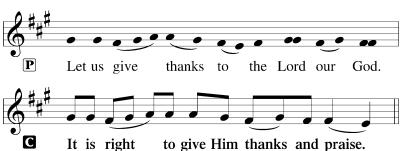
When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.



Offertory Prayer

- **A** Merciful Father,
- We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Proper Preface

Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Prayer of Thanksgiving

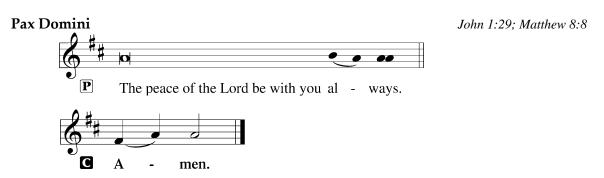
The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

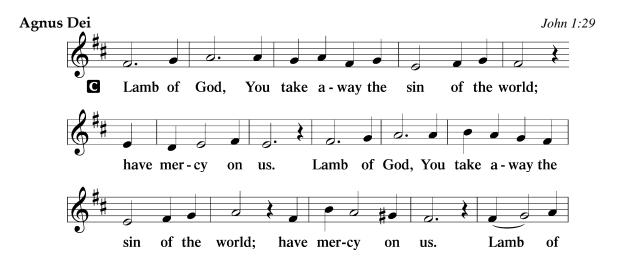
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

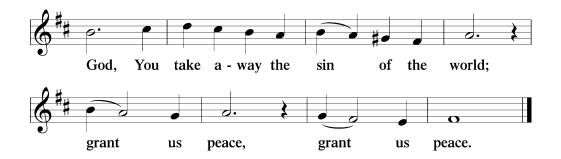
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer



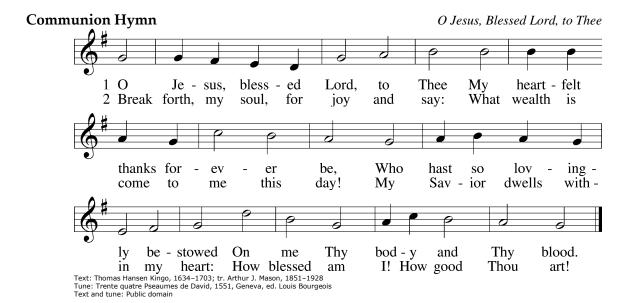
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Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.

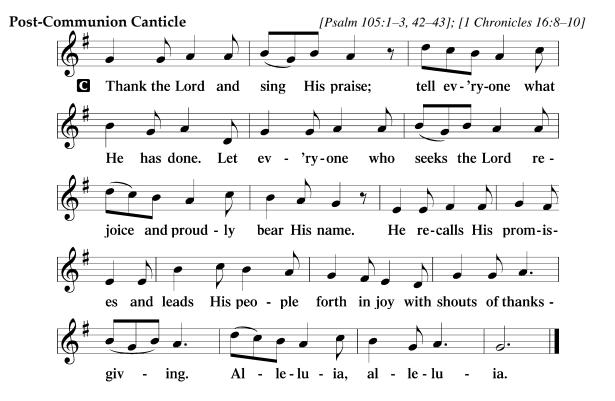


Additional Hymns

LBW 200, 214

After the congregation has communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.

Post-Communion Blessing



The Assistant Minister prays the Collect.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray...

C Amen.

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

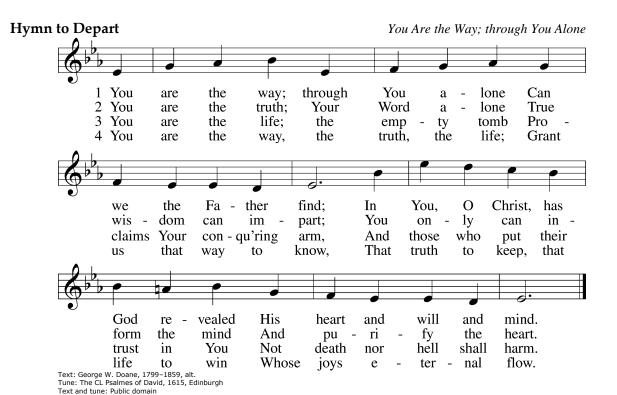


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and $\boldsymbol{+}$ give you peace.





Announcements and Dismissal



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Prayer Requests

Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Arlene Hamman, the Heird family, Steve Lowe, Adam Porter, Michael Reidy, Stephanie Andre, Kim, the Tim Middleton family, Robert Denley, Wayne and Barbara Himelright, the family of Joseph Carbaugh, Margaret Daley, John Marshall Winkfield, Mary Artz, June Maxwell, Shirley Foster, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for an increase in parish membership, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker, for the victims of violence and natural disaster.

From the Anniversary Committee

- *Pull out your favorite recipes!* We're building a cookbook in conjunction with the 175th anniversary celebration. Recipes may be submitted to Tammy Leathers. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and proceeds will be used toward the anniversary celebration.
- *A message from Carolyn Frye*I am still working on the church history and would like to ask two things:
 - 1. If you are a descendent of the early church members, please let me know and tell me who it is and how you are related. I want to put that in the back of the book.
 - 2. If you have any OLD pictures, (50+ years) or any new photos of the church building -- groundbreaking, renovations, etc, please contact me.

Carolyn Frye 540-535-9580 or carolyndfrye@yahoo.com

Congregational Budget Information

Needed each week: \$3,173.71

Sunday 5/7: \$2,237.00

This Week

Monday – 10am ZOOM Bible Study: Acts 19-20, No Monday Evening Class (Adult Catechism has been completed).

Tuesday – 10 and 11am, Greenfield Services.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession at 10am, Midweek Holy Communion at 1:30pm, Vespers at 5:30pm.

Thursday – Ascension Day Matins, Holy Communion, and Vespers. CREDO.

Looking Ahead

The Southern District Convocation is June 10 (Warrenton), the National Convocation is August 7-11 (Oklahoma City), the Atlantic Regional Convocation is October 13-14 (York, PA). **Our congregation is entitled to have one lay delegate at each of these events.** We have budgeted for expenses for lay delegates.



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