



# ROGATE SUNDAY

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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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**Worship 10:00 A.M.**



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**WELCOME!** We welcome our guests and visitors this morning and pray that your worship with us will be meaningful, blessed, and especially Christ-centered. We hope that you will worship with us again soon! If you do not have a church home, we invite you to consider making Grace Lutheran your church home.

**IN THE INTEREST of good pastoral care, Grace Lutheran Church practices close communion.** We believe, teach and confess that the one Holy Apostolic Christian Church throughout history and Holy Scripture teach that those who commune together should be one in faith and doctrine. For this reason, we reserve Holy Communion for those who are confirmed members of Grace Lutheran Church, and for confirmed members in good standing of sister LC-MS congregations. We respectfully ask those who are members of other church bodies to commune at the altar of their church, in accordance with their public confessions and under the care of their pastor.

**THOSE who serve us:**

Elder.....	Jeff Jagers	
Altar.....	Nikki Waugh	Piano/Organ...
Flowers .....		Courtesy.....
Greeters.....		
Ushers .....		
Church Cleaner .....		Lisa Johnson
Church Secretary.....		Leah Sherman
Little Lambs Preschool Teacher .....		Deb Evans

**REMEMBER in your prayers:** Jan Flueckinger, DeOnna Anderson, Bob Mills, Eva Hix, Jim Kamerzell, Odessa Elwood, Ellen Zlomke, Edna Schaer, Kristy Winter, Ray Zlomke, Wynn Coon, Nate Harris, Bonnie and Leonard Harris, Kolton & Korbin Sommerville, Lori Liggett, Allison Judy, Joanie Burleigh

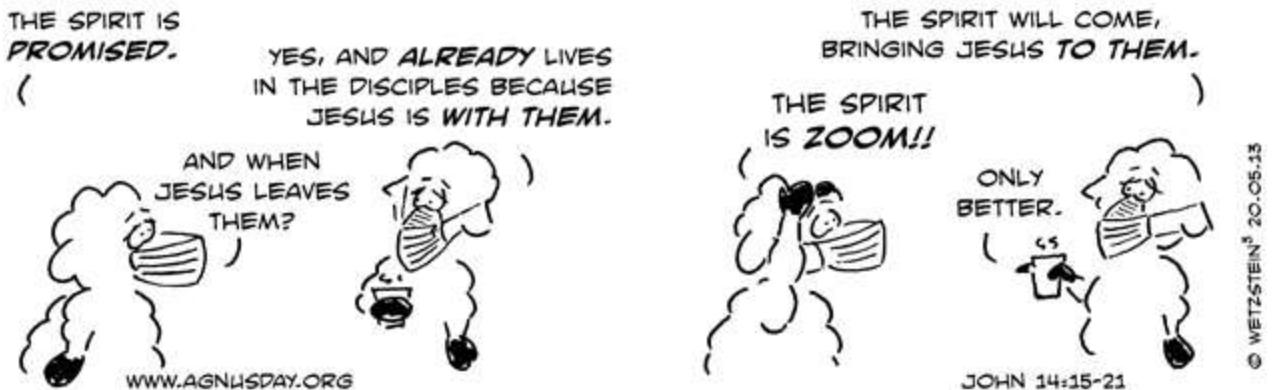
## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We rejoice to be back in the house of the LORD! What a blessing to be able to gather under the same roof, hear God's Word, receive His gifts, pray and sing His praises together.

At the same time, we recognize that the threat of disease is not over and we are still being asked to take precautions in an attempt to keep one another and our community healthy. Here at church, those precautions include the following things: 1) individuals and family groups need to be seated six feet apart; 2) we will refrain from shaking hands; 3) there will be no passing of the offering plate; 4) distribution of the Sacrament will be done individually; 5) when lining up for communion, we ask you to line up one family group at a time; 6) the communion vessels have been prepared in a sanitized environment, and arranged in a way that seeks to avoid cross-contamination; 7) at the end of the service, we ask everyone to leave one family group at a time and not linger in the building.

Some of what is on this list is good, common-sense stuff, but much of it causes me sadness to even write it out. We are the body of Christ, and physical presence and closeness is a part of that. We pray God to deliver us from evil and continue His work to carry us through this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

We will continue to watch the health reports, and make adjustments so that we may continue to worship, and still continue to help and support our neighbors in their bodies and lives.





# DIVINE SERVICE III

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*LSB 184*

## Opening Hymn: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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*Please stand, as you are able*

*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.

*[Matthew 28:19]*

**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.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*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.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**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.**

[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.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.**

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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** A - men.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading The Bronze Serpent

*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.

*Stand*

## **Alleluia and Verse**

**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.

## **I Have Overcome the World**

<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.

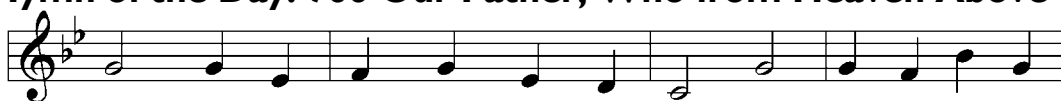
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

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.

## Hymn of the Day: 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above



1 Our Fa - ther, who from heav'n a - bove Bids all of us to  
2 Your name be hal - lowed. Help us, Lord, In pu - ri - ty to  
3 Your king - dom come. Guard Your do - main And Your e - ter - nal  
4 Your gra - cious will on earth be done As it is done be -



live in love As mem - bers of one fam - i - ly And  
keep Your Word, That to the glo - ry of Your name We  
righ - teous reign. The Ho - ly Ghost en - rich our day With  
fore Your throne, That pa - tient - ly we may o - bey Through -



pray to You in u - ni - ty, Teach us no thought - less words to  
walk be - fore You free from blame. Let no false teach - ing us per -  
gifts at - ten - dant on our way. Break Sa - tan's pow'r, de - feat his  
out our lives all that You say. Curb flesh and blood and ev - 'ry



say But from our in - most hearts to pray.  
vert; All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert.  
rage; Pre - serve Your Church from age to age.  
ill That sets it self a - gainst Your will.

5 Give us this day our daily bread,  
And let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war, and  
strife;

In plague and famine, spare our

life,  
That we in honest peace may live,  
To care and greed no entrance  
give.

6 Forgive our sins, Lord, we  
implore,  
That they may trouble us no more;  
We, too, will gladly those  
forgive  
Who hurt us by the way they  
live.  
Help us in our community  
To serve each other willingly.

7 Lead not into temptation, Lord,  
Where our grim foe and all his  
horde  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry  
hand.  
Help us resist, help us to stand  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host,  
Through comfort of the Holy  
Ghost.

8 From evil, Lord, deliver us;  
The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death,  
And, when we yield our dying  
breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release,  
And take our souls to You in  
peace.

9 Amen, that is, so shall it be.  
Make strong our faith in You, that  
we  
May doubt not but with trust  
believe  
That what we ask we shall  
receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your  
Word  
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and  
minds in Christ Jesus. **C Amen.** *Philippians 4:7*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



**[Offering at the back of church]** [1 Cor. 9:14; Gal. 6:6-7; 1 Tim. 5:17-18]

### Prayer of the Church

**P** The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,

**C** the world and those who dwell therein.

*Psalms 24:1*

**P** O LORD, how manifold are your works!

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

*Psalms 104:24*

**P** While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,

**C** summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

*Genesis 8:22*

**P** Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

**C** for his wondrous works to the children of man!

*Psalms 107:31*

**P** Unless You bless,

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

*Psalms 127:1*

**P** He does not deal with us according to our sins,

**C** nor repay us according to our iniquities.

*Psalms 103:10*

**P** The LORD is good to all,

**C** and his mercy is over all that he has made.

*Psalms 145:9*

**P** The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers.

**C** May he not leave us or forsake us.

*1 Kings 8:57*

**P** Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

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

*Psalms 28:9*

**P** May God's blessing rest upon soil and seed throughout our land to feed and clothe. **C** Amen.

**P** Lord God, gracious and merciful Father, because You have promised that You will hear us when we bring You our cares, we implore You not to deal with us according to our sins but according to Your mercy. Send seasonable weather so that in due time the earth may yield her increase. Remind us always to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving, trusting in You as our gracious God; Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Almighty God, You bless the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance all that is needed for the support of our bodies and lives. Prosper the work of farmers and ranchers and all those who labor to bring food to our table. Grant them seasonable weather that they may gather in the fruits of the earth in abundance and proclaim Your goodness with thanksgiving; 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



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**G** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

*[Psalm 136]*



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

*[Meet means 'fitting, proper.']*

**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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

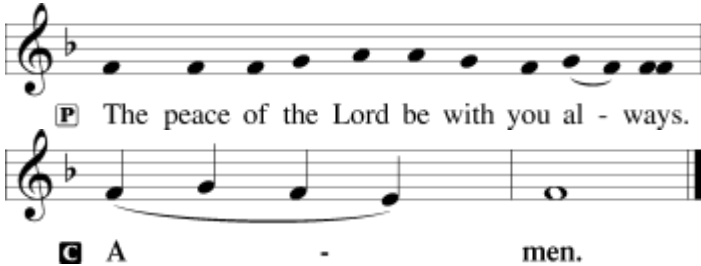
## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
- P** 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

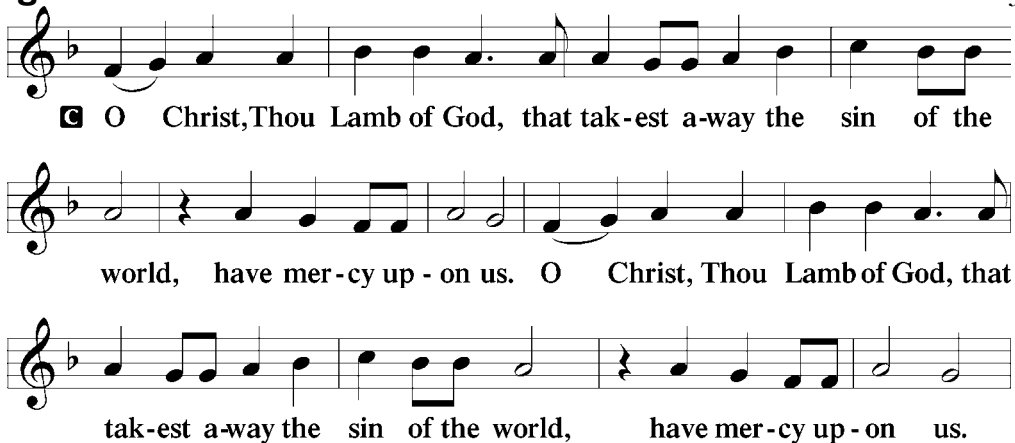
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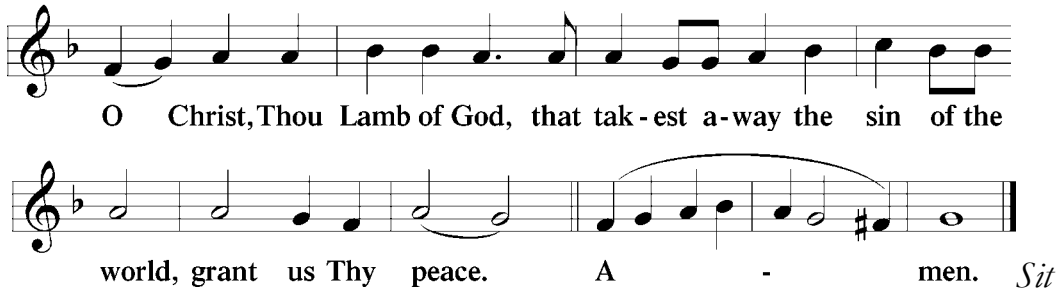
*John 20:19*



## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*





## 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.

## Distribution Hymns: 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem-ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! Our Sun's e-clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for-bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, 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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## Distribution Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus	lives! The vic - t'ry's won!	Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus	lives! To Him the throne	High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus	lives! For me He died,	Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus	lives! I know full well	Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus	lives! And now is death	But the gate of life im -



pal -	me;	Je - sus	lives!	Death's reign	is done!
giv -	en.	I shall	go	where He	is gone,
liv -	ing,	Pure in	heart	and act	a - bide,
sev -	er.	Nei - ther	death	nor pow'rs	of hell
mor -	tal;	This shall	calm	my trem -	bling breath



From the	grave will	Christ re -	call me.	Bright -	er
Live and	reign with	Him in	heav -	en.	God is
Praise to	Him and	glo -	ry giv -	ing.	All I
Part me	now from	Christ for -	ev -	er.	God will
When I	pass its	gloom -	y por -	tal.	Faith shall



scenes will then com -	mence;	This shall be my con -	fi -	dence.
faith -	ful; doubt -	ings, hence!	This shall be my con -	fi -
need God will dis -	pense;	This shall be my con -	fi -	dence.
be my sure de -	fense;	This shall be my con -	fi -	dence.
cry, as fails each	sense:	Je - sus is my con -	fi -	dence!

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29-32*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

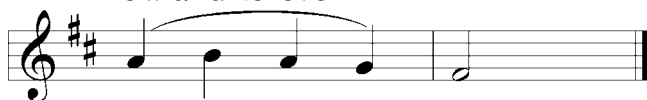
## Thanksgiving

*Psalms 107:1*

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

**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** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*[Psalm 103:1]*



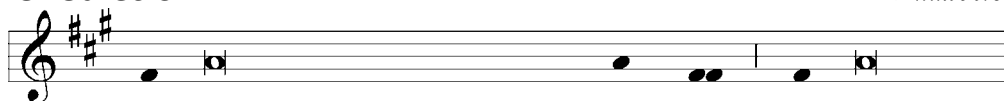
**A** Bless we the Lord.



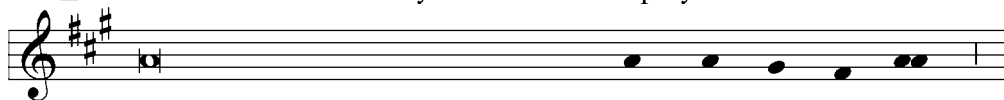
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

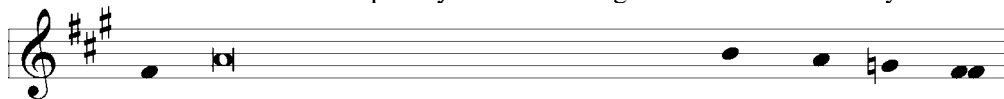
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

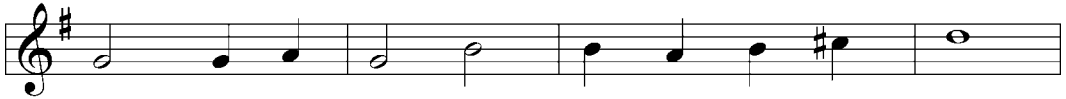


**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Hymn to Depart: 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise  
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;  
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.  
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.  
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,  
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;  
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.  
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.  
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.  
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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**Today is ROGATE SUNDAY.** Traditionally, this day is set aside as one on which Christians give special thanks and praise to God for the bountiful blessings of the field.

The word rogation, comes from the Latin rogare, meaning “to ask” or “to pray.” The three days preceding Ascension Day have been known in the Church as Rogation Days, that is, days of prayer, for more than 1,500 years. They began in the fifth century in France, when there had been crop failures due to earthquakes and bad weather, with resulting famine. St. Mamertus, bishop of Vienne faced a volcano whose eruption threatened the years crops, introduced the custom of pastor and people making penitential processions, calling upon God to help, and asking His intervention.

Other communities took up the custom, and St. Gregory the Great later regulated the practice. Since then, it has been the custom to hold, each year before Ascension Day, a special Rogation Service.

The purpose of Rogation Day is to implore the mercy of God that He may keep us from all evils of body and soul, and give to the plants of the field an increase.

In the spring, when the fields are becoming green and there is promise of good harvest—but also the possibilities of destruction through frost, hail, rainstorms, wind, or tornados—the prayers are a reminder to feeble man to turn with humility and confidence to the Giver of all good. For it is not the earth alone, nor the busy hand of man upon which the increase depends; but it is God who gives the increase.

### **STEWARDSHIP:**

**James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”**

There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again – and He desires that we grow into His image, and reflect His love and open-handed kindness.

**Budget for 2020: \$123,485**

**As of May 15th, we have received \$41,882.74 in offerings.**

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