

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Cantate
May 18 – May 24, AD 2025

We confess in the Apostles' Creed that we believe that Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, is our Lord. We confess that Jesus, by His death and resurrection has redeemed us from sin and death. But for what? What is the fruit of this redemption? Dr. Luther explains this fruit as follows "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." You have been set free from the tyranny of earning your salvation and living as competitors with your neighbor. Instead, because salvation has been bestowed upon you as a free gift in the waters of Holy Baptism, you are free to walk in the way of love, the way of self-sacrifice. And the amazing thing is that the life of sacrifice is the life of the greatest richness. To believe that Jesus has died for you is to know the God of heaven and earth as your Father who loves and provides for you, who never fails and who never slumbers. It is to believe that all things are already yours in Christ and that what is sacrificed for the good of your neighbor is not loss. You can't lose anything because everything is always yours. Nothing you need at any moment will ever be withheld from you by your Father. This is the nature of God's kingdom - it is a kingdom of love, it is kingdom of giving, it is a kingdom of mercy - and God has graciously bestowed this kingdom upon you.

The Catechism

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to the household. Pray and confess out loud as much from the order of meditation and prayer as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.

The Creed – The Second Article

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

THE ORDER OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER

INVOCATION

In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

Psalm 37:5 – *Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.*

Psalm 107

HYMN OF THE MONTH

"This Joyful Eastertide" (LSB 482)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, CANTATE

① SUNDAY	JOHN 16:5-15	
② MONDAY	LUKE 3:(1-20) 21-38	ECCLESIASTES 1:1-18
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 4:1-15	ECCLESIASTES 2:1-26
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 4:16-30	ECCLESIASTES 3:1-22
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 4:31-44	ECCLESIASTES 4:1-16
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 5:1-11	ECCLESIASTES 5:1-20
⑦ SATURDAY	NUMBERS 21:4-9	JAMES 1:22-27

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

DAILY THEMES FOR PRAYER

SUNDAY: *The joy of the resurrection among us; true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word; for our congregation's faithfulness to the Word of God.*

MONDAY: *Faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; our calling and daily work; the unemployed; the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; government; peace; for the leaders of our congregation.*

TUESDAY: *Deliverance against temptation; the addicted and despairing; the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with besetting sins.*

WEDNESDAY: *For marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; parents who must rear their children alone; for godly schools, our church schools, and seminaries.*

THURSDAY: *For the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood; for our congregation, our pastor and his family.*

FRIDAY: *For the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.*

SATURDAY: *For faithfulness to the end; the physically and mentally sick and those who are dying; the revival of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord's Day.*

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

- Those in our congregation who are homebound: Judy Michels, Melanie Obenhaus, Vicky Cantrell, Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Tristana Tiro (18), Jake Johnson (22), Roberta Lowery (22), Lance Dorrell (23), Cathy Miksch (23).
- Graduates, Chloe Hackbart, Kaylee Kostoff, Jocelyn Reif, Tristana Tiro, Jenna Warren.
- Those experiencing unemployment: Matt, Michael, Greg.
- Amanda Needham (Todd Hauth's sister), Rachel Rojas, and Mariah Scholz for protection of mother and child in pregnancy.
- Dony Reaves, Connie Kimber, Doug Drawe, Antonia, Deanna, Dana Evans, Gaye, Georgette, Jill, Rachel Preuss, Kristina Wishmeyer, Brandon Rhodes, JE Purcell, Gene Obenhaus, Alissa Ulmer, Ron Lane.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogate – May 25, 2025

Catechism: The Creed – The Third Article

Hymns: 768, 766, 837, 636, 482, 532, 663

Readings: Numbers 21:4-9, James 1:22-27, John 16:22-33

