

FAITH IN THE WORD

For the week of The Sixth Sunday of Easter, Rogate
May 25 – May 31, AD 2025

You cannot separate the Holy Spirit from Christ. The Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of Life and Christ Himself is the Life. Thus, when the Holy Spirit gives life, He gives Christ. Christ our Lord has conquered death. His atoning work and His Word are life. And these are precisely the means by which the Holy Spirit gives life to poor, dead sinners like us. He gathers sinners around the Word and life of Jesus, proclaiming to them forgiveness of their sins and feeding them with the one true sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and who now gives us His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink. Thus, if we would have the Holy Spirit, we must have Jesus and if we would have Jesus we must have the Holy Spirit. This is the truth that gathers us together with our fellow sinners in the Lord's house - we want to be with Jesus and the way to be with Jesus is to receive Him as the Holy Spirit delivers Jesus' gifts to us in Word and in Food. God grant that we do not wrongly separate Jesus from the Spirit as though we are done with Jesus and are now moving on to something "more". Instead, let us rejoice in the gift of the Holy Spirit who brings us Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.

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 Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him, but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, ROGATE

① SUNDAY	JOHN 16:23-33	
② MONDAY	LUKE 5:12-16	ECCLESIASTES 6:1-12
③ TUESDAY	LUKE 5:17-26	ECCLESIASTES 7:1-29
④ WEDNESDAY	LUKE 5:27-32	ECCLESIASTES 8:1-17
⑤ THURSDAY	LUKE 5:33-39 ¹	ECCLESIASTES 9:1-18
⑥ FRIDAY	LUKE 6:1-11	ECCLESIASTES 10:1-20
⑦ SATURDAY	EZEKIEL 36:22-28	1 PETER 4:7-14

¹ THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD – LUKE 24:44-53

PRAYERS

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

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.

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

- For all who serve in public safety as police officers, firefighters, and paramedics, that God would protect them, give them courage in danger, and grant them wisdom as they perform their duties, especially Josh Needman, Joshan Savage (police officers), Joe Krizan (firefighter and paramedic), Elisabeth Handgraaf, and Jonah Underwood (paramedics).
- We give thanks to God for all those who laid down their lives in the defense of this nation and pray God's comfort on those who mourn.
- Birthdays celebrated this week: Teche Thibodeaux (25), Tim Sheehan (27), Kyler Mallon (31).
- Baptismal birthdays celebrated this week: Jeff Ellis (28), Brad Lowery (28), Kristen Hackbart (29), Ann Sims (29), Zacchiah Slade (29), Matt Gefaller (30).
- Wedding anniversaries celebrated this week: Jim and Elaine Graff (26), Mike and Edith Wright (26).
- 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, Ron Lane, Abbe Fenner, George Hendon, Maureen Rump, Martha Hendon.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, Exaudi – June 1, 2025

Catechism: The Lord's Prayer – Sixth Petition and Explanation

Hymns: 913, 539, 713, 623, 498, 818, 768

Readings: Ezekiel 36:22-28, 1 Peter 4:7-14, John 15:26—16:4

