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Rogate

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Today's Hymns: 768, 766, *Hymnal Supplement* 53, 488

Catechism

P The Sacrament of the Altar: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

G Indeed, it is not the eating and drinking that does them, but rather these words: "Given, and shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

Turn to Confession and Absolution in the Order of Service.

Volunteer Rota

	Music:	Sunday School 1:	Sunday School 2:	Teas:
Today:	David	Sarah	Carol	Carol
Next week:	Hanna	??	??	Averil

In Our Prayers

Members

Ron; Cindy & Nikola; Žina

Family of members

Helen (operation); Holly (health); Alex, Sarah & family; Marie (health); Geoffrey (depression); Ian (Parkinson's); Claire Anniss (health); Doug & Myra (health); Jack Fast (dementia); Howard (health); Žanna (health); Rita (cancer); Steve (heart failure); Sheridan (health)

Friends of members

Ilse Kelly (old age); Claire & Phil (health); Johann Wiebusch (CP); Steve (stroke, heart failure); Charlotte (cancer); John & family (cancer); Brian (cancer); Tim (health); Lynette Wiebusch

(Alzheimer's); Janet (cancer); Pauline (cancer); Sharon (brain tumour); Jenny (health); Michael (health); Freddie & Grace (health); Anne & Richard (health); Jean (health); Albert (health); Tressey (mental health)

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Christ Lutheran Church, Prs. Ehlers & Jenks; Pr. Edge; Pr. Roger and Emily Jones (health); Wendy Nicolson (cancer)

The Church of God

Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church; Somali Lutheran Church, Pr. Mohamed Gurhan; Hill Park Baptist Church; Amir family, Jawid (persecution)

GETTING INTO THE CATECHISM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

... here our wise spirits twist themselves about with their great art and wisdom. They cry out and bawl, “How can bread and wine forgive sins or strengthen faith?” They hear and know that we do not say this about bread and wine. Because, in itself, bread is bread. But we speak about the bread and wine that is Christ’s body and blood and has the words attached to it. That, we say, is truly the treasure—and nothing else—through which such forgiveness is gained. Now the only way this treasure is passed along and made our very own is in the words “Given ... and shed for you.” For in the words you have both truths, that it is Christ’s body and blood, and that it is yours as a treasure and gift. Now Christ’s body can never be an unfruitful, empty thing that does or profits nothing. Yet, no matter how great the treasure is in itself, it must be included in the Word and administered to us. Otherwise we would never be able to know or seek it.

Therefore also, it is useless talk when they say that Christ’s body and blood are not given and shed for us in the Lord’s Supper, so we could not have forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament. Although the work is done and the forgiveness of sins is secured by the cross, it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word. How would we know about it otherwise, that such a thing was accomplished or was to be given to us, unless it were presented by preaching or the oral Word? How do they know about it? Or how can they receive and make the forgiveness their own, unless they lay hold of and believe the Scriptures and the Gospel? But now the entire Gospel and the article of the Creed—I believe in ... the holy Christian Church, ... the forgiveness of sins, and so on—are embodied by the Word in this Sacrament and presented to us. Why, then, should we let this treasure be torn from the Sacrament when the fanatics must confess that these are the very words we hear everywhere in the Gospel? They cannot say that these words in the Sacrament are of no use, just as they dare not say that the entire Gospel or God’s Word, apart from the Sacrament, is of no use.

Large Catechism, Part V: The Sacrament of the Altar, paragraphs 28–32

From Paul McCain, ed., *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2005).

Music During the Communion: Jesus Blood Never Failed Me Yet (Gavin Bryars)

“In 1971, when I lived in London, I was working with a friend, Alan Power, on a film about people living rough in the area around Elephant and Castle and Waterloo Station. In the course of being filmed, some people broke into drunken song—sometimes bits of opera, sometimes sentimental ballads—and one, who in fact did not drink, sang a religious song, “Jesus’ Blood Never Failed Me Yet”. This was not ultimately used in the film and I was given all the unused sections of tape, including this one.

“When I played it at home, I found that his singing was in tune with my piano, and I improvised a simple accompaniment. I noticed, too, that the first section of the song—13 bars in length—formed an effective loop which repeated in a slightly unpredictable way. I took the tape loop to Leicester, where I was working in the Fine Art Department, and copied the loop onto a continuous reel of tape, thinking about perhaps adding an orchestrated accompaniment to this. The door of the recording room opened on to one of the large painting studios and I left the tape copying, with the door open, while I went to have a cup of coffee. When I came back I found the normally lively room unnaturally subdued. People were moving about much more slowly than usual and a few were sitting alone, quietly weeping.

“I was puzzled until I realised that the tape was still playing and that they had been overcome by the old man’s singing. This convinced me of the emotional power of the music and of the possibilities offered by adding a simple, though gradually evolving, orchestral accompaniment that respected the tramp’s nobility and simple faith. Although he died before he could hear what I had done with his singing, the piece remains as an eloquent, but understated testimony to his spirit and optimism.

“Gavin Bryars” *from www.gavinbryars.com*

Christians Together in Fareham: Churches’ Homeless Shelter Project

See poster on the notice board for details

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

This Week

Today	3 pm	Bible study at Oxford Mission
	4.30 pm	Pastor at Oxford Mission
Tue	12.30 pm	<i>Simojoki family concert (Holy Trinity, West Street)</i>
Wed	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
Thu	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	7 pm	Divine Service—The Ascension of Our Lord
Sun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)—Special Offering for ELCE Youth
	6 pm	Youth Club

Further Ahead

5 Jun	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
6 Jun	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
9 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	3.30 pm	Bible study at Brighton Mission
	4.30 pm	Divine Service at Brighton Mission
11 Jun		<i>St. Barnabas</i>
12 Jun	10.45 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)
	2 pm	Devotion at Kiln Lodge & Hunters Lodge
	7 pm	Divine Service—St. Barnabas
13 Jun	1.10 pm	Bible study (Parsonage)
	6.45 pm	Bible study (Eastleigh)
16 Jun	10.30 am	Divine Service (Scout Hall)
	6 pm	Youth Club
19 Jun	10.30 am	Pastor's Drop-in (The Hub)

Daily Readings:

Sun:	Numbers 3:1–16, 39–48	Num 4:1–8:4	Luke 14:25–15:10	Formula of Concord	Solid Declaration	VIII:88–96
Mon:	Num 8:5–26	Luke 15:11–32	FC SD IX;	X:1–4		
Tue:	Num 9:1–23	Luke 16:1–18	FC SD X:5–12			
Wed:	Num 10:11–36	Luke 16:19–31	FC SD X:13–18			
Thu:	Num 11:1–23, 31–35	Luke 17:1–19	FC SD X:19–25			
Fri:	Num 11:24–29; 12:1–16	Luke 17:20–37	FC SD X:26–31			
Sat:	Num 13:1–3, 17–33	Luke 18:1–17	FC SD XI:1–7			
Sun:	Num 14:1–25	Luke 18:18–34	FC SD XI:8–13			

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