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## **+ ROGATE (SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER) +**

*Prayer and Preaching*

**May 9, 2021**

**As We Gather** ~ *The Father Answers Our Prayers Because of Jesus*

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you” (John 16:23). To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray as one who has been baptized. For it is in the water that He put His name upon you, claiming you as His own, making you a son of God with access to the Father. By His incarnation and crucifixion, our Lord Jesus broke through the barrier of sin which separated us from God, opening a portal to the Father. To pray in Jesus’ name is to pray with faith in Him as the one Mediator between God and men, who gave Himself a ransom for all (1 Tim. 2:1–6). Like Moses in the wilderness, Jesus is our go-between and intercessor before the throne of heaven. He was lifted up for us on the cross that we might be saved and restored to fellowship with the Father (Num. 21:4–9). Looking into this perfect teaching of liberty (James 1:22–27) we pray with boldness and confidence as dear children of God.

**Opening Hymn ‘Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray’**

LSB 663

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -  
 5 But while watch - ing, al - so pray To the Lord un - ceas -  
 en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy  
 ing. God pro - tects you day by day, Strength and faith in -  
 tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your  
 creas - ing, So that still Mind and will Shall u -  
 har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve Him And for - ev - er love Him.

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## **Opening Versicles: Common**

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
 L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
**C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
 L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
**C Teach me Your paths.**  
 L Sanctify us in Your truth.  
**C Your Word is truth.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

  
**☐** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

  
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

  
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

  
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

  
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

  
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

  
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

  
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

  
 Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

  
 glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

## Reading

*Numbers 21:4–9*

4From 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. 5And 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.” 6Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7And 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. 8And 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.” 9So 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.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 stead-  
fast | 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.

## Reading

*James 1:22–27*

22But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23For 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. 24For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25But 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.

26If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27Religion 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.**

## Reading

*John 16:23–33*

23[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. 24Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

25“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. 26In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the

Father on your behalf; 27for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. 28I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

29His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! 30Now 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.” 31Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? 32Behold, 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. 33I 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



## **Responsory: Common**

LSB 263

**L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

## **Ten Commandments**

**C** **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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  $\times$  everlasting. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**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.

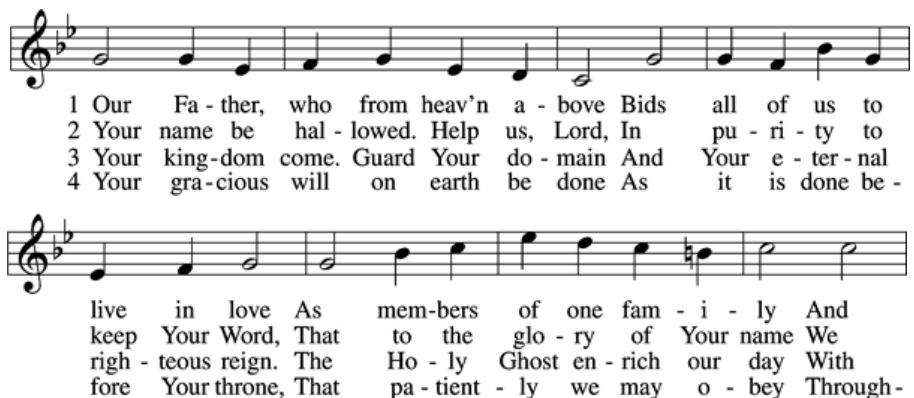
### Sermon

“Go Ask Your Father”

*John 16:23-33*

### Hymn ‘Our Father, Who from Heaven Above’

LSB 766



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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## Offering

### Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### **Collect of the Day**

**L** 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** **Amen.**

### **Collect for the Word**

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Morning Prayer**

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Benedicamus**

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

LSB 267

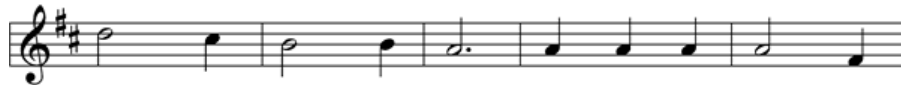
L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

## **Closing Hymn 'Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness'** LSB 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty  
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -  
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the  
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in  
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through  
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'  
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.  
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

- 5 When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.

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# Immanuel Spirit

**Scripture Lessons for Thursday, May 13th The Ascension of Our Lord:** 2 Kings 2:5–15, Acts 1:1–11 and Mark 16:14–20.

**Scripture Lessons for next Sunday:** Ezekiel 36:22–28, 1 Peter 4:7–14 and John 15:26—16:4.

**Stewardship:** 1 Timothy 2:5-6 – “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.” To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God, fair and square. This is not only because He created us, but this is doubly so in that we are ransomed. We belong to God. That’s the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.

**Building Healthy Families for May 9th:** God gave woman a special gift--the ability to carry new life within her own body. Psalm 139:13 says, “You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.” It is good that we have a day set aside specifically in honor of motherhood. In a world where human life in the womb is at risk of being aborted, we can encourage girls and young women, sharing with them the immense joy and honor of being a mother. To all our moms...thanks for who you are and all you do. Happy Mother’s Day! ~ **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa: Des Moines (515) 251-4900. [www.LutheranFamilyService.org](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org)**

**Life Quote for May 9th:** “Little though you can see it now, God intends to do wonderful things with you. If He is taking it slowly, that’s no surprise; He did it the first time, too. Nothing the devil can do will stop the Lord from finishing His work in you. After all, He has already laid down His life to make you His own.” Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries ~ **A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

**Lutheran Hour Ministries for May 16th:** Hear “Gain a Heart of Wisdom” based on Psalm 90:12 by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God’s eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. ~ **Listen next Sunday on 600 WMT at 6:30 a.m., 1190 KFJB at 8:30 a.m., WHO-1040 at 7:30 a.m., & 1410 KGRN at 7:30 a.m.**



**Life Thoughts in the Church Year:** Paul encourages Timothy, “Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:3). Sharing in the suffering of Christ sometimes comes when we share Christ and apply His Word of Life to spiritual issues that are also controversial. But faithfulness to the truth means to “endure everything for the sake of the elect” (2:10). *Faithful Lord, permit me to share You in the sufferings of my neighbors as You share in all my own. Amen.*

**Audio: LifeMoments** from Lutherans For Life and KFUEO Radio – “Hear the sanctity of life throughout Scripture and all year long! LifeMoments from Lutherans For Life listens to each week’s appointed lectionary readings with life ears and applies God’s Word to life hurts.”

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**Cleaning:** Household(s) responsible for the week of 5/9—5/15 is **Smith/Thorpe**. Household(s) responsible for the week of 5/16—5/22 is **Stanek**. If it is your week to clean church & you have other obligations or prefer to write a check rather than cleaning, the cost is \$50. Please contact the church office at [immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net](mailto:immanuellutheran@iowatelecom.net) no later than the Thursday of the week before it is your week to clean.

As was decided at the last Voter's Meeting, the elders discussed beginning ushers, servers, and greeters. We will begin these roles in July. If you are not wanting to be on these lists, please let the office know by June 1. This will give time for lists to be compiled and published before July 1. The elders have also discussed the duties of ushers, and beginning July 1, the ushers will have new duties. It will be mostly be back to normal, except we will not have ushers during communion, nor will we use ushers to collect the offering; the offering plate will remain in the back. The ushers will be responsible for hymn boards, greeting at the sanctuary doors, distributing bulletins and ushering out after church. Thank you for your patience as we have walked together through this past year.

**The National LWML Convention** is scheduled for June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. Women, men, and families from all over the world will be attending and/or watching (livestream) this exciting event. One of the opportunities we have is to contribute items to agencies that have been carefully selected in the Lexington area, and LCMS Recognized Service Organizations. See the poster on the bulletin board near the kitchen door for things to purchase - baby items (clothes, baby toiletries, baby blankets, etc.), gift cards to Walmart and Target for LCMS Seminary students (\$10, \$20, or \$25 are most appreciated), and used eyeglasses that will help impoverished people in developing nations around the world.

If you wish to contribute, please put your donations in the box labeled LWML Gifts from the Heart that is in the church entryway. Steve and Pam will take the items that are donated to the convention.

Your donations mean the world to the recipients!! Thank you for your support.



**PJ and Richelle Mahaffey are expecting baby #2 in mid-May and would love help stocking their freezer prior to baby and receiving meals after. A meal train has been set up and I wanted to share it with our church family.**

**The link <https://mealtrain.com/0o1wr4> has all the details. Let me know if you have any questions.**

**Not big into cooking?**

**Gift cards to Pagliai's, Prairie Canary, Hometown Heroes, Casey's or Chuong Garden would be greatly appreciated too!**

**Thanks!  
Pam Sittig**

## **Celebrating Baptismal Birthdays This Week**

*Wednesday...Nic Baker*

*Saturday...Evonne Kadera*

## **Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

*Tuesday...Tammy Smith*

*Thursday...Emma Madren*

*We pray God's blessings upon you in the coming year.*

## **ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

***May 2, 2021***

Attendance	35
Communion	26
General Fund	\$1645.00
Missions	\$45.00

### **WEEK AHEAD**

Today	8:00am	Council Meeting
	9:00am	Rogate (6th Sunday of Easter) Acolyte/Crucifier: Kaitlynn/Cole
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
Mon.	11:30am	LWML
Tues.	9:00am	Winkle in Oskaloosa
	2:45pm	Board of Evangelism & Missions Meeting
Thurs.	11:00am	Bible Study
	6:30pm	The Ascension of Our Lord Evening Prayer Service
Next Sun.	9:00am	Exaudi (7th Sunday of Easter) Acolyte/Crucifier: Sloane/Finn
	10:30am	Adult Bible Study
	11:30am	Board of Education Meeting

## Sunday of Special Offering



*Lutheran Family Service is inviting our congregation to participate in the Say YES! appeal to raise \$50,000 to re-supply the Say YES!*

*Counseling Assistance Fund before the end of their fiscal year on June 30. All gifts given to this cause make it possible for anyone in need of counseling who doesn't have the financial resources to cover the cost of their care won't be turned away. They're asking us to "Say YES!" so that they can always "Say YES!" to anyone in need during the coming year.*

*Please give generously online at  
[www.LutheranFamilyService.org/donations](http://www.LutheranFamilyService.org/donations)*

*or by texting the word GIVE to (515) 212-7585*

*On behalf of all who will receive help through your generosity...thank you and God bless you!*