

Grow....Go....Gather
June 14, 2020



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The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2020

Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 504 "Father, Most Holy"



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy
△ 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Versicles

P: In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

**C: in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You
and watch.**

P: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

C: and with Your glory all the day.

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

ALL: 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.

Psalm 100 (We will read it responsively full verse by full verse.)

P: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

C: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

C: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

A Hymn of Praise: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast.

Chorus

***He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast***

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (**Chorus**)

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last (**Chorus repeated twice**)

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A Reading: Romans 5:6–15

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in

God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel: Matthew 9:35—10:8

Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of

Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Ten Commandments

Ⓒ: 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.

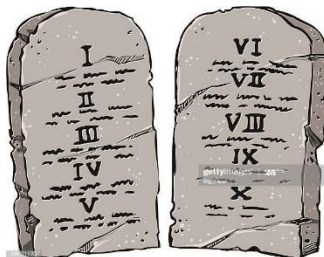
You shall not commit adultery.

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.



A Hymn: LSB 524 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
 2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
 3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
 4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
 shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
 Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
 hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
 trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
 way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

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The Sermon

The Offering

The General Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**☩ 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.**

In the morning

P: Almighty God, merciful Father, who created and completed all things, as this day begins anew, we ask You to create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that our doings may be preserved from sin, our life sanctified, and our work this day be well pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn: *LSB 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;
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.
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,
Then, when Thy voice shall bid the con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: June 14 to June 21, 2020

- TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at 11:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)
- Monday – Thursday:** Noon Devotions w/ Pastor (Facebook)
- Monday** – 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Holy Communion
- Thursday:** 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Holy Communion
- Sunday:** 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (June 5, 2020)

| | <u>Offering</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$5,300.00 |
| Future Building Expansion | 100.00 |
| Roof Repair Fund | 75.00 |
| Plate Collection | 5,374.00 |
| Music Fund | 40.00 |
| ISJ Academy | 300.00 |
| ISJ Walk-A-Thon | 100.00 |
| Pregnancy Resource Center | (70.00) |
| <u>NECM</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| Total: | \$11,389.00 |



The Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life has been reimagined! Instead of gathering as the body of Christ on **Saturday, June 20**, we will scatter throughout the Greater Grand Rapids area to Walk for Life. We encourage you to walk your own two miles and pray where you are! May our hearts be encouraged that, although we walk separately, we can still pray together. We will host an online event on Saturday, June 20, at 9:00 a.m. All registered walkers will receive Walk for Life updates, our Prayer Focus Guide, our Walkers' Guide, and information regarding our virtual Walk for Life kick-off. Visit www.prcforlife.org/joinus/events/walk-for-life to [register today](#).



DIRECTORY CHANGE:

Deron & Kari Kippen have a new address. It is:

**6375 Applewood Acres Dr.
Comstock Park, MI 49321**

Please make this change in your church directory.

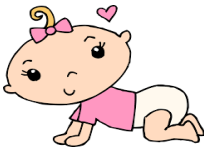
Dear family in Christ,

Thank you for all the cards, texts, e-mails and prayers for the passing of Betty, Ron's mother. We appreciate your support & thoughtfulness during this time. Your comfort touched our hearts more than words can say. Thank you & God Bless!

Ron, Karen, Brian & Jessica Swanson

Pregnancy Resource Center Diaper Drive:

In the past our church has held diaper drives for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Due to the Covid-19 shutdown, we are unable to hold it the same way we have in the past. Since we cannot drop off the diapers at church at this time, we are initiating a fundraiser for members who still want to support this effort. There have been news reports that tell us that people with babies are having a difficult time affording diapers.



*If you are inclined to donate to this fundraiser, please make out a check to: the "**Pregnancy Resource Center**" and mail it to the church by **June 21**.*

If you have any questions, please contact Eunice Florip, 616-447-0509.

Life Quote for Sunday, June 14:

"If you're married and afraid your vows of faithfulness are fading like the mist, lean on Jesus. His words, 'Do not be afraid,' can allow you to forgive, rebuild, and rediscover hope and love. If you're an unmarried mother worried about your child growing up without a father, come to Jesus with your little one. Hear Him say, 'Do not be afraid. I will give you guidance.' Today is the day the Holy Spirit is calling you to introduce you to the Savior. His Name is Jesus. If you don't know Him, call on Him. If you do know Him, draw closer. Jesus offers you a new life—courageous, inspired, and given by God Himself."

Rev. Ken Klaus, former Speaker of "The Lutheran Hour"

CONVENTION NEWS!



They saw the LORD

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Due to COVID-19 the 2020 Convention in Gaylord has been cancelled.

There will be a **Virtual Convention** Saturday, July 11, 2020.

Anyone can view online: **Opening Workshop, Bible Studies, Mission Speakers**

Delegates and alternates register online via the Eventbrite registration website at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lwml-mi-district-38th-biennial-convention-delegate-registration-registration-104202163476>

Delegates will vote on: Mission Grants, Mite Goal, Bylaws and Officers.

We can't wait to see everyone in person.



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Others may join the online sessions but it is not necessary for you to register.

For the 2020 LWML Michigan District Virtual Convention, "They Saw the Lord," women of the Michigan District are encouraged and invited to donate **Target** and **Wal-Mart** gift cards as the convention ingathering. These gift cards will be given to LC-MS seminary students and their families at Fort Wayne, Indiana and St. Louis, Missouri. Cards may be purchased in **\$10** and **\$25** amounts. Seminary students receive these gift cards in time for the holidays so they can shop for their family.

Please write the value of the gift card on the back of each card.

Wal-Mart and Target gift cards will be collected now **until June 22, 2020.**

Cards may be mailed to:

Linda Blain
400 Sligh Blvd NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

or they may be brought to the LWML Grand Rapids Zone Caucus on Monday, June 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Grand Rapids.

Blessings as we serve the Lord with gladness,
 Linda Blain
 LWML Grand Rapids Zone Co-chair