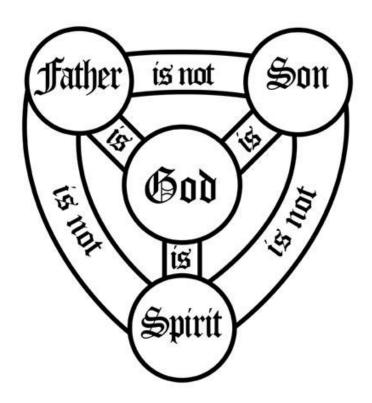
Grow....Go....Gather June 7, 2020



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Holy Trinity Sunday June 7, 2020

Welcome



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The Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles LSB 285

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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.

A Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there

was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his

own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A Hymn: "Father, I Adore You"

Verse 1

Father I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You

Verse 2

Jesus I adore You Lav my life before You How I love You

Verse 3 Spirit I adore You Lay my life before You How I love You

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The Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Apostles' Creed

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 (+) everlasting. Amen.



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The Sermon

A Hymn: LSB 844 "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" (Sung to the tune: St. Crispin, LSB 571)

1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race; And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.

- 2 Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side. My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word. Make me to see the wrong I do Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.
- 4 Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak. Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.
- 5 With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed, That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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The Offering

Versicles LSB 286

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

P: In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

C: for You answer me.

P: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

- P: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- C: my lips will praise You.
- P: For You have been my help,
- C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- C: unite my heart to fear Your name.
- P: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- C: and I will glorify Your name forever.
- P: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- P: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
- C: listen to my plea for grace.

A Hymn: "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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The General Prayer of the Church

The 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.

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.

Benedicamus

LSB 287

P: Let us bless the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C: Amen.



The Closing Hymn: LSB 506 "Glory Be to God the



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: June 7 to June 14, 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 **Saturday**: 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast (Zoom)

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)



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.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (May 28, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$3,905.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	230.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	25.00
NECM	50.00
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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.



BUCKETS, AND HYGIENE
KITS NEEDED: As several
counties in Michigan most
recently experienced the
effects of flooding, our
Michigan District Lutheran

Early Response Teams (LERT) are ready to assist. Flood buckets and hygiene kits have been delivered to the affected areas and more will be needed! Please consider making a monetary donation to this EMERGENCY relief effort. You can make a monetary donation to this effort by visiting: https://michigandistrict.org/ministries/service-

https://michigandistrict.org/ministries/serviceopportunities/disaster-response-ministry/ and clicking on: "Donate to Flood Relief."

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 at 616-447-0509. Thank you.