

Grow ... Go ... Gather

June 13, 2021



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(LCMS)**

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The Third Sunday after Pentecost

The Order of Service (Matins, p. 219ff)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 496, "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, light di - vine, Shine up - on this heart of mine;
2 Let me see my Sav - ior's face, Let me all His beau - ties trace;
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, Cleanse this guilt - y heart of mine;
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, Cheer this sad - dened heart of mine;
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, all di - vine, Dwell with - in this heart of mine;



Chase the shades of night a - way, Turn the dark - ness in - to day.
Show those glo - rious truths to me Which are on - ly known to Thee.
In Thy mer - cy pit - y me, From sin's bond - age set me free.
Yield a sa - cred, set - tled peace, Let it grow and still in - crease.
Cast down ev - 'ry i - dol throne, Reign su - preme, and reign a - lone.

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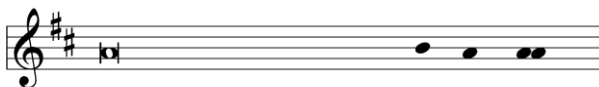
The Versicles *LSB 219*



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;

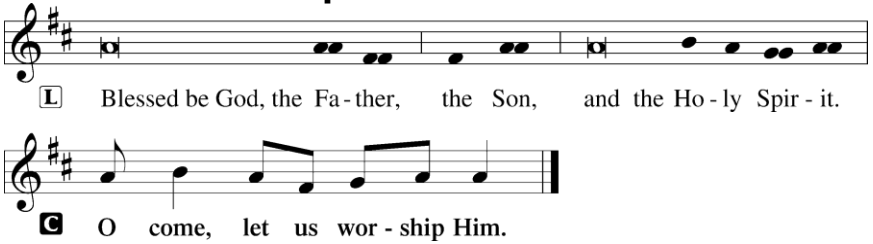


C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
 Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Common Antiphon and Venite *LSB 220*



L Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir - it.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

The Old Testament Lesson: *Ezekiel 17:22–24*

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

- P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "10,000 Reasons"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul

O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before

O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Worship Your holy name

Lord I'll worship Your holy name

The Epistle Lesson: *2 Corinthians 5:1–10*

We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: “All Who are Thirsty”

Verse

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep (We sing)

Chorus 1

Come Lord Jesus come **(4Xs)**

Verse

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

(We sing)

Chorus 2

Holy Spirit come **(4Xs)**

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The Gospel Lesson: *Mark 4:26–34*

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to

them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

The Common Responary

LSB 221

Verse *To Refrain*

- L** 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
- 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

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

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 595, "O Blessed Spring"

- 1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
- 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
- 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
- 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
- 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for

- in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
- faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
- heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
- last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
- this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -

- be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
- rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
- move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
- wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
- vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

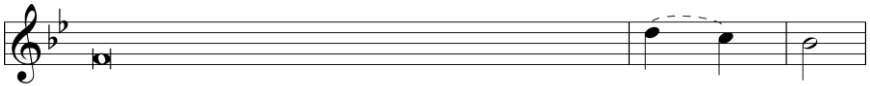
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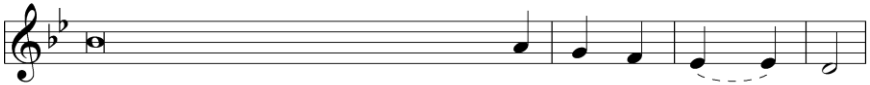
The Sermon

The Offering

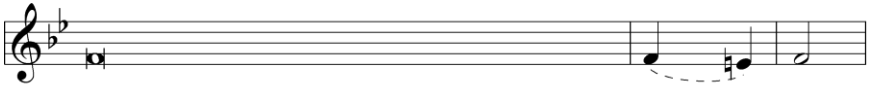
The Te Deum *LSB 223*



- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



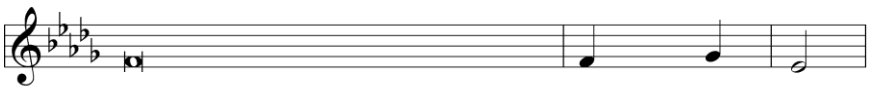
- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be - our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

The General Prayers and 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.**

The Benedicamus *LSB 228*

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

The Benediction *LSB 228*

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: *LSB 790*, "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His

tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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**Please lower the kneeler when
you leave your pew.
Thank you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: June 13 – June 20

- TODAY:** **11:00 a.m.** Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (outside)
 11:00 a.m. Friends in Faith Meeting
- Monday:** **6:30 p.m.** Monday Evening Worship
 Service w/ Holy Communion
- Wed:** **Noon:** Devotional Boost with Pastor
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at
 church
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Saturday:** **PRC Walk-for-Life**
- Sunday:** **9:00 a.m.** Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. COMMUNION WORSHIP at
 St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacon: Jerry Talen

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

Those who serve June 20:

Deacons: John Weiss and Bryan Ensing

Ushers: Walt & Karen Kryzanowski

June Altar Guild: Karen Swanson

ADDRESS CHANGE: Mary Ward has a new address and phone number. They are:

**2900 Thornhills Ave. SE
Apt. 127
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
616-957-2947**

New Address!



Please note this change in your church directories.

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: June 6, 2021

General Fund	\$4,095.00
Future Building Expansion	90.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	50.00
<u>Memorial (Sandy Ryke & Brennan Heldt)</u>	<u>45.00</u>
Total:	\$4,280.00



Please refrain from wearing strong perfume and aftershave. Thank you!

SECOND BEST SALE

August 26th-28th

Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday, 9:00am-Noon

Call Walt (970-7407) or Dale (262-1390) if you have items to donate.





How Might We Respond to the Challenges to our Christian Values and Beliefs?

We are looking to start a group to discuss and learn how to stand up for our faith in a culture that is increasingly becoming more hostile towards our Christian values and beliefs. This group is for people who have had questions like the following:

- How political should the church be?
- What is critical race theory and why is it unbiblical?
- How do we respond when mandated by our employer to think and behave in ways that are contrary to biblical truth?
- How do we counteract the moral decline of America?
- How have Christians stood up to tyranny in the past and present?
- How should Christians respond to the racially charged messages being pushed?
- What do Lutherans believe about the rapture and end times prophecy?
- ...and more.

If you are interested in participating or learning more, please **contact** Jenna Bragenzer at bragenzerj@gmail.com or Pastor Schaeffer at glenn.schaeffer@stjamesgr.com.

An Opportunity to be Equipped and Inspired as A Follower of Christ. The Best Practices Heartland Conference will be hosted by St Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan, **September 19-21, 2021**. The conference will feature a variety of workshops and keynote speakers that will address almost every aspect of a congregation's mission and ministry. It will be a time of sharing ideas, skills, and God-given talents so that all can learn and grow. Registration for the conference is free and meals are provided. Participants pay for lodging and transportation. For more information, you can search "bestpracticesheartland" on Facebook. You can also visit: <https://stlorenz.org/ministries/best-practices/>. It would be helpful for St. James' future ministry and mission work if several people from St. James attended the conference. If you are interested, **please talk with Pastor Schaeffer ASAP.**



Provide Food to a Child and Adults Suffering from Severe Malnutrition *"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."* (Matt 25:35a) In his Pentecost message, Pastor Schaeffer mentioned that, in 2015, a little less than 15,000 children under the age of five die daily often because of complication arising from malnutrition or starvation. If you would like to help feed the malnourished in Rwanda or Pakistan, please send a donation to Lift Them Up. On their "[Fund and Causes](#)" webpage you will find a variety of causes to donate to with two of them being to provide food to the malnourished.

Ways you can SERVE

Openings for all Positions!!! As we restore our in-person worshipping practices, we need:

- **Musicians** who are interested in playing pre-service music or music during communion or singing in a small group or as a soloist or cantor or accompanying the congregational hymns and helping to lead the congregation in singing new hymns and songs;
- **Artists** who will enhance our worship with their creative artistic skills;
- **Acolytes** to assist with lighting of candles, collecting the offering, participating in processions;
- **Ushers** who will assist with getting the sanctuary prepared for worship, welcoming people, distributing bulletins, collecting the offering and guiding people forward for Holy Communion;
- **Sound/camera operators** as we provide our worship services for people at home; and
- **Readers** for the Old Testament and Epistle lessons.
- **Altar Guild members** to prepare Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month. This is a one-month commitment working with other altar guild members.

People, ages 4-104, are welcome to participate! If you have questions about what may be expected of you, please contact the office and we will direct you to the person who can answer your questions.

We are looking for two volunteers to drive people to/from Sunday worship. One of the persons who needs a ride lives in the south end of Grand Rapids (south of Woodland Mall) and the other person lives in Northeast Grand Rapids (between 4 Mile and 5 Mile Road). If you can provide a ride, please contact Karen at the church, 363-7718.

