Grow ... Go ... Gather June 6, 2021



Mark 3:35, NRSV

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The Second Sunday after Pentecost The Order of Service (DS 1)

(Please turn off your wifi)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 525, "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



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Invocation

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- In the name of the Father and of the → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

Exhortation P If w

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Absolution

LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G Amen.

The Psalm 130 (Read Responsively verse by verse)

- All: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- P: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!
- C: O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
- P: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

- C: And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
- All: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.





The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan, and enable us always to do Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15 (

- P: They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said,
- Men: "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."
- P: He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said,
- Men: "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

P: Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said,

Women: "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

P: The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

The Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

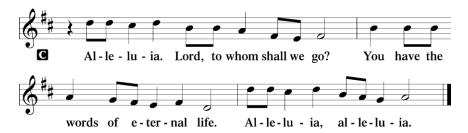
Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

For 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.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia and Verse



The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20–35

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **O** Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 607, "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee"



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The Sermon

The Offering

The Prayers of the Church and 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.

A Hymn: Wonderful, Merciful, Savior (Selah)

Verse 1

Wonderful merciful Savior Precious Redeemer and Friend Who would have thought that a Lamb Could rescue the souls of men Oh You rescue the souls of men

Verse 2

Counselor Comforter Keeper Spirit we long to embrace You offer hope when our hearts Have hopelessly lost the way Oh we hopelessly lost the way

Chorus

You are the One that we praise You are the One we adore You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for Oh our hearts always hunger for Verse 3 Almighty infinite Father Faithfully loving Your own Here in our weakness You find us Falling before Your throne Oh we're falling before Your throne (Chorus 2Xs)

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Announcements/Dismissal Blessing for Online Worshippers

+ The Service of the Sacrament +

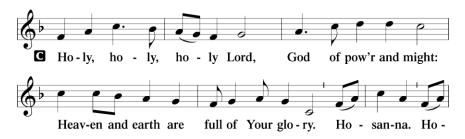
Preface

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- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

LSB 161





Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

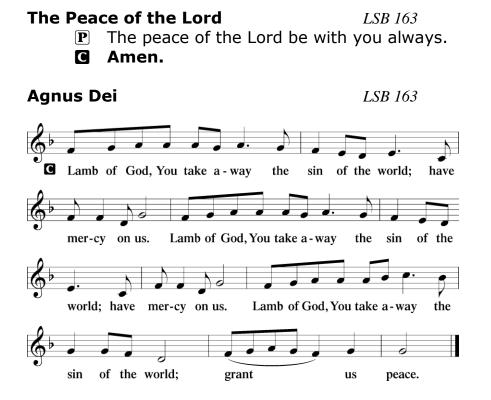
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ↔ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

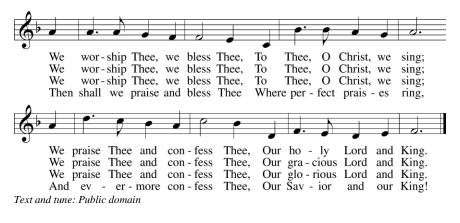


The Distribution

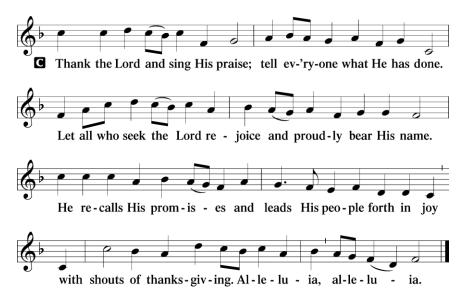
(During the Distribution, you are invited to sing: LSB 629, "What is This Bread?" and LSB 527, "O Savior, Precious Savior")











The Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your onlybegotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Benediction

LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **G** Amen.

The Closing Hymn: Living Hope (Wickham) Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us How high the mountain I could not climb In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy What heart could fathom such boundless grace The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ my living hope (2 Xs)

Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me (REPEAT)

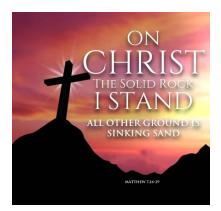
Jesus Yours is the victory (Chorus 2 Xs)

Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: June 6 – June 13

- TODAY: 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (outside)
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship
- Service w/ Holy Communion 7:30 p.m. Council Meeting
- Wed: Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor 10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at church

Thursday: ISJ Academy Last Day of School

- Friday: Pastor's Day off
- Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St. James and on Facebook Live
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Craig Popma and John Weiss **Ushers**: Jim & Nancy Spears

Those who serve June 13: Deacon: Jerry Talen

- **Ushers:** Dale & Grace Rosema
- 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

Please note this change in your church directories. Thank you.



FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: May 30, 2021

General Fund		\$ 4,108.00
CEF		17,200.00
Plate Collections		4,740.00
Memorial (Sandy Ryke)		110.00
	Total:	\$26,158.00

Last week to donate for the National LWML Convention ingathering.

Baby toiletries, Baby bath towels, Wash cloth, Burp cloths, baby wipes, Crib sheets, Laundry baskets (small or collapsible), Disposable diapers size 3, Clothing for sizes Newborn to 12 months, Diaper bags, Toys: teething rings, rattles, Small first Christian books. Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 for Walmart or Target. Old eyeglasses, too!

There is a **donation box** by the office or contact Cindy, Marjie or Grace by **June 10th** if you need your donation picked up.





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 <u>bragenzerj@gmail.com</u> or Pastor Schaeffer at <u>glenn.schaeffer@stjamesgr.com</u>.



SECOND BEST SALE

August 26th-28th Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm Saturday, 9:00am-Noon