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The Second Sunday after Pentecost June 19, 2022

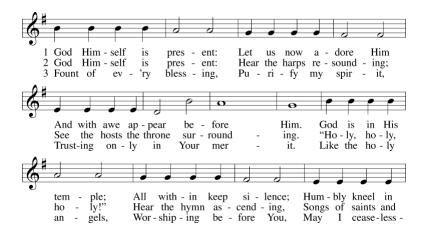
The Service of Prayer and Preaching #2

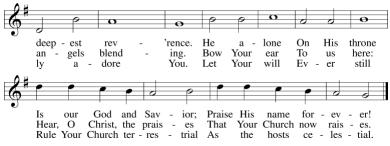
As you enter the sanctuary, please keep talking to a minimal so that you, and those around you, can prepare your hearts and minds for worship by praying, or by reading hymns, or focusing your thoughts on the preservice music. Thank you!

What is Responsive Prayer 2? Responsive Prayer is subtitled "suffrages" (from the Latin suffragia, meaning "prayer seeking God's support and assistance".) Responsive Prayer 2 is usually used at other times other than the morning. It is often used before a person travels or it is used in place of the prayers in Vespers or the litany in Evening Prayer. It can also serve as a separate prayer office. RP 2 petitions God on behalf of the world and the church using such portions of Scripture as Psalm 85:7; 132:9; Leviticus 26:6; Psalm 67:2; 9:18; and 51:10).

Preservice Music, The Call to Worship, and Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 907, "God Himself is Present"





Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt. Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80 Text and tune: Public domain

The Opening Versicles

LSB 285

- L O Lord, open my lips,
- c and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- 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.

The Psalm (Read responsively) *Psalm 3; antiphon: v. 8*

P: LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

C: Many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

P: But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

C: I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.

P: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

C: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

P: Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

C: Salvation belongs to the LORD; **your blessing be on your people!**

The Kyrie

LSB 285

- L O Lord,
- c have mercy.
- L O Christ,
- c have mercy.
- L O Lord,
- c have mercy.

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 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 T everlasting. Amen

The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

P: The Old Testament Lesson for this Sunday is Isaiah 65:1-8.

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

⁴who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

⁶Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds."

⁸Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,'

so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it,

and my servants shall dwell there."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Epistle Lesson: Galatians 3:23-4:7

P: The Epistle Lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Galatian Christians, chapters 3 and 4.

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is from Luke chapter 8.

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 770, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86 Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918 Text and tune: Public domain

The Sermon

The Offering

The Versicles

LSB 286

- L Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- c let my cry come to You.
- L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
- c for You answer me.
- L Hide Your face from my sins,
- c and blot out all my iniquities.
- L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
- c and renew a right spirit within me.
- L Cast me not away from Your presence,
- c and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
- c and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
- c my lips will praise You.
- L For You have been my help,
- c and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
- L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
- c unite my heart to fear Your name.
- L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
- c and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
- C May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
- L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
- **C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

C listen to my plea for grace.

The General Prayer of the Church

The Collect of the Day

L Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- 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.

The Benedicamus

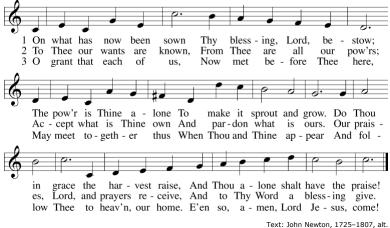
LSB 287

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

The Blessing

- L The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
- C Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 921, "On What Has Now Been Sown"



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Events of the Week: June 20, 2022

NOTE:	Pastor will return to his study on
	Wednesday, June 22.
Monday:	6:30 p.m. Worship service
Tuesday:	6:00 p.m. ISJ Board meeting
Wed:	10:00 a.m. Bible study
Sunday:	8:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotion on FB Page
	9:30 a.m. Worship service
	11:00 a.m. Bible study

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP: June 12, 2022

General Fund	3690.00
Plate Collections	545.00
Coin	0.77

On-line giving

<u>160.00</u> Total: **4395.77**

Announcements

We thank Pastor Blain for leading us in worship and preaching God's Word. We thank Nancy Spears for playing the hymns.

Pastor Schaeffer returns from his vacation this Tuesday evening. If you need pastoral care, please contact one of the deacons – Craig Popma, Bryan Ensign, Jerry Talen, and John Weiss.

Nursery Available: Parents, we have a nursery that you can use during the service. There is a tablet with speakers located in the nursery that livestreams our worship service. If it is not operational, ask one of the ushers to help you turn it on.

Pastor Schaeffer and Sandra participated in the "Walk for Life" on June 18th in support of the Pregnancy Care Center in Grand Rapids. If you would like to make a pledge, please talk with Pastor or Sandra. Thank you!



The LWML MI District Convention is scheduled for July 7-9th under the banner "My Sheep Hear My Voice" John 10:27. Carol B., Marjie, Grace, and Sandra are planning on

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If you would like to contribute to a **convention in**gatherings there are two options. The LWML is collecting:

- New or gently used children's clothing, including early teens to be given to Orphan Grain Train.
- Walmart or Target gift cards to be given to seminarians at our Ft. Wayne and St. Louis Seminaries. (Write the amount of the donation on the gift card.) Please, give ingathering donations to one of the ladies who are attending.

Those who serve Today:

Pastor: Rev. James Blain
Deacons: Craig Popma
Ushers: Dale and Grace Rosema
Organist/pianist: Nancy Spears
Video/Sound/Recording: John and Marjie Weiss and Nathan Urbanski
June Altar Guild: Mary Ward and Lois DeLano