

Grow....Go....Gather
June 21, 2020



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**The Third Sunday After Pentecost
(Father's Day)
June 21, 2020**

The Welcome

The Opening Hymn: LSB 875, "Father, We Praise Thee"



1 Fa - ther, we praise Thee, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for Thy man - sions; Ban - ish our
△ 3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand we all be - fore Thee; Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing; Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us Thy sal - va - tion; Thine is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion: Thus we a - dore Thee.
where Thy saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

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Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

Call to Worship (based on Jeremiah 31)

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, our God, who loves us with an everlasting love,

C: as a father loves his children;

P: who gathers us together from the north and the south,

C: the east and the west;

P: who leads us beside quiet streams,
C: and shows us the way we should go.

Opening Litany (based on 1 John 3, John 1:12)

P: See what love the Father has given us,
C: that we should be called the children of God.

P: You are my sons and daughters, this day I have begotten you.

C: See what love the Father has given us.

P: As many as received him, to them he gave power to become the children of God.

C: See what love the Father has given us.

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God.

Prayer of Confession for Father's Day

P: Gracious Father, You call us Your children. You are greater than we can ever begin to imagine, and yet You invite us to call You "**Our** Father". Always You have loved us:

C: forgive our feeble response.

P: You do not keep us at arm's length, remote in Your holiness, but You reach out Your hands in love, wanting us to relate to You, one to one. Always You have loved us:

C: forgive our feeble response.

P: Gracious God, forgive us that we call You "Our Father" but fail to live as Your children. We do not trust You as we should, preferring instead to follow our own inclinations. We are reluctant to accept your will, repeatedly disobeying Your instructions. We are slow to ask Your guidance, but swift to forget You and wander from Your side. We all too rarely thank you for what we have, but all too often complain when we do not receive what we ask for. Always You have loved us:

C: forgive our feeble response.

P: Gracious God, we have returned Your love by acting as spoilt children, yet still You remain faithful to us. Accept our thanks that, despite our willful disobedience, You refuse to give up on us, working instead to draw us closer. You are always there for us, waiting to welcome us back and set us on our feet again. Always You have loved us:

C: forgive our feeble response.

P: Gracious God, our Father, we praise and thank You for your undeserved goodness, and we ask the Holy Spirit to help us live more faithfully as Your children. Always You have loved us:

C: forgive our feeble response. In the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

An Announcement of our Father's Forgiveness

P: In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake our Father forgives us for our feebleness ... for all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and grants them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord,

who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

The Scripture Readings

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have

become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will

fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Sermon Hymn: “How Deep The Father’s Love For Us” (Townend/Getty)

Verse 1

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow’r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ

His death and resurrection
 Why should I gain from His reward
 I cannot give an answer
 But this I know with all my heart
 His wounds have paid my ransom

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The Sermon

A Hymn: LSB 725, "Children of the Heavenly Father"



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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.**

The Blessing

P: The Lord God almighty is our Father:

C: He loves us and tenderly cares for us.

P: The Lord Jesus Christ is our Savior:

**C: He has redeemed us and will defend us to
 the end.**

P: The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:

**C: He will lead us in God's holy way through the
 Word.**

P: To God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

C: be praise and glory today and forever. Amen.

The Closing Hymn: LSB 794, "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
 3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
 △ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
 The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
 The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
 To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
 Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
 His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
 The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
 And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
 Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
 God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: June 21 to June 28, 2020

TODAY: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at
 11:00 a.m. Bible study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)

Monday – 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Holy Communion

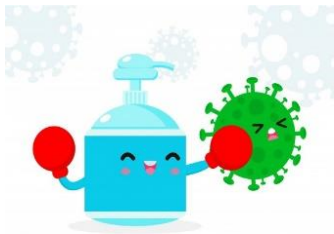
Thursday: 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship (Facebook Live) and at
 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor (Facebook Live)

Gel Hand Sanitizer and Disinfecting Wipes are needed!

St. James is looking for extra bottles of *gel* hand sanitizer and closable containers of disinfecting wipes. If you have these items and would like to donate them to the church for our worship services, please e-mail the office at: office@stjamesgr.com.

****Scent free is preferable if possible****



FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (June 11, 2020)

Offering

General Fund	\$2,140.00
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	500.00
Endowment Fund	300.00
<u>Pregnancy Resource Center</u>	<u>(105.00)</u>
Total:	\$3,015.00

Thank you to everyone who donated to the NECM Food Pantry. We received \$410 in donations and this was matched by Thrivent's Action Grant of \$250 for a total of \$660.

We raised \$500 for the Pregnancy Resource Center through our Diaper Drive fundraiser; \$250 in donations matched by the Thrivent Action Grant of \$250.

Many THANKS to all who contributed!



Father's Day Trivia:

The official Father's Day flower is?

- A. Roses
- B. Tulips
- C. Lilies
- D. Carnations

This father was known because of his son who was appointed by God to be a leader. He was always referred to as "_____ son of _____"
Who is the father?

- A. Obed
- B. Er
- C. Nun
- D. Dan

Rufus' father helped carry Jesus' cross to Calvary. Who is he?

- A. Simeon
- B. Simon
- C. Saul
- D. John

The Bible does not mention this man as a family man but all his children grew up to be servants of the Lord. Who is he?

- A. Nimrod
- B. Jesse
- C. Amram
- D. Hosea

Who were his 3 children? You will find them listed in Numbers 26:59.

Who was Methuselah's father?

- A. Enoch
- B. Moses
- C. Noah
- D. Jacob

Blessed Father's Day!

(A, C, B, C, Aaron Miriam & Moses, A)