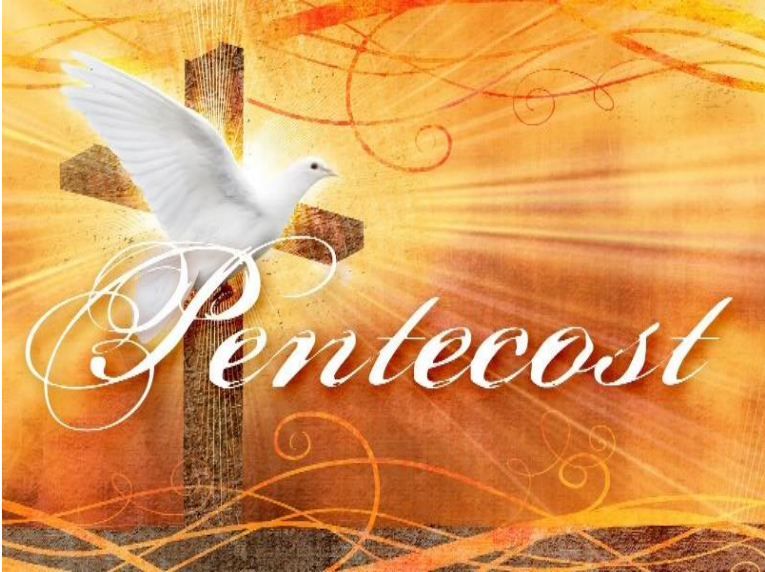


Grow....Go....Gather
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Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

A Baptismal Hymn: LSB 593 "See This Wonder in the Making"



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we

self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

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The Baptism of Isaac Alfred Ferris

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the question was asked of Peter, "*What shall we do to be saved?*" to which St. Peter responded, "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for*

your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." (Acts 2:38-39) In response, about 3000 people – men, women, and their children – were baptized in the name of the one true God, thus receiving the forgiveness of sins and the promised Holy Spirit.

Today, Isaac is being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Isaac's baptism testifies to the reality that there is nothing we humanly bring to baptism. In baptism, God is the One giving the gifts and the baptized receive those gifts! Isaac will receive God's gift of forgiveness for the sin he has inherited from his parents and for sin he commits. Isaac will also receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Faith will be created in his heart through the power of God's Word and in addition, Isaac will be adopted into God's family and promised an eternal inheritance that is being kept in heaven for him.

God desires to give these gifts to everyone through Holy Baptism. That is why Jesus said, *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* (Matthew 28:18-19). Additionally, Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."* And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." (Mark 10:14-16) In the last chapter of Mark Jesus promises, *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."* (Mark 16:16) And the apostle Peter has written, *"Baptism now saves you."* (1 Peter 3:21)

And so, Adam and Amy, you are doing a God-pleasing act by bringing your son to be baptized in the name of the triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

How is your son to be named?

Parents: His name is ...

Sign of the Cross

P: Isaac, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your (+) forehead and upon your (+) heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Address to Sponsors

P: From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction, nurture them in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are, at all times, to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for their neighbor.

P: Is it your intention to serve Isaac as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R: *Yes, with the help of God.*

P: God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C: **Amen.**

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate and God's people speak together:

The Lord's Prayer

**ALL: 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.**

Blessing

**P: The Lord preserve your coming in and your going
out from this time forth and even (+) forevermore.**

C: Amen.

The Confession of Our Christian Faith

**P: Isaac is being baptized into the Christian faith and
so we speak together the Apostles' Creed:**

ALL:

**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.**

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

The Baptism

P: Isaac Alfred Ferris, I baptize you in the name of
the Father and of the Son (+) and of the
Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Blessing of the Newly Baptized

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ, who has given you the new birth of water
and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your
sins, strengthen you with His grace to life
(+) everlasting.

C: Amen.

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

P: Receive this burning light to show that you have
received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live
always in the light of Christ and be ever watchful
for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy
and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the
Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

Collect for the Newly Baptized

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Isaac the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

For Parents

P: Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon Adam and Amy, the parents of Isaac and of Hannah and Benjamin and upon all parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: Peace (+) be with you.

C: Amen.

LSB 502 "Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven"



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire - ce - les - tial,
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, the unc - tion of bless - ing,
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,
 Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,
 Sa - cred oil of the green ol - ive tree,
 Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,
 To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py
 Giv - ing heat, giv - ing light, As the tent lamps ig - nite
 Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.
 As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;
 And as Aar - on praised God joy - ful - ly.
 To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;
 All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,
 Bless - ed liv - ing and life - giv - ing wa - ter,
 Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.
 All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,
 Now pre - serve us from e - vil with - in;
 Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,
So that all the e - lect— All in Christ— may ex - pect
For in Je - sus, God's Son, All be - liev - ers are one
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.
In this wash - ing that cleans - es from sin.
By Your chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

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The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit so that we might have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in our forgiveness and promise of life now and for all eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Acts 2:1-21, "The Coming of the Holy Spirit"

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and

rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great

and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise be to Christ!

The Sermon Hymn: "By Faith" (Getty/Townend)

Verse 1

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Chorus

*We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

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The Sermon

The Offering

The Prayers of the Church

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn: LSB 497 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your grac - es
2 Come, ho - ly Light, guide di - vine, Now cause the Word of
3 Come, ho - ly Fire, com - fort true, Grant us the will Your



now out-poured On each be - liev - er's mind and heart;
life to shine. Teach us to know our God a - right
work to do And in Your ser - vice to a - bide;



Your fer - vent love to them im - part. Lord, by the
And call Him Fa - ther with de - light. From ev - 'ry
Let tri - als turn us not a - side. Lord, by Your



bright-ness of Your light In ho - ly faith Your Church u - nite;
er - ror keep us free; Let none but Christ our mas - ter be
pow'r pre-pare each heart, And to our weak-ness strength im - part



From ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry tongue This to Your
That we in liv - ing faith a - bide, In Him, our
That brave - ly here we may con - tend, Through life and



praise, O Lord, our God, be sung: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Lord, with all our might con - fide. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
death to You, our Lord, as - cend. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: May 31 to June 7, 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
- Monday** – 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting (on Zoom)
- Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Deacon meeting (on Zoom)
- 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)

FINANCIAL DISCIPLESHIP (May 22, 2020)

	<u>Offering</u>
General Fund	\$3,595.00
Paid Postage	10.80
Roof Repair Fund	75.00
Plate Collection	2,425.00
NECM	40.00
Total:	\$6,145.80



pregnancy resource center

The Pregnancy Resource Center's Walk for Life has been reimaged! 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.



DONATIONS, FLOOD 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-opportunities/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. But 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.***

By holding this fundraiser, we will be able to obtain a Thrivent Action Team Grant that we can use to purchase diapers for the Pregnancy Resource Center. During these times we must continue to hold on to our normal efforts to help those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Eunice Florip at 616-447-0509. Thank you.

